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Deeplands case heard by state Court of Appeals

Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — After the civil lawsuit filed by neighbors of 55 S. Deeplands was dismissed in March 2018, the case was brought before the Michigan Court of Appeals Tuesday, June 4.

This follows the preliminary

plat approval at the Shores council meeting Tuesday, May 21.

The residents maintain Deeplands Development Co.'s designs for the land are restricted by the deed of the original property owner, Annette Stackpole, and this contract was promised to the residents who bought lots in

the two current Deeplands subdivisions.

The two restrictions in question state the front building line of each home be no less than 35 feet from South Deeplands and have a minimum width of 100 feet.

As it stands, DDC plans to build two cul-de-sacs and 16 custom homes on the land.

The court questioned four of the lots which are set to face South Deeplands. DDC confirmed these lots will comply with the deed restrictions and be no less than 35 feet from South Deeplands while meeting the 100-foot minimum width for the front of the homes.

The other 12 lots are set to be

split equally between the two cul-de-sacs.

Dennis Rauss, lead attorney for the Deeplands residents, argued that this plan does not comply with the restrictions since six lots on each of the cul-de-sacs will not have any frontage on South Deeplands.

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PHOTO BY ELIZA HIX

State champs

Grosse Pointe South tennis players and coaches celebrate after winning a Division 1 state championship at the Greater Midland Tennis Center last weekend. Head coach Mark Sobieralski and his Blue Devils edged Bloomfield Hills to capture the fourth title in his tenure and the program's 16th overall. Read more on page 1C.

Guild celebrates St. John, honors supporters

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The 59th annual St. John Guild Dinner welcomed around 750 people to the MGM Grand Detroit on May 29, all of whom

were there to show their support of Ascension St. John Hospital.

The event was emceed by WDIV Channel 4 reporter Priya Mann.

"This is really an incredible night," she said. "Some of the folks we're

honoring tonight have committed their lives to helping those across metro Detroit. They couldn't do it without your help. The Guild has been the historical foundation of Ascension St. John."

Daniel Roma, outgoing

Guild president, said proceeds from the evening will support the surgical and pediatric services expansion project at the hospital, "which will enhance patient care and

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Krajniak plans to keep making his presence felt

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Dale Krajniak doesn't fit the mold of most city managers, who are perceived more as stiff, administrative types than neighborhood developers.

But Krajniak, the long-time city manager of Grosse Pointe Park who'll retire June 30, is proud he took his efforts beyond the confines of an office on Jefferson into the community that has been enriched by his three decades of effort.

Along with overseeing the public service division and other operations that came with the role, his lengthy list of contributions ranges from helping improve family entertainment to beautification on Mack and Kercheval. In retirement, Krajniak says he'll continue supporting projects that enhance the city.

"Working here was a great opportunity," said Krajniak, 61. "I enjoyed

Originally from Rogers

City, where he was raised on a nearby dairy farm, Krajniak worked as a finance director in the Harbor Springs area before he learned of Grosse Pointe Park's search for a new head of city finance. He was 28 when he got the position in 1986. He was asked to make the transition to city manager and accepted the role in 1988.

"While I was initially reluctant, it was very rewarding," he recalled. "It gave me so many fulfilling projects." Through the years, while raising a family — including daughter, Emily and son, Brandon, who still live in the Park as adults — Krajniak began taking on initiatives that helped make it what he calls "a neighborly community." Along with opening the Tompkins Community Center at Windmill Pointe Park and the Robert Hutton Ice Rink at Patterson Park, he helped implement the merging of police, fire and emer-

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City council addresses bump in Lochmoor road project

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Grosse Pointe Woods City Council members unanimously voted at its Monday, June 3, meeting to allocate an additional \$80,000 for an ongoing road resurfacing project on Lochmoor Boulevard.

Councilwoman Vicki Granger's motion that funds be drawn in equal \$40,000 amounts from the city's general fund and its water and sewerage budget was approved. The initiative is part of a larger repair effort estimated at about \$700,000.

The additional funding was approved after Scott

Lockwood, city engineer, told the members crews encountered a stretch of road that presented them with unexpected challenges due to "significantly deteriorated concrete."

The stretch of road is about 500 feet west of Fairway, Lockwood said. Repaving the area in its present condition is

problematic because "you can't put a flexible pavement over a non-flexible, aggregate base," he added. The process involved with repairing the stretch of road requires additional expense.

Aside from the issue he discussed, efforts on Lochmoor have "been moving quite well," Lockwood said.

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Beth Allaer

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods
Raising her first Leader Dog,
Bolt



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agency service into the department of public safety in 1988.

In the wake of the foreclosure crisis during the new millennium’s first decade, Krajniak was instrumental in working through the Grosse Pointe Housing Foundation to repopulate neighborhoods.

“It really was a shot in the arm for our rental district,” he said.

Today more than 100 students a year, who are offered grants and incentives to lease properties in the Park, benefit from the Grosse Pointe Housing Foundation’s program. About 50 doctors reside in the city, as a result of the effort that began in 2011.

Another significant challenge Krajniak helped the city meet was an environmental issue related to neighborhood flooding. Using the Floodplain Management program from 1998 to 2018, the Park activated levees and similar measures to offset expensive



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Longtime Grosse Pointe Park City Manager Dale Krajniak, standing in front of Lindell Lodge at Patterson Park, is set to retire at the end of this month. During his tenure, several projects around the city have come to fruition.

Federal Emergency Management Agency insurance connected to the city boundaries south of Jefferson in a flood hazard area.

“What we’re experiencing with climate change are some really intense rain events,” Krajniak said. “Those are really challenging.”

A related accomplishment has been Krajniak’s leadership in updating

the storm and sewer system.

He is also particularly proud to show off enhancements of public spaces like Patterson Park’s Lindell Lodge, Splash Pad and golf putting green, and Windmill Pointe Park’s two first-run movie theaters, all added during his watch.

“I know him extremely well,” said Greg Theokas, former Grosse Pointe

Park mayor. “I have to say he is one of the more innovative people I know.”

Krajniak’s ability to leverage funding through the city’s foundations and his hands-on approach to community development took the Park from being “seen as one of the poor cousins” in the Pointes to one of the best municipalities, Theokas said.



Krajniak was instrumental in the construction of an atrium connecting city hall to the public safety building.

“He really sees over the horizon,” Theokas added. “Dale is a make-things-happen type of person.”

In retirement, Krajniak plans to keep making things happen in the Park, including his work with the Urban Renewal Initiative Foundation to launch a 425-seat cultural venue this fall. The A. Paul and Carol C. Schaap Center for the Performing Arts and the Richard and Jane Manoogian Art Gallery will be located at Wayburn and Jefferson, with Paul and Carol Schaap acting as primary sponsors and Gene Gargaro Jr. working on

behalf of the Manoogian Foundation.

Krajniak said he looks forward to advancing efforts like the center and collaborating with officials like Assistant City Manager Nick Sizeland, who will act as interim city manager after June 30.

“It’s been a great job,” he said.

Theokas added that the job was performed by “a leader” for more than 30 years.

“His approach is not to sit back and wait for things to happen,” said the former mayor. “We couldn’t have done better than to have Dale as our city manager.”

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patient experience,” he said, noting that through sponsorships alone the event tallied a record-breaking \$230,000.

He also congratulated the evening’s honorees — Cheryl Wesen M.D., Alex Lucido and Peter Cracchiolo — for the hon-

ors they received.

“Congratulations to our honorees this evening, all of whom I consider personal friends,” Roma said. “It is our blessing to have all of you here this evening.”

Ascension St. John Hospital President and CEO Robert Hoban also addressed the sell-out crowd, thanking everyone for coming and the Guild

for its support. To date, he said, the Guild has raised more than \$18 million for the hospital.

“Ascension St. John Hospital wouldn’t be what it is today without the support — both word of mouth and financial — of the Guild,” Hoban said. “I’m thrilled to honor three people who’ve been very, very important to St. John Hospital. ... We

appreciate you immensely.”

Cracchiolo received the Sister Verence McQuade Distinguished Service Award, which was especially important to him because, “I had the honor and privilege of knowing Sister Verence,” he said. He also thanked his family for their support.

Lucido received the Lifetime Achievement Award.

“It has been an honor and a privilege to be part of the Guild for over 25 years,” he said, then thanked his wife, Teresa,

and son, Dominic, for their support. “Without these two in my life, none of this is possible.”

Wesen, the first female in Guild history to be honored as Physician of the Year, also thanked her family.

“Without their love and support, I would not be able to do what I do,” she said.

“It is a huge honor to be recognized as Physician of the Year,” she continued. “I am humbled to stand next to Alex and Peter.”

Following the award presentations, five items

were raffled — two Tag Heuer watches donated by Edmund T. AHEE jewelers; a Las Vegas package donated by MGM Grand Detroit; a Sonoma package donated by Landmark Vineyards and the two-year lease of a Chevy Equinox donated by Genesis Chevrolet.

The evening concluded with a stand-up performance by Sinbad.

Dinner chairman Sean Lane of Grosse Pointe Farms said he received glowing reviews from attendees.

“We overcame many obstacles in the planning process this year, but that said, we’ve done one of the best jobs with the event,” he said. “People stayed in their seats; they were engaged and had a genuinely good time. ... Everybody seemed to be enjoying themselves. It all worked very well. And Sinbad has always been a favorite son of the Guild.”

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Correction

A business story regarding the appointment of Grosse Pointe Farms resident Geoff Brieden as vice president of Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC should have referred to the firm in the headline as a health and benefits practice.

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Mother drowns in Lake St. Clair

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Farms resident and mother Michelle Young was found dead in Lake St. Clair near Lakeshore and Moran around 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 22.

Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety closed the case Tuesday, May 28, after the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office ruled her death a suicide. Young was 51 years old

and known in the community as an advocate for her daughter, Lindsey, who had Chromosome 15q duplication syndrome as well as an autoimmune disorder. Lindsey passed away

Oct. 1, 2018. Young's desire to continue to help others recently led her to pursuing a career in nursing. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is available 24 hours every day and can be reached at (800) 273-8255. — Laurel Kraus



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

In loving memory

Grosse Pointe Woods hosted its 37th annual Memorial Tree Dedication Ceremony in April. Six trees were planted, five in memoriam and one as an anniversary gift. Among them was a maple planted in memory of Hans Schwallbach, whose 7-year-old grandson, Karl Schwallbach, and Cub Scout Pack 1333 raised the money to purchase the tree. Pictured are members of Grosse Pointe Woods City Council and the Community Tree Commission, as well as family and friends who planted trees.

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“Contracts must be enforced as written,” he said. “A court is not supposed to rewrite the contracts. That’s what the circuit court did.” William Gilbride Jr., attorney for DDC, countered there are no restrictions that state another road cannot be built or that houses have to face South Deeplands. “We are Mrs. Stackpole’s successors and we’re not trying to do anything she wouldn’t do,” he said. It is unclear when the court will issue its opinion.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Team loyalty

Officers were called to a residence on Muir at 1:33 p.m. Sunday, May 26, for a possible domestic report.

An 18-year-old Trenton woman claimed her mother had kicked her, her boyfriend and their baby out of the home after getting into an argument with her own boyfriend over which Ohio sports team was better.

She stated the mother threatened her own boyfriend with a kitchen knife, but he denied any involvement and said he was upstairs sleeping during the argument.

The 18-year-old had attempted to get back into the house through a window, damaging it, but the mother did not want to press charges. Her blood alcohol content was .064 percent.

Dock construction

A Farms parks and recreation employee stated that sometime over Memorial weekend, a 49-year-old Farms man who rents a boat well altered its wood pilings and bumper boards to accommodate his new, bigger boat. The employee said that in the contract residents sign to rent a boat well is a clause that states one cannot alter the boat well without consent of Grosse Pointe Farms and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Tall tale

An officer saw a vehicle driving east on Mack at 6:57 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, with a broken driver’s side brake light and an air freshener hanging from the rearview mirror. Four juveniles were in the backseat although only three seats provided safety belts. The 33-year-old Detroit man said he was driving his female passenger’s sister’s vehicle to his dialysis appointment at 5:30 p.m. He then said that even though he was almost an hour and a half late for his appointment, they were driving to get the kids food from Taco Bell, which is in the opposite direction of the hospital. He was issued a ticket for driving an unregistered

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vehicle, having no insurance and defective equipment.

Hospital destruction

Officers responded to a call from a hospital on Kercheval at 9:59 p.m. Thursday, May 30. A 19-year-old Detroit man had been admitted to the ER heavily intoxicated with a .20 blood alcohol content and was belligerent, threatening and physically aggressive toward hospital staff. He damaged his room by punching the walls, light fixture and TV before he was restrained by officers. Hospital administration is pressing charges for malicious destruction of property.

Collision course

At 1:43 a.m. Saturday, June 1, at Kerby and Chalfonte, an officer noticed a vehicle with the airbag curtain deployed and significant damage to the driver’s side. After a traffic stop, the driver, a 17-year-old Farms woman, stated she and the passenger were only shaken up. They had gotten in an accident on I-94 near Gratiot with another vehicle and did not know what to do.

The driver said she had not consumed any alcohol that evening, but admitted smoking marijuana several hours before the accident. She provided a breath sample with a result of .090 percent blood alcohol content. She was arrested and a citation was issued for operating while intoxicated.

Drunken driving

After a report of a drunken driver at 5:25 p.m. Saturday, June 1, an officer pulled over a 45-year-old Park man on Lakeshore. The officer asked the man where he was coming from and he said his home. He was then asked where he was going and he said home. During a sobriety test, the man was able to say the correct number

between 19 and 21, but could not recite the alphabet from D to O. After being asked twice, he refused to take a preliminary breath test.

He was placed into custody and was cited for operating while intoxicated, high blood alcohol content, no proof of insurance and preliminary breath test refusal.

Hit and walk

Officers were called at 4:28 p.m. Saturday, June 1, when a 45-year-old woman hit a parked car in a party store lot on Kercheval before walking away after being confronted by a witness. She was found walking on a nearby sidewalk. The officer immediately noticed a strong odor of intoxicants and observed slurred and incoherent speech. She stated she had recently consumed two beers and a preliminary breath test showed .237 percent blood alcohol content. She was placed under arrest for operating while intoxicated. — Laurel Kraus

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Running a red

While monitoring a traffic signal at 5:05 p.m. Saturday, May 25, an officer observed a vehicle eastbound on Jefferson disregard a solid red light after it had been red for more than 10 seconds. After a traffic stop, the officer detected the odor of alcoholic beverages and noticed the 59-year-old Park man’s eyes were glassy. The driver was unable to successfully recite the alphabet from letter C to Y or count backward from 87 to 61. Asked three times, the man first admitted to drinking one Oberon, then that he had two beers and finally that he had four beers before driving. A preliminary breath test resulted in .099 percent blood alcohol content. The man was arrested and cited for operating while intoxicated, disregarding a red light and no proof of insurance.

