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Grosse Pointe South High School's Class of 2019 waits for commencement exercises to begin June 5.

Congratulations, 2019 graduates!



Student Association President Max Driscoll addresses the Class of 2019 and guests during Grosse Pointe North High School's commencement June 6. For more graduation photos, see pages 10-12A.



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Traditional bagpipe music leads soon-to-be graduates into University Liggett School's 141st commencement exercises June 9. Pictured are Elise Buhl and Davidson Cheng.

Vote delayed

The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education delayed its vote on proposed grade reconfiguration and elementary school closures until its regular meeting Monday, June 24, allowing time for the Michigan Department of Civil Rights to compile and present its report based on listening sessions conducted May 29 and June 4.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. Public comments are invited before agenda action items or contact the school board at schoolboard@gpschools.org. See related story on page 8A.

Recall effort hits home

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Threats of a school board recall became reality when the first step in the process — submitting recall language for approval — was completed.

Three members of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education — Secretary Kathleen Abke, Treasurer Judy Gafa and Trustee Christopher Profeta — received recall notices from the Wayne County Election

Commission dated June 7.

The next step is a Wayne County Election Commission hearing at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center Wednesday, June 26, to determine whether reasons for the recall are clear and factual, according to Michigan Secretary of State protocol.

The petition language reads, “On June 11, 2018, the Board unanimously passed a resolution directing GPPSS officials to propose a plan to address declin-

ing student population and reconfigure schools. A Board meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2019, at which time the Board will consider approving a plan proposed by GPPSS officials to close schools. According to an April 11, 2019, article by the Detroit News, the Board President stated the Board is only considering plans that close schools.”

The recall petition