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The Hill Association Sidewalk Sale returns

Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

Despite taking place over Father’s Day weekend in previous years, The Hill Association’s annual Sidewalk Sale will be 9 a.m. to around 4:30 p.m. Friday, June 21, and Saturday, June 22, this year. “We felt that (on) Father’s Day people would be busy with their fathers and we decided to just try it the following week to see if all the fathers with their new ties wanted to come down and buy a tie tack,” joked Dan LaLonde, president of The Hill Association and owner of LaLonde Jewelers & Gemologists. The annual sale has occurred around 35 years, according to LaLonde. “The merchants and businesses on The Hill are proud to be on The Hill,” he said. “We like to display what we have. We have events like this occasionally and it helps to draw new people to showcase our area.” The sale allows overstocked businesses to unload items, which gives customers the chance for discounts. LaLonde said the average sale price for most of

the businesses will range between \$3 to \$50. While LaLonde said The Hill did house a larger number of retail businesses in previous years, there are now around 10 expected to participate. This year, such businesses include Capricious and LaLonde Jewelers & Gemologists, which will offer a variety of men’s cufflinks, beaded necklaces and earrings ranging from \$10 to \$35. “Throughout the year we purchase numerous estates and some of the estates have very valuable pieces which are kept in-store and I sell them to clients around the country, but there’s a lot of average jewelry or items that we accumulate so much of,” LaLonde said. Although Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe will not participate in the sale, it will be open for business that Friday. “There’s time to shop and there are several restaurants that are open,” LaLonde said. Looking to the future of this event, new businesses moving to The Hill such as Lindsay Cotton’s Bookstore may cause it to “build up again,” he said.

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, JUNE 10

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 90 Kerby.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 15115 Jefferson.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Finance Committee meeting, 10 a.m. at city hall, 795 Lakeshore.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Cook Schoolhouse, 20025 Mack Plaza.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores mayor office hours, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at city hall, 795 Lakeshore. Call (313) 881-6565 for an appointment.

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Bolt action: Leader Dog in training at home in the Woods

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

There’s a new addition to the Allaer family of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Those who spot the four-legged fur ball out in the community should be aware he isn’t your average yellow lab.

Bolt is in training to become a Leader Dog through Rochester’s Leader Dogs for the Blind. The nonprofit pairs specially trained dogs with the blind or visually impaired at no cost to clients.

As part of his training, Bolt needs to be exposed to different locations, events and atmospheres. That’s where his “puppy raiser,” Beth Allaer, comes in.

Allaer, whose aunt and cousins have raised four Leader Dogs, has been intrigued by the process a long time and easily came to support the Leader Dog mission.

“I’ve always wanted to do it since they did it, but life gets in the way and it’s never a good time,” she said. “We had a dog almost 14 years that passed away last summer. It’s hard to not have a dog around.”

With three sons, Allaer and her husband, Rob, have a schedule full of sporting events. Additionally, Rob Allaer travels regularly for his job with the Tampa Bay Lightning — which is

how Bolt got his name.

“We are just so busy,” Beth Allaer said. “There are always games. We figured this would be a good way to have a puppy come back in our lives. We knew it would be hard, but with Leader Dog, their goal is to take them to as many places as possible. It’s good for him to experience different people and different atmospheres.”

The Allaers welcomed Bolt into their home around two months ago, when he was eight weeks old.

“He’s a very energetic puppy,” she said. “We haven’t had a puppy since 1995. You know what you’re supposed to do, but you forget how involved that is. ... We have baby gates. Our youngest son is going into seventh grade, but we had to put up baby gates.”

As a puppy raiser, Allaer will host Bolt for around a year, during which time they’ll work on manners, social skills, basic commands and loose-leash walking, “so



PHOTO COURTESY OF BETH ALLAER

Beth Allaer and Bolt, Leader Dog in training.

he becomes a good, well-mannered dog,” she said. “Then he goes back to Leader Dog for guide dog training — what they call ‘college.’ Then he’ll be placed.”

“We’ve got to guide him though,” Rob Allaer said. “We have to bring him into all different sorts of scenarios. ... He’s been to a lot of hockey games; he’s a pro at the ice rink.”

The Allaers hope to get Bolt on an airplane soon and plan to take him on an upcoming trip to Wisconsin. They are careful about asking per-

mission to have a dog on their outings — to restaurants or pet-free hotels and the like — “because he’s not a service dog,” Allaer said.

Bolt also has to get used to different textures — carpet, grass, wood, cement, grates — as dogs are sensitive, Allaer said. Noise is another issue they’re tackling. Early on, Bolt wasn’t fond of piano music; however, after being held and comforted while someone played piano, he’s now comfortable with the sound.

“We want him to experience everything,” Allaer said. “Anything we can think of. ... The more experiences we can give him, the better. We’re part of his journey.”

Leader Dogs has been all-inclusive in its support of Allaer’s efforts. “They gave us a huge manual and we get weekly updates on what we’re supposed to be working on,” she said. “There’s one required class a month. They assigned us a puppy counselor we can contact if we have any questions

or concerns. And we have opportunities at Leader Dog in Rochester. Last weekend, we went all day and worked on a bunch of things.

“I do feel like I’m really supported well, supported at different levels and in different ways,” she continued. “They’re amazing.”

So far, training is going well, Allaer said.

“It’s so much fun,” she said. “As energetic as he is, when we start to work, he really wants to learn.”

Bolt distinguishes between work and play with a bandana. When the bandana is on, the lab wants to learn.

“We try to do little sessions three or four times a day,” Allaer said. “He tells me when he’s done. I don’t want to take it too far and lose his focus.”

And when the bandana comes off, “he’s very much our pet and we get to play with him,” Allaer said.

Allaer, who gets training help from her family, said Leader Dogs encourages Bolt’s interaction with others; however, as a dog-in-training, there is etiquette to follow.

“We appreciate when people ask us instead of just approaching,” she said. “It seems like most people know that rule. They’re open to the idea of him sitting or laying down first,” which indicates Bolt is allowed to be petted.

Allaer said the public often has a lot of questions, which can be distracting during training, but it also gives her a chance to promote Leader Dogs.

The process

The nonprofit organization, which celebrates its 80th anniversary this year, not only operates with puppy raisers like Allaer, but has a staff of breeding crews to determine which dogs should be bred. Breeding hosts house male and female dogs used for breeding.

“Any medical things, Leader Dogs will cover,” Allaer said. “Breeders have the puppies for six or seven weeks, then they’re taken back to Leader Dogs, checked for medical issues and paired with puppy raisers at around eight weeks. They’re with the puppy raisers for 10 to 14 months, then go to college.”

After guide dog training, dogs then are paired with individuals during a 26-day camp at the Leader Dog campus, Allaer said. Some people come from out of state or out of the country to be fitted with a dog.

“Everything for a visually impaired person is 100 percent covered by Leader Dogs. There’s not a single charge,” she said. “Leader Dogs pays for them to come in ... houses them for the 26-day program, feeds them, helps them work with the dog.”

Following one puppy the whole way costs \$40,000, Allaer said, every penny of which comes through donations. While monetary donations are always welcome, there are other options for those looking to get involved.

“Leader Dog is always looking for more volunteers to raise puppies or host Leader Dog moms,” Allaer said.

There could be the issue of getting attached to a puppy only to have to give it back after training — something for which the Allaers are trying to prepare.


“That’s the ultimate act of selflessness — going through that pain on purpose,” Rob Allaer said.

However, Beth Allaer added, “I could never want him more than someone needs him.”


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REPORTS:

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Meat theft 2.0

After last week’s attempt at stealing a bag of meat from a store in the 16000 block of Kercheval, a separate attempt was made at the same store by a different man at 10:10 p.m. Sunday, May 26.

A resident on Notre Dame called public safety when she noticed a shopping cart full of grocery items near the rear of her driveway.

The cart held four cases of beer, two packs of ribs and five packs of lamb chops, all worth \$183.12.

A 56-year-old Detroit man had approached the woman and informed her the cart was his before proceeding to push it north on Notre Dame.

When spotted by an officer, the man left the shopping cart in a lot and attempted to run on foot, but was apprehended on Mack, near Neveux. He was arrested for retail fraud and third-degree theft.

The items were returned to the store and a review of the security footage showed the man at 9:46 p.m. exiting with a shopping cart of the items recovered.

Third time’s the charm

An employee at the same store in the 16000 block of Kercheval noticed a man attempting to leave with a black plastic shopping bag containing miscellaneous merchandise around noon Tuesday, May 28.

After confronting the suspect and telling him to stop, which he ignored, the employee called public safety who searched the area with negative results.

Surveillance video shows a thin man in his late 40s or 50s with facial hair, possibly a goatee, wearing a black do-rag, black long-sleeve shirt, black gym shorts and black basketball shoes with white soles.

Sitting while intoxicated

Officers responded to a report of a person drinking alcohol outside the rear of a store in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 12:21 p.m. Tuesday, May 28.

The 54-year-old Roseville man was found sitting on the ground with a six pack of beer. He was extremely intoxicated, did not know how he had arrived in Grosse Pointe and was unable to stand without assistance.

A LEIN check showed two warrants from St. Clair Shores and one from Traverse City, while a preliminary breath test showed a blood alcohol content of .37 percent.

The man was transported to a hospital due to the high blood alcohol content and no charges were brought against him at the time of the report.

Welfare check

Officers were dispatched to a home near Lakeland and St. Paul for a welfare check at 7:06 p.m. Thursday, May 30, and found a 47-year-old woman walking on the sidewalk and unable to maintain her balance.

She stated she is diabetic and was brought home to her 15-year-old son, who stated that earlier in the day he had prevented her from leaving the house due to her con-

dition and she became irate and attacked him, leaving superficial bite and scratch marks.

The woman was arrested for domestic violence. A preliminary breath test showed she had a .285 percent blood alcohol content.

Doctor’s note

Officers were called to a doctor’s office on Jefferson at 3:23 p.m. Friday, May 31, for a report of fraud in which a prior employee had been obtaining prescriptions using the doctor’s name.

The 49-year-old Detroit woman had just been terminated for doing the same at another doctor’s office, who contacted the victims and made them aware that 28 prescriptions had been dispensed without authorization.

The suspect is believed to still have an office key.

Window shopping

A 32-year-old Grosse Pointe woman left her vehicle unlocked along the curb on Cadieux overnight Sunday, June 2, due to driveway repairs and found that several items in her vehicle had been moved.

While it appeared someone had rummaged through her items, nothing of value was stolen.

— Laurel Kraus
Report information about these and other crimes to the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety, (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Out of town speeding

A 22-year-old woman from Ohio was arrested for driving while license suspended at 5:48 p.m.

Monday, May 27, after an officer spotted her vehicle traveling southbound on Lakeshore at a high rate of speed.

A radar on the lone black vehicle reported it traveling 57 mph in the posted 35 mph zone.

After a traffic stop, a LEIN check showed the license was suspended.

— Laurel Kraus
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Domestic violence

A 42-year-old man was arrested at 10:37 p.m. Sunday, June 2, in the 1900 block of Huntington Boulevard when his wife reported a minor head injury after the couple had an argument.

The 44-year-old woman said her husband pushed her after they began yelling at each other and she fell against the kitchen counter, hitting her head. She had no visible injuries, police said, but the woman complained of pain.

The husband was charged with assault. The couple’s teenage son was temporarily removed from the home for his safety.

Under the influence

A 33-year-old man was arrested at 3:44 a.m. Sunday, June 2, for driving under the influence of alcohol when he was found slumped against the driver’s window in his vehicle at Vernier and Mack.

The vehicle was stopped at a green light and remained until the light turned red again before police approached, yelling to get the driver to respond. The scent of alcohol on the

driver was detected and a half-filled cup of vodka was found inside the vehicle.

After admitting he’d consumed a fifth of alcohol and failing field sobriety tests, the driver registered a .148 alcohol level on a breath test.

His vehicle was impounded and he was discovered to have 38 driving suspensions and nine convictions.

Attempted larceny

At 9:55 a.m. Saturday, June 1, in the 1500 block of Anita, a 32-year-old man discovered both his unlocked vehicles had been entered, but he reported no items missing. There was no damage reported to either vehicle.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

Grosse Pointe Park

Larceny

Two men are suspected of stealing a leaf blower from an elderly woman in the 1300 block of Beaconsfield at 4 p.m. Friday, May 17. The woman discovered the leaf blower missing after she hired the pair to paint her porch.

Under the influence

A 42-year-old man was arrested for driving while intoxicated at 2:20 a.m. Sunday, May 26, at the intersection of Jefferson and Lakepointe. The driver had been stopped for exceeding the speed

limit by about 25 mph.

Suspended license

A 34-year-old man was arrested for driving with a suspended license after he was stopped for speeding at Cadieux and Maumee at 8 a.m. Sunday, May 26.

Home invasion

A purse containing an iPad, wallet, keys and other items was stolen from a home in the 700 block of Pemberton after an unknown suspect entered the house at 7 a.m. Saturday, May 25. A screen had been cut from a window of the house and the unknown suspect entered before exiting a rear door.

Larceny

An unknown suspect opened and took \$23 worth of bar clamps from a package delivered to a home in the 1400 block of Lakepointe at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 29.

Arrest during eviction

A 52-year-old man was arrested on a narcotics warrant as he was being evicted from a home in the 900 block of Beaconsfield at 4:50 p.m. Wednesday, May 29.

Larceny from car

Chewing tobacco and about a dollar’s worth of change were stolen from an unlocked SUV parked in the driveway of a home in the 1300 block of Nottingham between 9 p.m. Saturday, June 1, and 9:50 a.m. Sunday, June 2.

Suspended license

A 28-year-old woman was arrested for driving with a suspended license and outstanding warrants at Mack and Chatsworth at 3:30 a.m. Monday, June 3. Officers stopped the woman for exceeding the speed limit by 25 mph.

Tampering with auto

Two vehicles were rummaged through while parked in the 1300 block of Maryland between 8:45 p.m. Saturday, June 1, and 7:30 a.m. Sunday, June 2. Nothing was taken from the vehicles, but a cell phone and credit cards belonging to the suspect, a 35-year-old Grosse Pointe Park resident, were found near the vehicles.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.
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OUR VIEW

BoE meets
Monday night

The Board of Education has put itself in a position no one can envy, setting itself a trigger point on enrollment numbers for when to close schools and then facing that trigger perhaps sooner than it expected. Members have set Monday, June 10, as their decision day.

The board narrowed its options to closing two elementary schools: one on what it calls the north end (Mason or Poupard) and one on the south end (Trombly or Maire). The plan includes sending fifth-graders to the middle schools and moving the administration out of its offices at 389 St. Clair and into one of the schools.

Information meetings have since been held in every elementary and middle school.

But the discussion has reverberated throughout the district, which covers the five Grosse Pointes and a section of Harper Woods. Many have focused on the rather slender financial savings from closing schools, especially given the prospect that those buildings may sit mothballed for years.

The other financial factor, less discussed but perhaps more important, is the budget for the bond issue approved last fall. Clearly it is foolish to spend money on buildings that might soon be closed.

There are downsides to closures. District officials concede that property values often fall when a school is closed, although they generally recover. The district’s walkability, a selling point for many families, will suffer under almost any closing plan.

The pluses, often overlooked, include increased flexibility and better learning opportunities when an elementary school has an enrollment sufficient to host at least two classrooms at each grade level. The middle school realignment also may offer educational benefits.

These choices, hard as they are, mask another underlying issue: racial differences, primarily in the north end. Rancor is brewing, particularly on social media, and only glancingly addressed in public.

Under the narrowed-down choices set by the board, the students at Poupard and Mason elementary schools would mostly merge in one building or the other. According to GreatSchools.org, Poupard’s students are 83 percent minority and it is the only school in the district that gets Title I funding for its low-income students. Mason’s students are 75 percent white. Another school that would get some Poupard students if Poupard closes is Monteith, which is 78 percent white.

What’s the best way to combine students in a school district with this kind of racial distribution? As district officials point out, the students come together later at Parcels Middle School and Grosse Pointe North High School.

In a more perfect world, the question of how best to mingle differing student populations might have preceded the question of which schools to close. (It’s not as if the schools are doing well by their minority and lower-income populations. GreatSchools.org provides an equity rating, on a 1-10 scale, and only Ferry Elementary, at 8, has a ranking higher than 5 among all the schools on the north end.)

Finally, the Board of Education agreed at its last meeting to put the question of closing a middle school back on the agenda — which probably would keep fifth-graders at elementary schools but could still entail closing at least one elementary building.

The community needs to get all its input to the board before Monday. (Email schoolboard@gpschools.org or use the “contact the board” form on the school board tab at the district’s website.) District officials say they make every effort to talk to anyone who stops by or calls with questions.

This decision will have an impact for years to come and some turmoil is unavoidable. But in the process, the board needs to ensure that it is elevating the community as well as educational outcomes.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pure Grosse Pointe

This tree on Windemere Place and Lakeshore has been around more than 100 years, according to an arborist at Camelot Tree & Shrub Co. When it was struck by lightning over seven years ago, residents on Windemere Place had the company put a through rod in it to hold it together where it had split; they also cabled it in several places over the span of two years to save the tree. Those measures only worked for so long and the tree slowly became a hazard, so April 8 and 9, Camelot took down the 85-foot red oak.

OUR VIEW

G.P. highs rank well in U.S. News

As the Class of 2019 receives diplomas this week, it’s reassuring to note that Grosse Pointe’s two high schools did well on U.S. News & World Report’s annual rankings when the 2019 report was released earlier this spring.

U.S. News substantially revised its rating system this year, publishing data on 17,245 high schools across the country, rather than the top 2,700 highlighted in 2018. Each school gets a total score, from 1 to 100, based almost entirely on test scores. The ratings rely on data for the 2016-17 school year, so they are a look in the rearview mirror and not a reflection of this year’s graduates.

Grosse Pointe South ranked 23rd in Michigan, with Grosse Pointe North less than a point behind and in 27th place. Both had 95 percent graduation rates, while nearly two-thirds of students took at least one Advanced Placement exam.

It’s worth noting that the top four high schools in Michigan use the International Baccalaureate curriculum, which requires a placement test for admission. That clearly results in higher test scores but is not necessarily ideal for every student. When compared with schools outside that specialized curriculum, Grosse Pointe’s graduation rates are virtually identical to most of its chief competitors, and differences in test results are minor. The one possible exception is math, where state proficiency scores for

both high schools seem to fall away by a more significant margin.

With the vastly expanded number of schools ranked, it’s even clearer that Grosse Pointe high schools do well. Both placed in the top thousand nationwide, which puts them well within the top 1 percent of schools. In Michigan, both schools are within the top 3 percent — a select group that largely includes university towns and better-off suburbs.

The rating factors compile academic data without any discussion of participation in athletics, extra-curricular activities or even electives such as art and music. Those are areas the Grosse Pointe schools also prize and that the community can take pride in.

Perhaps a testament to those additional non-academic strengths, Grosse Pointe’s two high schools also received the GreatSchools.org College Success Award in 2018 and 2019. That relatively new measure tracks graduates who finish their first year of college and return for their second year — which, as any parent can attest, is not always a given even for the best test takers.

Keeping the schools strong, with offerings that produce educated and well-rounded students, is not an easy task these days. Graduates crossing the stages at North and South this week deserve congratulations, as do their parents and the community that supports them.

LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced and signed. Letters longer than 250 words may be edited for length. All letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the editor may be emailed to editor@grossepointenews.com.

Clarification

In the May 9 Letter to the Editor, “Do the Research!,” the letter writer asserted Poupard Elementary was a “one-star” school while Mason Elementary was a “four-star” school.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System does not rank its schools in that manner.

On the only “star” rating we were able to find on elementary schools — GreatSchools.org — Poupard received a five-star rating based on reviews, as did Mason.

seemed rushed and disingenuous. Numerous letters have detailed concerns, from the minimal consideration of potential local growth to questions about the lack of data moving forward with K-4/5-8.

I would like to add concerns that while we elected officials to make decisions about our schools, school reconfiguration was not on the table at the time of the last election.

I am not the only one with this concern; board members have stated that they have always known and proclaimed the potential need to close schools. That said, their “trigger” was not met until after the last election.

No board member campaigned, to my knowledge, on factors which they consider important to this crucial decision that will have ramifications for years.

What is most important, student safety or learning opportunities? School

resale value versus need for upgrades?

Move ahead with numerous closures to get ahead of the game, or move slowly and reassess?

Close a middle school or elementary school? What “lens” do they find most important, or do they share equal weight?

If the district moves ahead with the sale of 389 and consolidates administration into one of the other buildings as a temporizing measure, they could await the results of the next census, formulate individual ideas of what they see as important factors and ultimately be elected/re-elected to represent the views of the voters.

Any closure will disrupt the community; we deserve due diligence and the chance to vote for board members who reflect our priorities.

KRISTINA SUSON
Grosse Pointe Park

Not buying it

To the Editor:

There have been repeated requests from the Grosse Pointe Public School System community to open the reconfiguration process to wider input and further discussion.

From the rollout of the proposed reconfiguration to the scheduled vote on June 10, it will be just under eight weeks. This is a breathtakingly short time frame in which to decide on the most far-reaching

changes ever proposed by the GPPSS.

A decision of this magnitude demands transparency and the full engagement of the stakeholders.

Members from all walks of our community, including the editorial staff of your newspaper, have urged the Grosse Pointe Board of Education to slow down this process. There is a wide range of alternative solutions that have been proposed, but the sentiment that comes through loudest and clearest is: SLOW DOWN.

From a financial perspective, we received the good news at the May 20 BoE meeting that our 2018-19 financial picture is actually considerably brighter than originally forecasted. We are now looking at a \$2.2 million surplus this year and a fund equity reserve of over \$12.1 million. Again, there is no impending fiscal crisis. We have time to get this right.

The GPPSS Community Discussion Facebook group has been an excellent platform on which to conduct the discussion about the future of our schools. It was started on March 18, well before the April 16 rollout of the Blue Ribbon Committee reconfiguration proposal (K-4/5-8), and thus had no pre-existing agenda other than to foster open discussion within the GPPSS

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt

Selfies are fun ... but be careful!



Did you know in 2012 Time magazine considered “selfie” one of the buzzwords of the year? Did you know it was the 2013 Oxford Dictionary word of the year? Neither did I.

The first documented use of the term was in 2002. And the concept isn’t new. You could take a photo of yourself with a timer if you had the right kind of camera. Then in 2010, Apple came out with the iPhone 4 with a camera, making selfies even easier.

In a way, the cellphone camera created a new medium of self-expres-

sion. Thus, was born what we know today as the selfie.

Photography has come a long way and going from film to digital to a cellphone for photos was an interesting evolution. The addition of a camera in a cellphone has revolutionized photography more since today nearly everyone with a cellphone now has a camera.

People take selfies to share, selfies to keep, group selfies, selfies in public and selfies in private.

Certain selfies on social media start conversations and some can spark philosophical debates. The selfie has changed the landscape of self-expression, how we communicate and what and who we put in a photo or how we take one.

Don’t get me wrong,

selfies can be entertaining, but they also can be dangerous.

More than 260 people have died taking selfies since 2011, by doing things like standing on the edge of a cliff or canyon, dangling off a high-rise, being gored by a bison in Yellowstone, trying to get close to and hassling a bear for a selfie (side note: animals in national parks are WILD; stay far away) or climbing barriers at zoos, all in the name of a unique photo of themselves for, most likely, social media.

Why is the risk so important? We all yearn for connection, but how much importance are you giving to your social media status?

Last week a woman died because she lost her footing trying to take a selfie near Lake Tahoe, and recently a man stumbled and fell

off the trail at the Grand Canyon and died. He was trying to take a selfie. There are signs at the Grand Canyon warning people not to get too close to the edge, to be careful.

People don’t pay attention to signage though, and I saw that firsthand when I lived at the Grand Canyon. Visitors there don’t understand things are different in that landscape — and at 7,000 feet elevation.

They don’t listen when park rangers tell them to take it easy initially, watch their footing and stay hydrated. They don’t wear proper shoes when hiking or walking the trails.

They try to climb down the side of the canyon where there is no trail and, apparently, think the edge of a rock formation high up is a great place to perch pre-

cariously for a selfie.

Now, it seems, the selfie obsession has turned into a dangerous game where the goal is to take a selfie in a challenging or unique place.

People haven’t been paying attention for decades, especially when it comes to electronics.

Remember when people texted without looking up, walking into traffic and fountains and bumping into people? Selfies are just another way to not pay attention.

When taking photos, with a camera, not a phone, I always look behind me to make sure I am not going to step on someone’s foot or bump into something or go down an incline in the grass.

To get the photo I need, I have been on roofs, chairs, ladders and standing in the smoke of a fire. I have

been hit by a hockey puck while photographing a game from the penalty box, stood in torrential rain that caused flooding and in weather so cold I could barely bend my fingers to click the shutter.

But I cannot imagine standing close to the edge or dangling from a high-rise or in front of a charging bull for the sake of a selfie. Maybe I just haven’t been in the right circumstance. Hopefully, the notion that I am not invincible enters my brain and keeps me from doing something ridiculous.

Apparently, there is something psychologists call “selective attention,” because with the selfie, your attention is on the camera and the photo, not where you’re standing or where you’re going.

So, selfie away people, just please be careful.

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1944

75 years ago this week

POLICE SETTLE INVASION DAY ARGUMENT INVOLVING BURRO: Farms police were summoned to the Punch and Judy Bar on Kercheval late at night to settle an argument.

When officers arrived on the scene, they found a Mapleton Road resident in a highly irate condition. His wrath had been aroused when a Meadow Lane resident took a Mexican burro into the cafe.

MAILMAN’S CANINE ESCORT NOW OCCUPYING DOG HOUSE: A Lakepointe resident has a real dog grievance after his young daughter was bit by two dogs while riding her bicycle to a friend’s house.

The dogs are two of a quartet that are in the habit of following the mailman around his route in the neighborhood. The mailman witnessed the attack and identified both as members of his escorting quartet.

Park police gave tickets to both of the dog owners.

1969

50 years ago this week

FARMS SOLONS OK KERBY FIELD PROJECT: At its regular meeting, the Farms council approved proposed improvements for Kerby Field, with the costs to be spread over a four-year period. Total cost of the project is estimated at more than \$75,000.

Plans include a new building to replace the existing inadequate and antiquated fieldhouse, a multi-purpose paved area, complete fencing, relocation and rebuilding of the present middle baseball diamond, an additional 60-foot diamond, improvement of the east diamond, improved drainage for all diamonds, a younger children’s play area and improved lighting and landscaping.

AFTER-HOURS THIEF

VISITS WOODS DEPARTMENT STORE: A thief, believed to have remained in the J.C. Penney Department Store, 19251 Mack, until the place was locked after business hours on Saturday, May 31, broke into a showcase and stole articles valued at more than \$585, Woods police were informed.

Investigating officers said the thief, or thieves, apparently remained in the store until it was closed, since there was no evidence of a forced entry.

Escape, with the loot, was made through the trap door in the roof.

Obituaries: Frederic Earl Becker, Dorothy M. Button, George C. Cossaboom, Dr. Louis Robert Donaldson, Bessie J. Ferney, Carrie S. Fields, Arnold H. Hughes, James Channing O’Dell, Rose Polizzi, Annie Schrewe,

Louise Avery Shaffer, Peter H. Wayne

1994

25 years ago this week

CITY AMENDS PAVEL’S LIQUOR LICENSE: The City of Grosse Pointe’s only establishment with a full Class C liquor license is finally able to serve alcoholic beverages over the bar.

Last month, the City council amended their liquor license ordinance to permit patrons sitting at Cafe Pavel’s bar to be served alcoholic beverages.

Before this amendment, the law said that spirits could only be served to patrons at the restaurant’s tables.

Obituaries: Frank O. Fernstrum, Charles E.

Hicks, Jean Bentley Hosmer, William Field Isbey Sr., Anthony F. Kozak, Beatrice Ardell Morrison Marantette, Leo J. McPharlin, Pat J.H. Nolan, Annabelle Clarke Smith, Margaret Jane Stone, Annette Surrell.

2009

10 years ago this week

AUDIT REVEALS THOUSANDS MISSING: Grosse Pointe

Woods detectives are investigating a case of embezzlement allegedly by a former bookkeeper at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

According to the police report, a routine audit revealed as much as \$93,000 missing. A suspect has been identified.

DEQ’S HARBOR DENIAL APPEALED BY CRITICS: Grosse Pointe Shores officials joined with Grosse Pointe Yacht Club representatives in requesting an administrative appeal of the

Department of Environmental Quality’s refusal to let the yacht club build a second opening and related breakwall on the east side of the harbor it shares with Grosse Pointe Shores.

DEQ officials said a new entrance and break-wall could be built within the harbor’s existing footprint.

Obituaries: Ernestine H. Chevalier, Lorraine Anna Fraser, E. Guthrie Davis, Richard Maximillian Amberg

—Karen Fontanive



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community.

The site is monitored by three individuals who limit the membership to the GPPSS community. There are currently 1,962 members, so it has become a significant collective voice.

A survey poll was conducted on the GPPSS Community Discussion site last week. Again, access to the site is limited to GPPSS community members and each member is prevented from voting more than once. Any GPPSS confirmed community member can gain access to the site and actually see the names of the individuals who voted in the surveys below, if you so choose.

There were 29,860 votes cast in the November 2018 GPPSS bond election.

Statistically speaking, in order to conduct a survey that would yield a result with a confidence level of 95 percent and a 5 percent margin of error, a population size of 29,860 would require a sample size of 380.

While I can't scientifically vouch for the randomness of the GPPSS Community Discussion survey sample, there were 395 votes cast.

The results of the survey clearly indicate that there is a preference for the K-6/7-8 reconfiguration option. Of course, this option as well as any others would require further study and discussion.

This is also not to say that there are not other worthy alternatives out there which would merit further evaluation.

Here are the survey results:

- ◆ I prefer the K-6/7-8 Reconfiguration: Close one middle school = 269 votes
- ◆ I prefer the K-4/5-8

Reconfiguration: Close two elementary schools = 77 votes

◆ I prefer the K-5/6-8 Reconfiguration: Close two elementary schools = 49 votes

There is more than sufficient reason for the Board of Education to delay this vote. The community is not buying what's on the table nor the timing: fewer than 20 percent of the respondents support the proposed K-4/5-8 option. The message is loud and clear.

MICHAEL C. KARWOWSKI
Grosse Pointe Woods

History should repeat itself?

To the Editor, Administration and School Board Members:

Many similarities exist between the school closings that occurred back in 1983 and the school closings being debated today.

In the 1980s, the discussion encompassed moving sixth grade to middle school. Today, the discussion involves moving fifth grade to middle school. Two of the buildings on the proverbial chopping block are similar — Mason and Trombly.

The arguments in favor of closing and not closing schools even echo similarities.

Ultimately, in 1983 the decision was made to close Barnes Elementary School. Should this result hold true again?

Barnes, a 20-classroom building, was later reopened as home to the Early Childhood Education Center. The 11 first-floor classrooms hold four special ed classrooms on a full- or part-time basis from birth to age 5, two infant rooms, two toddler rooms and two preschool rooms. Administrative offices are located on its second floor.

It begs the question as to

why this "building" is being saved to the detriment of the district's walkable elementary schools.

The Blue Ribbon Committee re-assembled in January spoke to the district's need for increased tuition-based early childhood education, including moving the Barnes services to a more central location. Yet, the Board of Education rejected this community input to save one elementary school that could have housed these services. Why not save all the elementary schools?

One of the reasons people move to Grosse Pointe Public School System is for the walkable elementary schools. While early childhood services are also part of families' decision calculus, the location of Barnes itself is not the draw.

Rather, young families move to GPPSS for the elementary schools first, with a childcare option of secondary concern. Spreading early childcare education services throughout the district merely makes that option even more attractive to prospective families.

If the BoE moves fifth grade to middle school and creates an "upper elementary school" within the middle school building, then two classrooms at each of the nine elementary schools become available. Additional classroom space can be found in other ways.

Having at least 18 (or more) classrooms in the elementary schools allows them to absorb the Barnes services and, in fact, expand them. That result promotes innovative, maximum potential and embraces the community, which satisfies the GPPSS mission statement to the proverbial "T."

Indeed, dispersing Barnes services brings something to the community that it needs. It encour-

ages integration, not segregation, of our more challenged learners. And those special education students who need to be kept together for academic and efficiency reasons could be moved together — perhaps to Ferry, where these services are already provided and which is predicted to have excess capacity following certain redistricting scenarios.

Infant, toddler and preschool services could be easily spread throughout the district to elementary schools that already have playgrounds.

Building a community from the very earliest of ages not only strengthens the community bonds, but improves education. The stability offered by strong and stable communities creates a better learning environment, resulting in a generation of better learners.

This result is already apparent by the successful integration of other preschool programs into elementary schools, like Trombly.

The result is also financially sound. Barnes is slated to use \$5.6 million in bond money, more than Mason or Trombly. According to the median real estate prices from Plante Moran Cresa, Barnes site cost analysis is well over a million higher than Maire, Mason, Poupard and Trombly.

In fact, in December 2017, PMC reports identified and recommended closing 389 and Barnes as the possible first steps.

So what changed? Why is the BoE sacrificing our elementary schools to save services — services that need not necessarily be housed in one building?

Why is the BoE looking to save the Barnes building at the expense of the walkable elementary schools? And, hasn't the BoE articulated its preference for announcing a plan now, so that they can work out the kinks and plan over the next academic school year? The BoE should close Barnes again, just like in 1983, and use the next school year to figure out how to make it work.

While most historians

aim to avoid repeating history, this would be one time where I would welcome history repeating itself.

PATRICE AREND
Grosse Pointe Park

Why rush?

To the Editor:

We moved to Grosse Pointe Woods from Grand Rapids in 1972. Our children attended Mason, Parcels and North. We now have grandchildren at Ferry. Pat spent 22 years working at North as activities director. We love and support the Grosse Pointe schools.

In 1983, due to rapidly declining enrollment, the Grosse Pointe Public School System administration proposed a plan to close four elementary schools.

We disagreed, joined the Mason Response Committee and later helped form the community-wide Quality Education Coalition to oppose that plan. Our — and others' — efforts helped convince the board to only close Barnes and move the sixth grade into the middle schools. In 1986, we were tasked by the district to co-chair the first citizen-led school millage election — which we won.

My job on the millage was to raise money. When I spoke to the non-school, Grosse Pointe organizations, my approach was always the same. The schools are the only entity that unifies all the Grosse Pointes.

When the time comes, who will buy their multi-bedroom homes — millennials or parents with school-age children? When our Realtors say area, area, area, they really mean our schools, communities and parks.

We would like to give kudos to the Blue Ribbon Committee. They spent many long hours being assaulted with reams of data: charts, tables, projections, assumptions, etc. It is often easy to get lost in the forest due to all the trees. We have perused the BRC documents and would like to offer our thoughts on some of that data.

One chart was vaguely

familiar: a bar graph showing GPPSS enrollment history by year from 1975 to now with projections to 2022.

Then, I remembered the rapid decline from 1976 to 1983 was used as the basis for school closings in 1983. We did not believe the numbers then and were later proved correct — their projections were wrong. The ensuing years showed net GPPSS enrollment increases even while the rest of the state numbers declined.

There was also a table showing enrollment by both elementary school and grade. We know the committee used some of this data to produce their various options.

When closing a middle school was offered, it was easily dismissed because the remaining two schools are too small. But let's think out of the box. What if we also put the sixth grade back into the elementary schools? Now the numbers work — both from a historical and building capacity basis.

What are the results of such a move:

- ◆ Preserves neighborhood elementary schools — most important.
- ◆ Larger elementary school populations allow more efficient building use.
- ◆ Larger middle school populations allow more course selections/offerings.
- ◆ Cost savings are basically equal.
- ◆ If Brownell Middle School closes, it is the best choice for the board office, Early Childhood Center and other systemwide uses.

We understand the board's main focus must be the schools and children. And we understand our financial model has changed and we do need to reduce costs. But we also believe the board has a fiduciary responsibility to the community.

A decision to close ANY elementary school will be far more disruptive to the Grosse Pointe community than closing a middle school. The "One GP" goal will be lost and it could potentially be the beginning of a then unstoppable decline of our "area, area, area."

Lastly, why are we rushing to judgment? The first BRC meeting was in January 2019. Will a June 2019 decision make or break our school system? If not, why not take more time to get input from stakeholders outside the BRC?

The more people "on board" will make any decision a much smoother transition.

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Maire parents look to the facts

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

This is part four of a four-part series on Grosse Pointe Public School System elementary schools considered for closure.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education will vote Monday, June 10, on a reconfiguration plan, selecting two elementary schools to close to address declining enrollment.

Under consideration are Maire or Trombly elementary school on the south end and Mason or Poupard elementary school on the north end. Fifth-grade will move to middle school to retain all three middle schools or, if the board decides to keep the current K-5, 6-8 grade configuration, a vote will take place at the next regular meeting Monday, June 24, allowing the administration time to vet a middle school closure with the community.

Acknowledging the decision on school closings is an emotional one, several Maire parents looked to the facts on why their neighborhood school should remain open.

For example, with a 2018-19 enrollment of 304, Maire is at 81 percent capacity. Next year the school is adding a third kindergarten class, according to PTO President Erica Johnson, further increasing this capacity.

“That was the (Board of Education’s) initial goal to get the elementary schools at 80 percent capacity,” Johnson said. Adding Maire already meets this metric. Moreover, it is nationally ranked and was named a National Blue Ribbon School in 2017 due to students’ high achievement.

“We have everything



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Lewis E. Maire Elementary School, located on Cadieux in the City of Grosse Pointe, opened in 1936. It was designed by Detroit architects, H. August O’Dell and Wirt C. Rowland, reflecting the English Gothic Revival style.

going for us,” said Lisa Heine. “We don’t have the declining enrollment. We really aren’t impacted by that. The whole Grosse Pointe school system is, but Maire alone is not. We’re doing great.”

One reason for this, according to Chris Heine, is the school serves as an anchor institution in The Village, attracting new families who are drawn to the area by the community atmosphere and walkability to their children’s school, shopping and restaurants.

“We came to this neighborhood because of Maire,” Chris Heine said. “... We walk our kids to school every morning. ... We were deliberate in coming here for that experience.”

Chris and Lisa Heine moved from Detroit after they had children. After selecting their home in the City of Grosse Pointe largely due to its proximity to Maire, they realized other couples they knew from Detroit, in the same phase of life, had made a similar decision.

“We were all Detroiters,”

Lisa Heine said. “We lived in the city, we had children and our children’s education became much more important to us so at that point, we had to figure that out and so we all moved — and we all ended up at Maire.”

Shannon Baltimore and her husband, who is from Detroit, moved to Grosse Pointe Park in the Maire district from St. Clair Shores. They, too, sought a walkable area with a highly ranked local neighborhood school.

“It gave us everything we wanted,” Baltimore said. “We wanted walkability toward the economic sector. On a daily basis, I walk to school, I go to Kroger, I go to CVS. ... and I walk all the way home. That’s my lifestyle; it’s what I do. It’s not only good for me and my children, it’s also good for ... the environment because I drive less.”

In her view this is a lifestyle other couples living in Detroit and just starting their families will seek, too — “young folks who haven’t realized yet they’re coming out here — but we

know they are.”

Laura Hull said her first introduction to Grosse Pointe was Kroger and Trader Joe’s in The Village — and Maire.

“Coming down Cadieux,

look at this beautiful school,” she said. “You’ve got pharmacy, you’ve got grocery and you’ve got a school.”

The school also is the safest in the district, they pointed out, having added a secure vestibule in the fall. Moreover, the City of Grosse Pointe received a state grant to make the area safer for children to walk and bike to school.

“The safety piece is really an important one,” said Lisa Heine. “We are already there, and not just because of the secure vestibule. We have the parking issue resolved, the safe walking grant. Those are all things that as parents, if we were going to go to another school would not be in place.”

Finally, while size was a factor in determining what schools were slated for closure — with larger schools retained to absorb enrollment from smaller schools — the Heines, both architects, evaluated the floor plans of all the elementary schools.

“What we found with

Maire is that Maire has the least number of dedicated classrooms because it’s a smaller footprint, but it also has a number of ancillary support spaces that the other schools don’t have,” Chris Heine said. “That works really well for academic support. ... It’s not really apples to apples when you look at all of the spaces in the other schools because there are these other kinds of needs that weren’t anticipated 80 years ago or whenever schools were built. Maire supports that better in the way it was designed.”

Said Hull, “They talk about lenses. What are the criteria? If it’s financial, if it’s impact to the community, if it’s educational opportunities. ... What little we know of what they’re looking at, our data and our facts align with keeping Maire open to support those things.”

Their biggest concern if Maire closes is impact on the community, beginning

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Civil rights group listens to community concerns

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education and administration are listening to residents’ concerns. Superintendent Gary Niehaus assured them of this at a series of town halls hosted in April and May at each school building to address the proposed reconfiguration of the school district.

Community members had another opportunity to be heard during four listening sessions hosted by the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. A panel

composed of MDCR Executive Director Agustin V. Arbulu, Director of Enforcement and Investigation Patricia Barrera and senior managing attorney Sylvia Elliott provided a platform for parents with school children attending or planning to attend GPPSS to express their opinions.

“It’s providing us a lot of helpful information that gives us greater insights on the process that the school district is going through and also gives an opportunity to speak their minds, give their insights into their community and their future,” Arbulu said.

Sessions were held 9 a.m. to noon and 4 to 7 p.m. May 31, with additional sessions scheduled June 4. Community members could direct comments in person to the panel, submit them in writing at the session, or send them by fax or email through June 4.

Arbulu said his hope was to provide insights to help the school board and administrative leadership in making their decision.

“There was a concern when I met with the superintendent they weren’t sure they were

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hearing all the voices from the school district and in that process, they thought they might be able to add something to that by having the Department of Civil Rights hold these listening sessions,” Arbulu said.

A summary of the sessions will be available to the public before the Board of Education vote takes place Monday, June 10.

“What I plan to do is hear all the testimony, summarize it and see if we identify some themes from those summaries,” Arbulu said.

Themes that emerged from the first listening session included the belief “they’re rushing to a decision that may not be necessary,” Arbulu said. Other concerns were “about the diversity in outlying areas within the school district that could be affected more than others.

‘I think we just need to be candid and speak up.’

AGUSTIN V. ARBULU
Executive Director, Michigan Department of Civil Rights

“It’s no secret that there are some schools that are more diversified, meaning there’s a fair representation of different students of ethnicity, national origin, race, compared to others,” he continued. “That’s OK, I think, in some ways that we need to discuss it and people need to explore it and understand their reactions to that process. I hear oftentimes that we can be ‘Michigan nice.’ We will use words that are intended to mean something and some people might view this process where certain groups — people of color — are affected more than others so, therefore, it creates a certain reaction. I think we just need to be candid and speak up. We’re moving that process slowly and respectfully and we’ll con-

tinue to do that.” Arbulu added the department’s presence was not in response to specific complaints against the school district or a Grosse Pointe school.

“Could there have been situations where students or parents felt that they had been discriminated against within the school district? If they do, they have the right to file a complaint.

“It’s very important for people to understand that the Department of Civil Rights doesn’t exist just solely to take complaints,” he continued. “It’s also to educate and do community engagement work that through being proactive we give an opportunity for everyone to actively engage in something that will affect them and that is one of the things that Grosse Pointe Public School System is doing and I’m happy for that. Of course, if they’re asking for some assistance, we’re happy to be here and try to provide that assistance and insight.”

Teacher of THE WEEK Susan Moores



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School: Ferry Elementary School

Years at Ferry: 9 (15 in GPPSS)

Grade/Subject: Grades 1-2 multi-age class

Nominated by: Gloria Hinz, principal

Principal’s quote:

“Susan is thoughtful, methodical and purposeful in her instructional approaches. She understands her students’ needs and works successfully with staff and parents to meet those needs. She has masterfully implemented a true workshop approach to instruction in her classroom and has integrated the 7 Habits and student leadership as part of the instructional process. She strives to stay current with best practices and implements new professional learning with fidelity.”

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

What I enjoy most about teaching is hearing the children’s amazing thoughts and ideas. They teach me something new

each day. When we take the time to listen to children’s thinking, their unique perspectives and insights into what we are exploring can truly guide our instruction and our learning paths.

Describe a teaching accomplishment you’re proud of or a “teachable moment” you experienced.

Teaching a multi-age class has been an amazing experience. Multi-age classrooms make sense because teaching and learning isn’t about a specific age, it is about a pace and a stage of development. Older children benefit from the ability to lead younger children. Younger students mentored by the older students, versus having to always seek out adult help, develop independence and feel secure about their capabilities. This mentorship ingrains concepts in the older learners and also helps to grow their life skills. A child in a multi-age class-

room is able to develop over time within a supportive community according to his ability. As a result, he is able to lead his own learning. He is able to take control of his learning, to own it. The result is a lifelong love of learning.

Please share a book that has inspired you or your teaching.

“Praying Circles Around the Lives of Your Children,” by Mark Batterson

Favorite quote:

“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”

— Author unknown

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with the City of Grosse Pointe. Baltimore points to three empty buildings on the block adjacent to Maire — formerly housing Merrill Lynch, Tire Systems and Kramer’s — and a large vacant parcel adjacent to Kercheval that has been undeveloped since 2008 as evidence “selling Maire is not a quick fix to the school board’s problems.”

Also of concern is the impact on Maire students, even if Maire remains open.

According to the proposed scenarios, if Trombly closes, the entire student population will relocate to Defer and 20 percent of Maire students will move to Richard. If Maire closes, 40 percent of the students will move to Defer and 60 percent to Richard.

“More students are impacted at Maire than in any other scenario,” Hull said.

“Trombly could be fully absorbed at Defer, versus Maire potentially being divided,” Baltimore added.

Those Maire students moving to Richard would later attend Pierce

Middle School rather than Brownell Middle School like many of their peers, causing another disruption, Hull said.

“Any time kids have transitions ... it’s a challenge for them,” Hull said. “I think at Maire we are uniquely situated to have kids that will be affected multiple times.”

Their proposal is to move the magnet program currently at Defer into Richard, allowing Maire to remain intact and minimizing the impact on students.

“It keeps these cohorts together and they all go to

middle school together,” said Lisa Heine.

The Young 5’s students also could be rearranged to minimize the ripple effect of closures.

“When you look at having cuts like this, or impacts, every time you do that, you affect the health and well-being of a child,” said Baltimore. “If you have to make these cuts, which we recognize

they’re a requirement, do it in an educated, professional, logical manner.”

Johnson hopes the board makes decisions now that don’t result in schools closing in the future.

“As much as I’m tired of this process, I want them to do it right now so they don’t have to do it again,” she said. “If that’s close a middle school right off the bat, then please do it so

we don’t have to go through this again.”

Even “the kids feel this underlying stress; it’s inevitable,” said Hull.

For example, her 4-year-old came home worried because her friends said her school was going to close.

Hull was quick to reassure her.

“No, Assumption is not closing,” she said.



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Leapin’ lizards!
GPT closes 71st season with ‘Annie’

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Anyone thinking about “Maybe” seeing Grosse Pointe Theatre’s season-closing production of “Annie” might want to head over to “Easy Street” today — not “Tomorrow” — to purchase their tickets.

Classic characters Oliver Warbucks, Miss Hannigan, Grace Farrell and a host of orphans join the title character herself onstage for nine shows at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center beginning Sunday, June 16.

The story, inspired by the comic strip “Little Orphan Annie,” takes place in New York City in December 1933. The Great Depression has left many people out of work and homeless. Left at an orphanage by her parents when she was a baby, Annie, now 11, is determined to find them.

“It’s a great story; I mean, look at this heartwarming story,” said award-winning director and choreographer Timothy Higgins. “It is unapologetically sweet. It’s intended, it’s written to be heartwarming. ... An unexpected family comes out from two very different walks of life.

“This is a delightful, entertaining and inspiring show for the entire family,” he continued. “There is something for everyone. You may find yourself relating to the challenges of hard-luck times, the determination of the human spirit and the hope of 14 orphans as they dream of a life of joy, acceptance and love.”

The Grosse Pointe Theatre production features 40 actors portraying 59 character parts, Higgins said. More than a quarter of those actors are



The orphans rehearse a song and dance.



Tom Caulfield looks at the script while Keith Clark, playing a ventriloquist, talks into the radio microphone.

children, taking on the roles of the orphans.

Higgins has worked with children before, though “not to this scale,” he said.

“However,” he continued, “the 14 orphans — they’re adorable, eager, thirsty. They listen. They are respectful.”

Noting each of them has varying levels of theater experience, Higgins said, “Our job is to get the best out of them with where they’re at. I’m very pleased with them.”

Higgins said he’s formed a partnership with

their parents, who are kept in the production loop via email.

“We keep in touch with parents,” he said. “We have The Daily (email), so they know what’s going on.”

In addition to directing children, Higgins also has taken on the challenge of directing a dog.

“In 2003, when we did ‘Annie,’ a good theater friend of ours, Judy Gilbert, her dog was Sandy,” Higgins said. “That dog has since passed, but (Gilbert) texted me months ago

and asked when the auditions were for Sandy. She has a new dog, Winston.

“We didn’t have to hold auditions,” he continued. “When I met Winston — a 2- or 3-year-old Goldendoodle — his personality fits perfectly. He listens well; he’s a smart dog.”

Higgins said the first day Winston rehearsed with the cast, the pooch was excited to meet everyone.

“He was like an antelope leaping from person to person,” he said.

After spending five days with Sarah Galle, who plays Annie, Winston settled into his role.

“He was perfect,” Higgins said. “She called him and he walked right to her. ... Once he connects and builds a relationship, it’ll work. But that was just one rehearsal; I hope it continues.”

So far, the relationship has been great for Galle, 12, of Bloomfield Hills.

“He’s awesome; I love him so much,” she said of her canine co-star. “My favorite part is being able to become the character and building these relationships. I love Daddy Warbucks and all the orphans.

“It’s been a really big dream of mine to be Annie since I was little,” she continued. “I really enjoy meeting new people through acting, singing and having fun.”

The cast, crew and production team have had some time to get to know each other. Higgins began pulling everyone together last October. Rehearsals began this spring and now, he’s enjoying the process of fine-tuning the production as opening night nears.

“I am very comfortable with where we are,” he said. “We rehearse four



PHOTO COURTESY OF DALE PEGG

Sarah Galle stars as Annie while Winston plays her dog, Sandy.

days a week. That gives us time to step back, take notes, work on character development.”

With tech week right around the corner — where actors leave the rehearsal studio and take the actual stage in costume, makeup, wigs and with props — he said continuity is important.

“This is when it comes together,” Higgins said. “Do you know why it comes together? Because it has to. It puts us in a positive lane to make it happen.”

Like Higgins, Grosse Pointe Park resident Michael Trudel also was part of the 2003 Grosse Pointe Theatre production. Then, he took part in the ensemble. Now, he fills the shoes of big-time billionaire Oliver “Daddy” Warbucks, whose heart Annie steals.

Both productions have special meaning to him.

“In 2003, I took advantage of the chance to be in the chorus for the first time,” Trudel said. “My daughter was an orphan

and my mother was part of the chorus with me. It was the first and only time there were three generations in a Grosse Pointe Theatre production.”

Trudel’s mother, Barbara Bentley, was a theater staple and has since passed. Trudel said she’ll still be a part of this season’s show.

“I’m bringing her with me,” he said. “She’s the reason why, 42 years later, I’m still doing this. ... It would be her birthday on our opening night. The hat I’m wearing (in the show), a bomber hat, she gave me 15 years ago. So there’s a lot of her in me, in this.”

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Maggie Bickerstaff auditioned for her role, Grace Farrell, for various reasons.

“I’ve been dying to work with Tim,” she said. “And obviously, you grow up watching ‘Annie.’ I knew of Grace. She’s a cool cat. And the singing. I thought she’d be an interesting

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Joseph Munem as President Franklin D. Roosevelt; Robert Bertetto as Cordell Hull; Sarah Galle as Annie; Mike Trudel as Daddy Warbucks; Stella Woitulewicz as Frances Perkins and Mark Weber as Harold Ickes.



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Staring in Grosse Pointe Theatre’s production of “Annie” are, clockwise, Michael Trudel as Oliver “Daddy” Warbucks, Maggie Bickerstaff as Grace Farrell, Sarah Galle as Annie and Winston as Sandy the dog.

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ASK THE EXPERTS
By Charmaine Johnson-Fuller

Finding balance with family and business

Q: I work from home and struggle with summer break and maintaining a good balance. How can I create a schedule that supports my business and family over summer break?

A: Summer vacation can be a stressful time for parents who work from home. How can you make summer vacation a win-win for your business and family? Below are five things that will help create a winning formula to support your summer fun.

- ◆ **Goals** — What are your goals for your family and business over the summer? Knowing these will keep you from getting caught up in parenting and business “FOMO,” or fear of missing out.
- ◆ **Flexibility** — Don’t pack in every moment with something to do; leave space for life to happen. Add transition into your schedule, creating intentional space to adapt to a new activity.
- ◆ **Say No** — You don’t have to attend every play-date, party, event. When you know what your family and business goals are, saying “no” becomes easier.
- ◆ **Communication** — Let your family know what is going on and the role they play. Get your family involved and communicate with them regularly.

◆ **Plan It** — Create a plan each week that supports the goals you’ve created for your family and business.

Summer break doesn’t have to be stressful. You can create an environment that works for you and your family.

Charmaine Johnson-Fuller of Grosse Pointe Woods is the owner/founder of The Charmed Life. She works primarily with entrepreneurial moms to help them eliminate overwhelming, create balance and slay their day. For more information, contact her at (586) 646-8762 or hello@thecharmedlife.me. For more support, download her free checklist, “5 Ways to Save Time and Slay Your Day,” at bit.ly/timeslaychecklist. Johnson-Fuller is a member of The Family Center’s Association of Professionals.

The Family Center is a nonprofit organization that provides resources and preventative education to empower families to successfully navigate life’s social, emotional and physical challenges. It is completely supported by community donations. To learn more, visit familycenterweb.org, call (313) 447-1374 or email info@familycenterweb.org.

Legacy on the Lake is June 19

In celebration of the Grosse Pointe community, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce presents its sixth annual Legacy on the Lake event Wednesday, June 19, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

The event begins with a VIP experience at 5:30 p.m., where top sponsors and the guest of honor will enjoy cocktails and hors d’oeuvres as a pianist performs in the Apple Court of the Ford House.

“Guests will begin to show up at 6 p.m. for cocktails and jazz on the terrace of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, followed by a special performance — it’s a surprise — and dinner,” said Jennifer Boettcher, executive director of the chamber.

Following dinner, the chamber’s Legacy Award will be presented. The



FILE PHOTO

Guests at a previous Legacy on the Lake event.

award honors “distinguished members of the community whose philanthropy and services are recognized,” Boettcher said. “Our first year, we honored the Cotton family; second year, Ed Russell; third year, the John A. and Marlene Boll family; fourth year, the Edmund T. Ahee family; fifth year, the Ford family and sixth, Mary and (the late) Ralph C. Wilson Jr.

“Mary and Ralph C. Wilson Jr. were chosen as this year’s legacy honorees for their legacy of making a difference in people’s lives,” she continued, “for the tremendous effect of their philanthropic work.”

Following the award presentation, the celebration continues with dancing under the stars to Gary Greenfelder’s Orchestra.

Tickets to Legacy on the Lake still are available. Cost is \$250. To purchase tickets, call the chamber at (313) 881-4722.

— Jody McVeigh

AREA ACTIVITIES

PFLAG
Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 6, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. For information, email pflaggp@gmail.com.

Questers
The Pear Tree Questers meets at 11 a.m. Friday, June 7, at the Peacock Room in the Fisher Building. Peacock Room owner Rachel Lutz discusses the Fisher Building’s history, as well as her retail business, the location of which has been restored. After the talk, the group will have lunch at the Traffic Jam. The event was coordinated by member Joanne Niederoest.

BNI
The Business Network International Pipeline Chapter meets at 7 a.m. Friday, June 7, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

The Business Network International East Side-Launchpad Chapter meets at 7 a.m. Wednesday, June 12, at St. Michael’s Episcopal

Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Beth at (313) 690-5723.

Ecumenical Breakfast
The Grosse Pointe Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 8 a.m. Friday, June 7, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

Grannie Nannies
Grannie Nannies, for grandmothers who babysit their grandchildren, meets at 1:30 p.m. Friday, June 7, at Ram’s Horn Restaurant, 23815 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Reservations are not required.

Toastmasters
Northeastern Toastmasters meets at 7 p.m. Monday, June 10, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

NAMI
The National Alliance on Mental Illness Eastside meets at 7 p.m. Monday, June 10, at Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

Senior Men
The Grosse Pointe Senior Men’s Club meets at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 11, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Blood drive
The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:
◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, at Lakeshore Senior Living, 28801 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.
◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.
Register online at redcrossblood.org.

Woods Community Center
The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza, offers a trip to the GM Heritage Center at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 11. The collection is made up of approximately 600 cars and trucks, including GM industry “firsts,” significant technological experiments, concept cars, special-interest styling and performance one-offs, along with notable race cars and milestone production vehicles. This trip does not include transportation. Cost is \$15 for Woods residents, \$17 for non-residents. Make a reservation at the community center.

The Helm
The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers the following programs:

◆ “The Upside of Downsizing,” 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 12.
◆ “Quality of Life and In-Home Services,” 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 11.
◆ Free blood pressure screenings, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, June 11.
◆ The Helm Hip Hop Dance Company, 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, June 11 to Aug. 6. Cost is \$54 for nine weeks.
◆ June birthday celebration, 11:30 to 11:45 a.m. Thursday, June 13.
◆ “Combating Loneliness,” 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 18. Learn why older adults often suffer from loneliness, how it can affect physical and mental health and how to alleviate loneliness, feel useful again and rekindle relationships.
◆ “Ask the Housing Specialist,” 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, June 18.
◆ “Jewelry Bead Design — Beginner,” 10 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, June 19 to Aug. 14. This free program is a Wayne County Community College District Continuing Education Class.
Registration is required for all of these programs. Call (313) 882-9600.

Rotary
Grosse Pointe Rotary meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Wayne State University professor Fred Pearson speaks. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

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Lights, camera, action at The Helm

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

There’s a chance visitors to The Helm at the Boll Life Center the next several weeks could stumble across the makings of a mystery movie. Grosse Pointe Woods resident Harry Burkey has written a script — “Mystery at The Helm” — and plans to begin filming soon. Burkey, who teaches acting and leads a competitive poker group at The Helm, was asked to write a mystery after Susan Kopf, activities

coordinator, made the request at the 2018 premier of Burkey’s 10-episode miniseries, “Life in the Slow Lane.” “Susan said, ‘Harry, why don’t you write a mystery that involves the staff?’ So I did,” Burkey said. “I worked on it for about a month while I was in Florida. It’s not a feature film; it’s a short film. “I don’t profess to be a writer, especially a writer of screenplays,” he continued. “But I’ve written them before though; I know the structure.”

The film is summarized thus: “After an old photo of a young nurse arrives inside an unmarked envelope at The Helm Life Center, things start to disappear. This short film is a mixture of mystery, comedy and poignancy.” Several staff members agreed to be in Burkey’s film, which largely takes place at The Helm. “I’m trying to involve as many people in the staff as possible,” he said. “There are some who don’t want to be filmed. So I’ll be trying to film while people are

on the job without interrupting them.” He plans to use two 4K cameras and a DSLR camera to film it. “The final product will be in high-definition, so it should be better quality,” he said. It also will include some special effects, because what’s a mystery without a mysterious ghost? “When you talk about history of that building, it used to be a nurses’ building,” he said, “primarily a place for nurses to stay overnight. I didn’t have any clue what I was

going to do with the mystery. My wife came up with the idea of having a ghost. We’re both in Grosse Pointe Theatre. The rehearsal studio used to be a nursing home. When the theater first moved in, there was talk about ghosts. I decided I was going to use that concept.” One scene takes place at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, featuring Mary Stelmark, who took one of Burkey’s acting classes. “That’s the part of the story where they dredge up what is happening,”

he said. “The visit to the Historical Society is to identify the person in this old photograph. Of course they come up with answers.” While Burkey plans to start filming this month, he also has some casting to do in advance, as well as editing work after the fact. He plans to complete the film by mid-August. It should run approximately 10 minutes. “I love challenges,” he said. “I like to do things that are different. ... The pressure is on me to get it done.”

The Encore Years: Dinshaw Sarkari

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Dinshaw Sarkari doesn’t recall exactly how long he’s been volunteering at The Helm at the Boll Life Center, but he knows it’s something he loves to be a part of. The 91-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident not only helps serve lunch most days, but also is a volunteer Heidi Uhlig-Johnstone can count on. “He is very helpful,” said Uhlig-Johnstone, volunteer coordinator. “He has an upbeat personality and enjoys being here. He has a fascinating background, too.” Sarkari hails from the port city of Aden, now called South Yemen. He spent 17 years working as an accountant for Caltex, or the California Texas Oil Company of New York. “I was always in a white-collar job,” he said, noting he also owned a

potato chip company in Arabia for a time. After Aden became independent, Sarkari said, “They didn’t want any foreigners. I was born there, but unfortunately I had tried to get out.” Sarkari first applied for a visa to Australia, but they told him he’d have to work in agriculture. “I’m the last person to be in agriculture,” he said. “I’m a white-collar man. That didn’t work for me, so I backed out.” He applied and received a visa for Canada, but backed out because he didn’t know anyone there. The third time’s the charm and, eventually, Sarkari was granted an American visa. “I didn’t know much about Detroit, except cars,” he said. Sarkari initially worked as an auditor at a hotel downtown, but didn’t like the way the business was run.

“I believe in honesty,” he said. “I believe in straight-forward talk. So I resigned.” He also started studying and in five years, he became a U.S. citizen. “That’s when my life started,” he said. With help from a friend’s wife who was involved with Sisters of Charity, Sarkari began work at St. John Hospital. “It was very small then, 109 beds,” he said. “I worked there 36 years. I was the controller. From there, I was five years as a volunteer.” Sarkari enjoyed his time at St. John until he became ill and had to have open-heart surgery. “They told me to completely rest after that,” he said. “But I’ve seen that I can’t do nothing. So I started coming here I don’t know how many years ago. I’m enjoying my life here.” “Here” is The Helm, where Sarkari can be found five days a week.

Three of those days he helps serve lunch, keeps records and “whatever else Heidi gives me; it varies.” The other two days, he plays bingo. “I’m happy, quite happy,” he said. “I enjoy it here very much and the people are nice. I enjoy working at The Helm.” When he’s not at “work,” he enjoys his favorite pastime: “I’m a stock market man,” he said. “This is my hobby. “I come here to pass my time,” he continued. “Saturday and Sunday, those are the days I do the stock market. I advise people on the stock market. You can make a lot of money if you know what you’re doing.” Sarkari, whose wife died 12 years ago, lives with his daughter and son-in-law. He’s been a



PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

Dinshaw Sarkari

Woods resident 31 years. wife was alive. ... I want “I cannot stay home,” to be always busy. This is he said, “even when my my life.”


Hope Senior Home Care announces ‘Hope at Home Transitions’ service

Hope Senior Home Care has launched a new initiative — Hope at Home Transitions — to assist individuals and seniors returning home after a hospitalization or other medical or physical rehabilitation. The program provides short-term in-home care customized for each personal situation. “We continue to see families challenged to find affordable, reliable and appropriate care for their loved ones after a medical episode or situation,” said Terri Murphy, president of Hope Senior Home Care. “We have offered these in-home services for many years and now are formalizing them into a comprehensive plan that our clients can understand and navigate. This program addresses the needs of families with short-term care needs.” Hope at Home Transitions allows families to make arrangements quickly for an impending hospital

release. Services can be coordinated within 24 hours, providing short-term care, up to and including 24-hour “round-the-clock” care. “Oftentimes, the need for care arises quickly — overnight, in some cases,” Murphy said. “We’ve seen the scramble to make accommodations — finding quality care with a predictable fee structure isn’t easy, but we’ve made it easy. We are available 24/7 and work with families to create an action plan they are comfortable with — and we guide them every step of the

way so they are confident in their care plan.” Murphy founded Hope Senior Home Care after her personal experience caring for her own parents. Services are designed with family in mind and ensure that qualified, reliable caregivers tend to loved ones. Services include meal planning, medication arrangements, personal and hygiene care, companionship and overnight monitoring, among other things. For more information, visit hopeseniorhome.com.

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Gregory Michael Laethem

Gregory Michael Laethem, 64, passed away Monday, May 6, 2019.

He was the beloved father of Nicole Lauren, Garrett Kole and Alec Gregory; grandfather of Nova Lane Garrison and Nash William Laethem. He also is survived by his former wife, Monica and sister, Mary Ann.

He was predeceased by his sister, Laura Richter and brother, Ray Laethem.

A funeral Mass was celebrated June 1, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation at parkinsonsmi.org.

Linda Ann Fisher

Linda Ann Fisher, 76, passed away peacefully Friday, May 17, 2019, at Ascension St. John Hospital after a year-long battle with cancer.

An 18-year resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, Linda and her faithful pup, Izzy, were the meet-and-greet-ambassadors of their neighborhood and her neighbors rallied around her when she needed them.

Born Feb. 17, 1943, in Detroit, to Julius and Helen Fisher, Linda was the youngest of three daughters. The family moved to Florida in 1948, where Linda graduated from Seabreeze High School, attended Florida State University and graduated from Sacramento State.

Although she spent most of her career in computer programing for the state of California, she was creative and gave freely of her time and talent to her church and community. She was active in Grosse Pointe Memorial Church as a teller and devoted many years to the Soul Crafters group, where she excelled in making coveted American Girl doll clothes for the yearly craft fair.

Linda enjoyed the unusual and spent one vacation on an archeological dig, but her dream trip was to visit Africa — which she did twice. An animal lover since childhood, she always had a dog at her side and was generous to rescue charities. Her family meant most to her, opening her home to her parents when they needed assisted living.

Linda loved to sing, made up lyrics and knew all the standards. She loved Isabella “Izzy,” Disney animated movies, plants, piano, knitting and sewing, the bakery, theater, puzzles, to buy stock and order on Amazon. She was always quick with her wit and thoughtfulness.

Linda is survived by her sisters, Christine Minnella (the late Sam) and Joyce Tubb (the late Don); nieces and nephews, Catherine Shortridge (Tom), Michael Minnella (Claire), Elizabeth Minnella Gonzalez (Frank), Cari Fair (Mel) and Amelia Tubb; grand-

nieces and grandnephews, Benton and Faith Shortridge, Adrianna, Matthew and Marc Minnella, Samantha and Tyler Gonzalez and Taylor and Madison Fair.

She was predeceased by her parents.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 8, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society at michiganhumane.org.

Sam M. Lafata

Auto auction pioneer, boxing promoter and philanthropist Sam M. Lafata, 85, passed away Tuesday, April 30, 2019.

Sam’s life exemplified the spirit of Detroit, where he was born, raised and built multiple thriving businesses. Tough, competitive and relentless, Sam’s grit, ingenuity and common touch fueled his success in business, sport and philanthropy.

In 1953, grounded in the fundamentals of engineering and welding from Cass Tech’s post-secondary technical training program and detailing vehicles for multiple metro Detroit auto dealers, Sam launched his entrepreneurial career as owner of an auto dealer reconditioning business during the 1960s.

Sam built the country’s largest, state-of-the-art, wholesale auto auction — Aptco Auto Auction — in 1972 on a 100-acre site in Taylor; set consecutive national dealer auction attendance and sales records; and led Manheim Auctions in locating, developing and managing its first Michigan wholesale dealer auction — one of the largest and most profitable in North America. He served as general manager five years before retiring as Manheim vice president of special business development in 2010.

Sam never fully retired, proudly retaining his dealership license in good standing as owner and chief executive officer of SML Industries.

In addition to his professional endeavors, Sam was committed to giving back to his community. He served on the board of Life Directions’ Michigan from 1980 until he died. During this period, he helped raise more than \$1 million through countless charitable events.

In addition to holding national leadership titles in business and volunteerism, Sam also led in another ring: professional boxing. Sam was instrumental in building one of the most successful and famous professional prize fighting boxing empires — the Kronk Gym.

On the personal side, Sam was devoted to his wife, Josephine, of 58 years. Together, they raised two daughters, Josephine and Marie, along with seven grandchildren. In their spare time, Sam and Jo prided themselves on being their grandchildren’s No. 1 fans and enjoyed spending winters in Florida.

Johanna Gilbert

Former longtime Grosse Pointe resident Johanna Gilbert died Wednesday, May 22, 2019, at her home in Fort Worth, Texas, surrounded by her family. She anchored her life in faith, family, fellowship and, of course, music.

“Music is such an important part of my life,” said Mrs. Gilbert, in a Grosse Pointe News interview in the mid-1980s. “I love singing.”

After graduating at 16 from Denby High School in 1949, Mrs. Gilbert enrolled in Wayne State University, concentrating her studies in classical music theory including voice, piano and choir.

Although she was an enthusiastic piano player, her family said Mrs. Gilbert’s true gift was her contralto voice, but her range was supple enough to sing choral music, as well as lighter works such as show tunes, German Lieder and semi-classical works.

Early in her career, she performed with Valter Poole and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Later, Mrs. Gilbert shared her love of music as a voice coach for students at both Grosse Pointe South and North high schools and as a longtime soloist for Sixth Church of Christ, Scientist in Detroit. She was a popular soloist throughout the metropolitan area performing at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, with the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra, Grosse Ile Music Club, Detroit Review Club and numerous other recitals, benefit concerts and programs.

In between performing and raising six children, Mrs. Gilbert was active in music, theater and social organizations. She was a past president and life member of Tuesday Musicales of Detroit, active in Theater Arts and Music Club, past president of PEO and president of the Grosse Pointe Farm and Garden Club.

She was a longtime member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, serving as a Stephen minister, co-moderator of Presbyterian women, a Sunday school and LOGOS teacher, on many councils and in other advisory and spiritual roles.

In the community, she was recognized as the host of “Johanna Gilbert Interviews” on Grosse Pointe Cable, which she co-produced with her husband, Ellwyn. She also was a contributor to the Grosse Pointe News, writing music reviews.

Big or small, no effort escaped Mrs. Gilbert’s attention and she reveled in being a Girl Scouts cadet leader, an “art mom” for the local schools and a tireless cheerleader of her children’s and grandchildren’s numerous sporting, academic and performing activities. She hosted yearly advent gatherings in the family home for more than 25 years. She even cut a record of favorite songs



Gregory M. Laethem



Johanna Gilbert



Linda Ann Fisher



Mary June Babcock



Sam M. Lafata



Carol Ann Small

at the old Fiddler’s Music studio on Mack Avenue in Detroit. Mrs. Gilbert and her husband loved to travel, making numerous trips to her ancestral home of Germany.

Mrs. Gilbert saw the best in others and had a kind word for all. She will be remembered as a dedicated correspondent, sending cards and letters that recognized special occasions and achievements — or just writing to stay in touch with her family and wide circle of friends. She was a devoted spouse, mother, grandmother and friend, and a passionate supporter of the arts. Her joy for life is fiercely missed by those who knew her.

Mrs. Gilbert is survived by the great love of her life, Ellwyn, her husband of 63 years; sons, Eric (Laurie) and Philip (Joyce), daughters, Melanie (Snip Francis), Maria DeLong (Don) and Lisa (Alex Morato); daughter-in-law, Tamara and 12 grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her eldest son, Stephen.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Friday, June 14, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Internment will be in the church’s Barbour Chapel columbarium.

In honor of her love of music and the performing arts, the family asks

that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Tuesday Musicales of Detroit, Johanna Gilbert Scholarship & Music Award for Contralto Soloists, P.O. 36535, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Mary June Babcock

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Mary June Babcock, 89, passed away Wednesday, May 29, 2019.

She was born June 20, 1929, in Detroit. Mary was an active member in the Grosse Pointe community ranging from Little League sports to serving on the Lake Front Park planning committee. She loved playing tennis and golf with the many friends she met in the community.

Mary was the beloved wife of the late William L. Babcock Jr.; loving mother of Cynthia Geller, Christine Walsh, Susan Vermetten (Matthew), Bill Babcock (Erica) and David Babcock (Susanne); proud grandmother of Whitney, Erin, Will “B.J.,” Kristen, Meagan, Billy, Luke, Emma, Natalie, Ryan, Julia and Brandon and dear sister of Willard Nielsen (Maxine).

A celebration of life service will be announced at a later date.

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tions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans at dav.org. Please share a memory at wujekcalcaterra.com.

Carol Ann Small

Carol Ann Small, nee Pokriefka, passed away Wednesday, May 29, 2019, at age 83.

She was the beloved wife of the late Dell J. Small; loving mother of Melissa Merkau and Daniel Small; dear sister-in-law of Robert Biskner and aunt of Paul Biskner.

Carol was predeceased by her mother and father, Catherine and August Pokriefka; mother-in-law, Bessie Lee Small; sister-in-law, Virginia Small Biskner and son-in-law, Karl Merkau.

Carol enjoyed her work at the Grosse Pointe Neighborhood Club and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and developed many wonderful friendships over the years.

Cremation is provided by RG & GR Harris Funeral Home, Detroit.

Memorial donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, 20204 Harper, Harper Woods, MI 48225; Noah Project Animal Rescue, 5205 Airline Highway, Muskegon, MI 49444 or Sanilac County Humane Society, 3847 W. Sheldon Street, Carsonville, MI 48419.

Mutt March postponed

Due to the soggy conditions of the Sunday, July 28. The Michigan Humane Society auxiliary parking lot at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, the 2019 will honor all registrations and Michigan Humane Society Mutt donations. For more details or to register, visit michiganhumane.org.

‘Light!’ displayed until June 15

The one-man show, “Light,” featuring the photographic work of Myles Gallagher, is on display now through Saturday, June 15, at the Charles Schridde Gallery, 15315 Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Gallagher is an award-winning photographer in national and international publications, including Black & White Magazine and Still Point Arts Quarterly, and has had showings in galleries such as The Scarab

Club, Muskegon Museum of Art, Jules Meighet, Smith Gallery and Attleboro Art Museum.

The Grosse Ile resident began his career in music, then moved into dance before finding “comfort and peace in stillness behind the lens.” He was part of the Blue Lakes International Choir, with which he toured Scandinavia. He also studied dance at the American Dance

Academy, Western Michigan University and with the Nonce Dance Company at St. Andrews Hall in Detroit.

Regarding this exhibition, Gallagher said, “It’s all about the light. Light and shadow have been the foundation of photography since the beginning. While illumination is important, darkness is an equally compelling component and together are the elements of a successful photograph.”

CHURCH EVENTS

CROP Hunger Walk held May 11

St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents a full day of activities in celebration of Msgr. Patrick Halfpenny's 15 years of service to the church Sunday, June 30. Mass begins at noon, followed by a luncheon at 1 p.m. and a farewell dinner at Country Club of Detroit at 6 p.m. Tickets for dinner are \$100 each and must be reserved by Saturday, June 15; seating is limited. For more

information, email farewell@stpaulonthelake.org or call (586) 216-6757.

St. Paul Evangelical

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of Bible and book studies. Newcomers are welcome.

- ◆ The Rev. Justin Dittrich leads Bible study at 9:30 a.m. each Tuesday in the Harms Fireside Room.
- ◆ Prayer Vigils for

Peace take place 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month, starting with a short video followed by discussion.

◆ The Naomi Circle Women's Group meets in the Bethany Room for Bible study and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month.

◆ The Men's Breakfast and Bible Study Group meets the first Thursday of each month in the Bethany Room.

Call (313) 881-6670 for more information.

Grosse Pointe CROP Hunger Walk, hosted Saturday, May 11, by Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, raised more than \$6,000. One- and three-mile courses were plotted, starting and ending at the Grosse Pointe Farms church.

Grosse Pointe is one of more than 900 communities across the United States that raises funds to help end hun-

ger locally and internationally through CROP Hunger Walks. The walks support the international relief and development work of Church World Service, which is comprised of many Christian denominations working in partnership to eliminate hunger and poverty and promote peace and justice around the world. In the community, CROP Hunger Walks

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Music on the Plaza celebrates 32 years in The Village

Grosse Pointe's original summer music series, Music on the Plaza opens its 32nd concert season Thursday, June 13, with a doubleheader program featuring performances by the Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high school jazz bands.

Music on the Plaza is produced by the Grosse

Pointe Village Downtown Development Authority and sponsored by Ascension St. John Hospital, with support from community businesses and organizations.

Concerts take place 7 to 8:30 p.m. most Thursday evenings, June 13 to Aug. 8, on an outdoor stage at Kercheval and St. Clair. There is no concert July 4,

and one concert takes place at 7 p.m. Friday, July 26, as part of the annual Sidewalk Sale, which is Friday, July 26, and Saturday, July 27.

The series of eight family-friendly concerts is free of charge and open to the public. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. The performances take place rain or shine. In the event

of rain, the concerts move to Maire Elementary School, 740 Cadieux, two blocks west of the normal site. Venue changes due to weather and other notifications are posted online at thevillagegp.com and Facebook, [facebook.com/thevillagegrossepointe](https://www.facebook.com/thevillagegrossepointe), the evening of the concert.

Scheduled bands and performance dates are as follows:

◆ Thursday, June 13 — Grosse Pointe North and South jazz bands

A community-wide celebration with performances by two ensembles comprised of some of the most talented jazz students from North and South.

◆ Thursday, June 20 — Marge's Bar Band

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◆ Thursday, June 27 — The Hughes/Smith Quintet

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◆ Thursday, Aug. 1 — Alvin Waddles & Friends

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Cast & crew

The cast
Annie — Sarah Galle, Bloomfield Hills
Oliver Warbucks — Michael Trudel, Grosse Pointe Park
Grace Farrell — Maggie Bickerstaff, Grosse Pointe Shores
Miss Hannigan — Christine Maurer, Troy
Rooster Hannigan — Frank “Scott” Davis, Royal Oak
Lily St. Regis — Soula Burns, Grosse Pointe Woods
Molly — Annie McCarron, Grosse Pointe Farms
Kate — Miah Evans, Grosse Pointe Park
Tessie — Amelia Unkel, Grosse Pointe Farms
Pepper — Harvest Savage, Grosse Pointe Park
Jury — Remie Rivel, Grosse Pointe Farms
Duffy — Addison Swegles, Grosse Pointe Farms
Orphan Ensemble — Kieran Purcell, Grosse Pointe Woods; Madison Kaimala, Clinton Township; Lily Frey, Grosse Pointe Farms; Nicole Vogler, Grosse Pointe Park; Jenna Kozierowski, St. Clair Shores; Sarafina Melhem, Grosse Pointe Woods; Lucy Caulfield, Grosse Pointe Park and Meghan Von Schwarz, Grosse Pointe Farms.
Drake, Ensemble — Carl Ghafari, Grosse Pointe Shores
Mrs. Greer, Ensemble — MaryLynn Bertetto, Grosse Pointe Farms
Mrs. Pugh, Ensemble — Jackie Pfaff, Chesterfield
Cecille, Ensemble — Mary Magyari, Clawson
Annette, Ensemble — Ellen Taber, St. Clair Shores
Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Ensemble — Joseph Munem, Sterling Heights
Bert Healy, Ensemble — Sean Von Schwarz, Grosse Pointe Farms
Star To Be, Connie Boylan, Ensemble — Claire Zimmeth, Detroit
Bonnie Boylan, Ensemble — Ellie Dempz, Grosse Pointe Woods
Ronnie Boylan, Ensemble — Beatrix Reilly, Detroit
Lt. Ward, Jimmy Johnson, Marine Louis Howe — Tom

Caulfield, Grosse Pointe Park
Bundles McCloskey, Servant, Fred McCracken, Ensemble — Keith Clark, Harper Woods
Servant, Cordell Hull, Ensemble — Robert Bertetto, Grosse Pointe Farms
Servant, Henry Morgenthau Jr., Ensemble — Rob Weber, Grosse Pointe Farms
Harold Ickes, Ensemble — Mark Weber, Grosse Pointe Farms
Frances Perkins, Ensemble — Stella Woitulewicz, Detroit
Sound Effects Man, Judge Brandeis, Ensemble — Daniel Woitulewicz, Detroit
Sophie, Ensemble — Emma Jean Evans, City of Grosse Pointe
Radio Show Producer, Ensemble — Valerie Bandy, Grosse Pointe Park
Radio Show Assistant, Ensemble — Malissa Bossardet, Bloomfield Hills
Sandy the Dog — Winston (owner Judy Gilbert), City of Grosse Pointe
Mutt the Dog — Maddie (owner Soula Burns), Grosse Pointe Woods

The crew
Director/choreographer Timothy Higgins; producer Chris Kaiser; tech director Gordon Richardson; set designer/set dresser Kathy Conlon; set designer/set dresser Dorothy Wasinger; set dresser Kathleen Grabruck; stage manager Mickie Pizzimenti; assistant stage manager Janie Burkey; assistant stage manager Julia Bayer; music director Connor Reinman; vocal director Marie Boyle Reinman; costume designer Ruth Ellen Mayhall; lighting designer Bob Montgomery; hair and makeup, Theresa Selvaggio; props, Rick Pfaff and Ray Semczak; sound, Paul Gonzalez; assistant director Laura Ver Beek; assistant choreographer Allison Roberts; publicity, Patricia Ellis; orphan ensemble coordinator Rachel Settlege and accompanist Paul Abdollah.

ANNIE:
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role to play.”
Apart from telling a heartwarming story, “Annie” is all about the music, Higgins noted, and he’s found some magnificent singers to take on familiar favorites such as “Tomorrow,” “It’s the Hard Knock Life” and “Easy Street.”
“I’m excited I got the opportunity and got cast,” Trudel said. “I like to bring some levels to it. It’s a musical and there are five or six songs I’m in. I have a beautiful solo with Annie. I like to think I bring more of a dramatic side to it. I want to make sure Oliver has those levels he needs to have. He’s a billionaire ... but I have to reveal that soft side of Oliver as he becomes truly enthralled with Annie.”
“Annie” opens at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 16. Performances also are scheduled at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, June 20 to 22, and June 27 to 29, and at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 22, and Sunday, June 23.
The Saturday matinee includes a character meet-and-greet event following the performance.
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Director Timothy Higgins.
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Tickets for “Annie” are \$25. Call (313) 881-4004 or visit gpt.org.
“We are a 100 percent volunteer organization,” Higgins said. “It takes quite a lot of people, not only actors onstage, but a production team of 21 tech disciplines and stage crew to assist. The collaboration required is amazing to watch. We need audiences to sustain us. We believe we deliver exceptional theater experiences. We need an audience to support us and bring their friends so we can continue to do this.”
“If you’ve seen it time and time again, ‘Annie’ fits the bill perfectly at any time, but perhaps even more at this turbulent time,” he concluded. “Get away from it all; your heart will be warmed.”

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Tennis

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Blue Devils D1 state champs

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The No. 1 ranked Grosse Pointe South girls tennis team played to their billing last weekend, winning its 16th state championship, edging Bloomfield Hills 30-28 in the Division 1 tournament at Midland Tennis Center.

“I couldn’t be prouder of the girls,” head coach Mark Sobieralski said. “They never looked at

the No. 1 ranking and instead focused on playing tennis. They won some big matches this weekend and fought off a good Bloomfield Hills team to become state champs. It was a great ending to this season. A lot of hard work went into this.”

The Blue Devils had two flight champions. Moira Hix won the No. 4 singles flight, earning 6-0, 6-0, 6-1, 6-0, 6-0, 2-6, 6-2 wins before meeting

Midland Dow’s Claire Earley in the finals. It wasn’t close as Hix won 6-2, 6-2 to earn the title.

Anna Dietz and Claire Beardslee also won the No. 2 doubles title, beating Northville 5-7, 7-5, 6-3 in the finals.

One key to the state championship was earning a perfect 24 points after the first day of competition as all eight flights made the semifinals.

“One of our goals was

getting to the semis because that was 24 huge points for us,” Sobieralski said. “We knew it was close with Bloomfield Hills, so we had to win as many head-to-head battles as possible.”

Kaitlin Ifkovits and Mairin Heimbuch beat Bloomfield Hills 6-2, 7-5 in the semifinals at No. 3 doubles.

That point was the difference in earning an outright title instead of

sharing it with Bloomfield Hills with each getting 29 points. Ifkovits and Heimbuch lost to Northville 6-4, 4-6, 6-1 in the title match.

Lily Jones also made the finals at No. 1 singles, but lost 5-7, 6-0, 6-0 to No. 1 seed Kari Miller of Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Laurel Sullivan lost 1-6, 6-2, 6-1 to Dow’s Savannah Matuszewski in the semifinals at No. 2 singles, and Gigi Bonnell dropped a 6-3, 1-6, 6-4

semifinal match to Bloomfield Hills’s Jenna Silverman at No. 3 singles.

Kate Beardslee and Maddie Hurley lost 6-4, 2-6, 6-0 to Northville in the No. 1 doubles semifinals, while Alex Walz and Meghan Wysocki also made the semifinals at No. 4 doubles, losing 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 to Troy.

For Sobieralski, it was his fourth state title with South. He also won it in 2008, 2012 and 2014.

Baseball

South, ULS win district titles

Blue Devils stun Norsemen

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Matt Fabry stunned the overflow crowd with a suicide squeeze bunt on an 0-2 pitch, scoring Weston Brundage with the winning run as Grosse Pointe South’s baseball team upset host Grosse Pointe North 11-10 in nine innings in a Division 1 district semifinal game last weekend.

“I saw Matt was late on his first two swings, so I decided to try the squeeze play,” South head coach Dan Griesbaum said. “We did the same thing in the 2001 state title game, and it worked again today. The play was perfectly executed.”

It was a wild game with the Norsemen jumping out to a 4-0 first-inning lead, and then the Blue Devils scoring one in their half of the first, two in the third, four in the fourth and three in the fifth to take a 10-5 lead.

The Norsemen stormed back and added two runs in the sixth and tied it in the seventh on a solo homer by Dom VanDoorne, three walks, a single by Joey Rheaume and a wild pitch.

In extra innings, each team left runners in scoring position as Brundage for the Blue Devils and Jack Kensora for the Norsemen made key pitches to get big outs.

In the top of the ninth,



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Grosse Pointe South’s Weston Brundage slides past Grosse Pointe North catcher Dom VanDoorne with the winning run during the Blue Devils’ district semifinal win over the Norsemen.

the Norsemen had runners on first and second with one out, but they were caught stealing third base for out No. 2 and a strikeout ended the frame with the game tied 10-10.

The Blue Devils’ first hitter in the bottom of the ninth flew out, but Brundage singled and Devin Slaughter followed with a single. Cam Mallegg walked to load the bases.

With fans on the edge of their seats, Fabry swung and missed on Kensora’s first two fastballs. With the count 0-2, Griesbaum gave Fabry his sign and the bunt dribbled down the third base line.

With Brundage at a full

sprint, Kensora didn’t have time to throw home. Brundage scored the winning run, setting off a Blue Devils celebration.

“This win was for Frank (Sumner),” South assistant coach John Hackett said.

“I told our kids they had to start hitting the ball, and I knew they could rally,” North head coach David Martin said. “However, they had last at-bats, which was in their favor.”

The rival game featured 23 hits, 19 walks, two home runs and a couple of run-saving catches.

For the Blue Devils,

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Knights blast Mariners

By Anna Post
Special Writer

The University Liggett School boys baseball team merced New Haven in an impressive 11-1 shutout last weekend, and beat Marine City 11-4 Monday afternoon to capture a Division 3 district championship.

In the district semifinals, the Knights’ defensive performance remained hot.

Senior Logan King pitched an outstanding five innings, allowing only one run. Senior Billy Kopicki battled at the plate, as did junior Drew Zelenak, who ended the game with a run-scoring base hit to put the Knights up by 10 — thus putting the mercy rule into effect.

Even when the lingering unpredictability of poor weather put the district final to a halt, head coach Dan Cimini and the ULS Knights were determined to maintain the momentum.

“I’ll tell you right now,” Cimini said. “It was the hardest thing in the world sitting around for two days to think about



Senior Billy Kopicki throws out a batter during the semifinal win over New Haven.

this game and wait.”

The Knights struggled in the first two innings, but soon bounced back as the momentum shifted at the top of the fifth, thanks to King’s impressive two-run home run.

Throughout the rest of the game, the Knights held their own. Senior Alec Azar and Kopicki dominated the mound, letting in only two runs collectively.

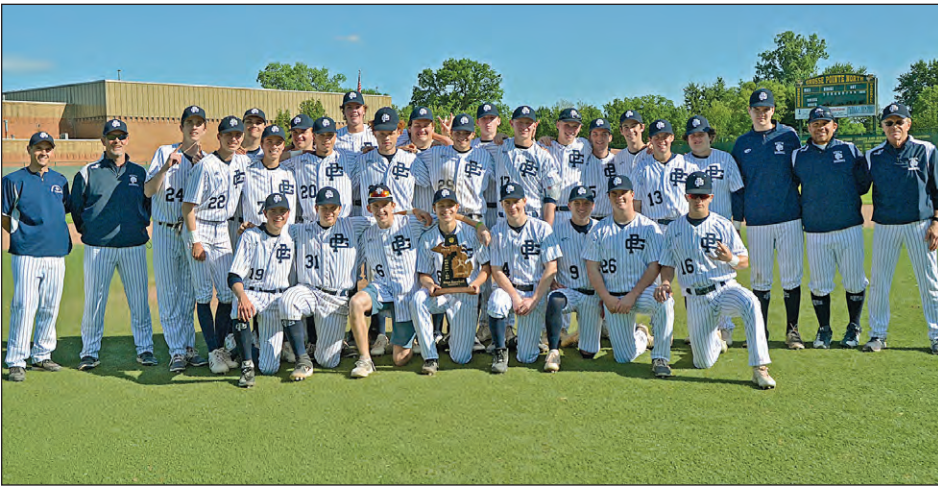
Other outstanding defensive performances came from seniors Kellen Banaszewski and Mickey Walkowiak who

were solid at the plate.

The intense anticipation to play ball was contagious throughout the Knights’ dugout, and according to Cimini, such determination was the driving force that led the baseball team to the Division 3 District title.

“I can’t be any more proud of the way these boys came out and played,” Cimini said. “They all have hearts of gold and they played their best game when they needed it the most.”

ULS improved to 18-10 overall.



Grosse Pointe South players and coaches celebrate after beating Grosse Pointe North in extra innings.



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

University Liggett School players and coaches celebrate after beating Marine City in a Division 3 district title game.

Softball

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT

North beats rival South; ULS falls

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South softball teams squared off in a Division 1 district semifinal last weekend, expecting another close game that came down to the final inning with the outcome in doubt. That wasn't the case as the host Norsemen jumped out to a 3-0 first-inning lead and cruised to a 13-3 win in a mercy shortened five innings. "Our girls played two very good games," North head coach Ron Smith said. "They have worked hard and are believing in

themselves. They are a very special group of young ladies. "Anytime we play South it's a tough, but fun, game, as sister schools should be. This year we were fortunate to come out on top." The Norsemen added six more runs in the second inning, four of which came when Katelyn Gloster hit a grand slam. Gloster finished the game 4 for 4 with a home run, double, two runs scored and six RBIs. The Blue Devils' potent offense was held to five hits by Sydney Brumme and Grace Haynes, who pitched in relief. Brumme



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe North's Kayla Kettler throws the ball back to her pitcher as Grosse Pointe South's Margaret Kramer slides back safely during a district semifinal game.

was the winning pitcher. Kendall Volpe, Margaret Kramer, Katie Drew and Shannon Dame had singles, while Julia O'Halla had a two-run double in the fifth inning. For the Blue Devils, Adriana Agosta started and suffered the loss. She was relieved by Caroline Gallagher. The Norsemen scored in four of the five innings, and ended the game when Rachel Liagre hit a two-run double in the bottom of the fifth. Liagre finished with two hits, one run scored and two RBIs. Evelyn Zacharias had a hit, two walks and three runs scored, and Samantha Bastien also had a hit, two walks and three runs scored. Dylan Cardinale had a hit, a walk and two RBIs, and others with hits were Natalie Wietecha, Erin Kane and Miraina Smith. Hannah Davis scored

three runs. Kayla Kettler walked once and drove in a run with a ground out, and Brenna Marsin was solid in the field. North went on to win the district championship with a three-inning 15-0 victory over Eastpointe East Detroit. Cardinale had a two-run double, and every starter scored at least one run. The Norsemen stole 13 bases, and benefitted from eight walks and two hit batters to score 15 runs. Haynes earned the win as North improved to 14-13 overall. Grosse Pointe South finished its season 12-18-1.

Liggett results
University Liggett School lost 12-0 to Marine City in the semifinals of its Division 3 district semifinal. The Knights ended the season 10-12 overall. Head coach Pam Savich and her Knights couldn't get their offense going against the Mariners. Marine City won the district title.

Tennis

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Zampardo runner-up

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Melanie Zampardo made the finals of the No. 1 singles flight to help the University Liggett School girls tennis team earn six points in last weekend's Division 4 state championship tournament at Kalamazoo College. Zampardo won her first three matches 6-3, 6-4; 6-0, 6-1; and 6-4, 7-5 before falling 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 to Moorea McNalley of Clarkston Everest Collegiate in the finals. ULS finished tied for 13th with six points. Academy of the Sacred Heart won the state title with 31 points.

Meena Pandraghi won her first match 6-0, 6-2, but was eliminated by Sacred Heart's Sofia Edley in the second round. The Knights' other singles players, Olivia Valente and Kaitlin Fox, lost their first-round matches. The four doubles teams — Siobhan Haggerty and Izzy Vidal, Angelina Polizzi and Bella Meredith, Lizzie Lukas and Leah Coleman and Logan Merriweather and Darshana Subramaniam — lost first-round matches. Head coach Cathy Hackenberger and her Knights have nearly everyone returning.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen net 2 points at finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach John Van Alst knows the trip to the Division 2 state finals was a learning experience for his youthful Grosse Pointe North girls tennis team. The Norsemen earned two points and finished

18th last weekend. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern won the state title with 31 points. Ana Todesco won her first match 7-5, 6-3 at No. 1 singles, but lost 6-2, 6-0 to East Grand Rapids's Sloane Teske in the second round. The Norsemen's other point was earned by the No. 4 doubles team of Meredith Olzem and Tasha Burr, 6-2, 0-6, 6-2, but was eliminated by Forest Hills Northern 6-1, 6-2. Evelyn Stahl, Silje Jensen and Mia Eugenio played singles matches and lost in straight sets in their opening matches. At doubles, Rachel Stone and Claire Williams, Evelyn Riley and Julia Riley and Maeghan Daher and Jamie Delas, also lost their first matches. Van Alst's squad is coming off a Macomb Area Conference White Division title, and it's best winning percentage in a decade.

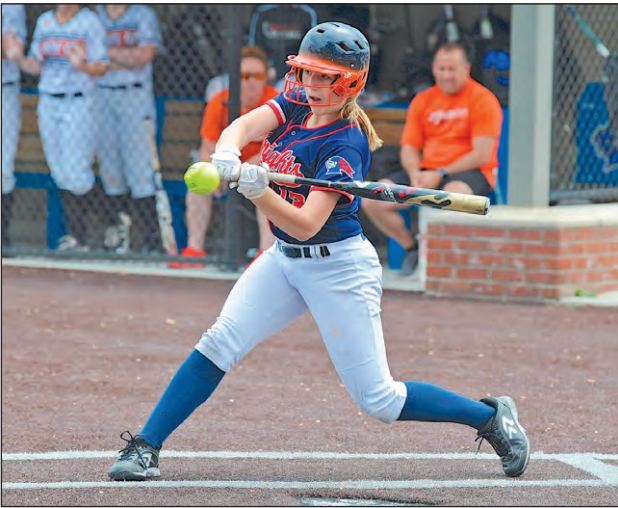


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University Liggett School's Maddie McKee swings at a pitch during the semifinal game against Marine City.



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Track & field

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL



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State finalists

The University Liggett School Division 3 track and field state finalists were, from left, Madison Baltimore, Errol Service, Emilia Bronk, Ashton Pongratz and Margaret Hartigan. They competed last weekend at Jenison High School. For the boys, Pongratz was 21st in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:10.92, and Service took 23rd in the long jump with a mark of 18 feet, ½ inch. On the girls’ side, Baltimore was 21st in the shot put and 27th in discus with throws of 32 feet, 10 1/2 inches, and 88 feet, 2 inches. Hartigan placed 23rd in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:48.36, and Bronk made the 3,200-meter run, but did not compete.

Soccer

NORTH & LIGGETT

ULS, North fall in finals

The University Liggett School girls soccer team advanced to a district championship game after cruising past visiting Southfield Christian 7-0 in a semifinal last week. Goal scorers were Mary Weiermiller, Ava Said, Izzy Brusilow,

four, and Victoria Ortiz. In the district finals, ULS lost 3-0 to Royal Oak Shrine to end the season 8-11 overall. North results Grosse Pointe North’s girls soccer team ended its season with a 2-1 loss to Dearborn in a

Division 1 district championship game last week. Dearborn put the defensive clamps on the Norsemen’s top scorers. The Norsemen beat Dearborn Fordson 8-0 in the semifinals, and finished the season 7-11-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen compete

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls and boys track and field teams had several competitors in last weekend’s Division 1 state finals meet at East Kentwood. For the girls, Tiara Cherry was 26th in the discus and 31st in the shot put with throws of 89 feet, 8 inches, and 31 feet, 2 ¾ inches, and Cate Gagnier tied for ninth in pole vault, clearing 10 feet, 3 inches. Laila Logan and Zoe Madden were in the high jump, didn’t record a

mark, but Madden came back to take 10th in the long jump at 17 feet, ¾ inches. The Norsemen’s 3,200-meter relay team of Vivian Liagre, Sarah Seagram, Elise Nyquist and Jackie Albo placed 24th with a time of 10:16.09, and Sara Michalik was 26th in the 3,200-meter run at 12:12.94. They also ran in the 1,600-meter relay with Kiyah Forest, Michaela Cosgrove, Annaliese Thomas and Gia Derrick taking 21st with a time of 4:12.21. For the boys, Ka’Ronn

Henderson was 20th in the high jump with a mark of 6 feet, and Zac Ozormoor was in both hurdle events, taking 14th in the 110 and 11th in the 300 with times of 15.38 and 40.00. In the 3,200-meter run, William Hofmann and Preston Navarre ran times of 9:35.62 and 10:06.87 to finish 16th and 29th, while in the 1,600-meter run Kuvin Satyadev and Navarre had times of 4:20.02 and 4:24.67 to finish 10th and 21st. Eric Cueter competed in pole vault, but did not earn a mark.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Relay is All-State

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South’s boys track and field team earned five points in last weekend’s Division state finals meet at East Kentwood High School. The 800-meter relay team was fourth and earned All-State as Owen Bollaert, Chase Tomlin, A.J. Benson and Grant Hart posted a school-record time of 1:28.83. The 3,200-meter relay team of Charlie Rulison, Ben Gabrion, Blake Weaver and Bashar Abouljoud had a school-record time of 7:58.31 to

take 13th, and the 400-meter relay squad of Bollaert, Aaron Dyas, Benson and Hart had a time of 43.27 to get 12th. The 1,600-meter relay foursome of Weaver, Gabrion, Tomlin and Abouljoud ran 3:33.35 to finish 24th. Terrance Lane finishing 12th in the discus with a throw of 143 feet, 3 inches, and Hart was 20th in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.34. Tomlin finished 22nd in the 400-meter run with a time of 51.61, and in the 800-meter run it was Abouljoud and Weaver placing 12th and

25th with times of 1:57.43 and 2:05.48. For the girls, Anna Majni tied for ninth in the pole vault with a school-record mark of 10 feet, 3 inches, and in the 1,600-meter run Devon Krasner and Sarah Bellovich finished 21st and 23rd with times of 5:21.31 and 6:03.22. Sarah Rabaut, Sabel Imesch, Bellovich and Krasner ran 10:28.73 to finish 26th in the 3,200-meter relay, and Zoe Wagstaff, Lauren Kanan, Izzy Bellovich and Helen Dodge ran a time of 1:47.83 to finish 25th in the 800-meter relay.

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Ascension St. John

RIVALS:

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Brundage had three hits, three runs scored, one walk and one RBI, while Slaughter had three hits, one run scored and two RBIs.

Conor McKenna had two hits, two runs scored and one RBI, and Will Leonard had two hits, two runs scored and one walk.

Drew Maccagnone had a hit and two runs scored, while Mallegg had one hit, four walks and three RBIs. Fabry had one hit and two RBIs.

For the Norsemen, Matt Mazzola had two hits, two runs scored, one stolen base and one walk, while Joey Tedesco

had two hits, two runs scored, one hit by pitch and two walks.

Jackson Hall also had two hits and two RBIs. Chad Lorkowski had a two-run homer in the first inning.

On the mound for the Norsemen, Kensora took the loss, pitching five innings in relief. He threw the ball well and several pitches looked to be strikes, but were called balls by the home plate umpire.

“It was the worst officiated game I’ve ever seen,” Martin said.

Nic Good started and went three innings, while Lorkowski pitched to several hitters in the middle innings before being replaced by Kensora.

For the Blue Devils,

Brundage was the winning pitcher, while Nick Raicevich and McKenna pitched innings two through seven.

Grosse Pointe North finished the season 24-6-1 overall and shared the Macomb Area Conference title with St. Clair. A forfeit win against L’Anse Creuse was reversed, said a Michigan High School Athletic Association official, which moved the Norsemen’s league record from 12-3 to 11-4.

South was scheduled to play Eastpointe East Detroit later in the afternoon, but severe storms pushed back the district final to Monday.

The Shamrocks and Blue Devils met Monday afternoon, and the game was over after three innings with South winning the district with an 18-0 victory.

Cody Shook, Thomas Hutchison and Jacob Kempa each pitched one inning and each struck out the three hitters they faced.

Thomas Mellos had three hits, while Leonard, Maccagnone, Slaughter and Brady McCarron each had two hits.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 17-23 overall.

There is a new playoff format this season.

Instead of playing both regional games Saturday, June 8, a pre-regional game was played June 5, followed by the regional final June 8.

In addition, what used to be the quarterfinals is now a super regional played at the same site as one of the regional finals.

The winners from the pre-regional game meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 8, at 10 a.m.

If the Blue Devils can win the pre-regional and regional contests, they would compete in the super regional at 2 p.m. June 8, against the regional consisting of Macomb Dakota, Warren De La Salle, Anchor Bay and St. Clair Shores Lakeview.

The Division 1 Final Four is set for Thursday, June 13, and Saturday, June 15, at Michigan State University.

Grosse Pointe South is the defending Division 1 state champion.

Golf

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

South gets finals; North nabs 10th

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South finished second in last week’s Division 1 regional tournament at The Orchards golf course and Grosse Pointe North placed 10th.

The top three teams advanced to the state finals.

Warren De La Salle won the regional title with 303, followed by South at 306 and Birmingham Brother Rice at 312. U-D Jesuit was a close fourth, shooting 317.

The Norsemen shot 366, finishing behind Livonia Stevenson, Birmingham Groves, Berkley, Birmingham Seaholm and Livonia Churchill.

For head coach Rob McIntyre and his Blue Devils, senior Coalter Smith was the medalist, posting 2-under par 70, and junior Tommy Sullivan finished sixth with 76.

Junior Chris Scupholm was 12th with 79, while junior Charlie Schuetze was 20th with 81 and freshman Alex Blyth was 27th with 83.

For the Norsemen under head coaches Jim Hansinger Sr. and Jim Hansinger Jr., junior Shane Campbell and freshman Niko Karoutsas each shot 91, followed by juniors Rob Wesley and Joey Lucido who shot 92. Junior Jonathon Smith posted 94 in his regional tournament.

Eleven golfers broke 80 in the tournament.

Next is the Division 1 state finals tournament Friday and Saturday, June 7-8, at The Fortress golf course in Frankenmuth.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights make finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys golf team is headed to the state finals after finishing second in last week’s regional tournament.

The top three teams from the Division 4 regional played at the Fountains Golf Course made the finals, and the top three finishers from non-qualifying teams also made the cut.

Clarkston Everest Collegiate won the title with 314, followed by ULS with 321 and Allen

Park Cabrini at 363.

Other teams competing were Taylor Trillium, Whitmore Lake, Parkway Christian, Huron Valley Lutheran, Southfield Christian, Bishop Foley, Plymouth Christian, Oakland Christian, Charyl Stockwell Prep, Austin Catholic, Shrine, Roeper, Lutheran Northwest, Frankel Jewish Academy, Inter-City Baptist and Livingston Christian.

For head coach Dan Sullivan and his Knights, junior Colin Degnore was runner-up, firing 76. Everest Collegiate senior

Mitch Lowney won medalist honors with 72.

Freshman Jack Estes shot 79 to help the Knights take second. Other players for the Knights were senior Spencer Lukas, who shot 80; sophomore Tommy Gebeck, who shot 86; and freshman Bennett French, who shot 89.

Degnore, Estes and Lukas finished in the top 10, while Gebeck and French made the top 20.

Next is the Division 4 state finals Friday and Saturday, June 7-8, at The Meadows at Grand Valley State University.

Lacrosse

NORTH BOYS, LIGGETT GIRLS

North, ULS ousted

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North’s boys lacrosse team was up against No. 1 seed Warren De La Salle in last week’s Division 2 regional championship game at Warren Cousino.

The Norsemen gave it the old college try, but lost 9-5 to end their season 5-14 overall.

“It was a good game. We played hard,” head coach Mark Seppala said.

Junior Connor Obermok led the Norsemen with two goals, while junior Will Weiss and freshmen Mitchell Mills and Jason Michalski scored one goal apiece.

Senior Chris Lorelli and sophomore C.J. Buchta each had one assist.

Seppala loses Connor Albrecht, Frankie Bush, Christian Eckerman, Ben Hartley, Tommy Hartzell, Lorelli, Kyle Losinski, Gianni Moro, Elias Ropotos and

William Sottrel to graduation.

Liggett results

The University Liggett School girls lacrosse team advanced to its first regional title in more than a decade last week, beating Rochester Hills Stoney Creek 13-10 at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

Head coach Jennifer Larson has had her players ready for this moment since practice began in early March.

Senior Emma Wujek and junior Maggie Dunn led the balanced scoring attack with four goals apiece.

Senior Elise Buhl and sophomore Delaney Garvey had two goals apiece, while senior Abby Doppke had one goal.

Garvey also chipped in with four assists.

Senior goalie Allie Quint had 10 saves as the Knights secured the regional semifinal victory.

In the regional championship game against Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, the Knights lost 23-7 and finished the season 13-3 overall.

Larson loses Quint, Mimi Wujek, Emma Wujek, Lucy Barnowske, Doppke, Alyssa Hamilton, Mila Filipof and Buhl to graduation.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Harper Woods, Michigan Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room at Harper Woods City Hall, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following proposed Special Land Use pursuant to **Section 10-643 of the Harper Woods, Michigan Zoning Ordinance:**

1. Proposed revision to a site plan for an existing drive-through restaurant at 20726 Harper Avenue, which requires new consideration of a special land use application in the C-1, General Business zoning district.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Planning Commission c/o Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk, City of Harper Woods, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225.

LESLIE M. FRANK
City Clerk
Published: June 6, 2019

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WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
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A pre-Bid Proposal meeting will be held on June 6, 2019 at 4:00 p.m., at the rear loading dock entrance of Parcels Middle School located at 20600 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236. The loading dock entrance is located in the middle of the building off of the rear parking lot.

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School District of the City of Harper Woods
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
ON PROPOSED
2019-2020 TAX CERTIFICATION AND BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 6:45p.m. in the Community Room at the Harper Woods Secondary Campus, 19851 Anita St., Harper Woods, Michigan, the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Harper Woods will hold a public hearing to consider the district’s proposed property tax millage rates and the proposed 2019/2020 Budget, respectively.

The Board of Education may not adopt its proposed 2019/2020 budget until after the public hearing. Copies of the proposed property tax millage rate and the proposed 2019/2020 budget are available for public inspection during normal business hours at 19851 Anita St., Harper Woods, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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23'	Chaparral.....	R. Millsap
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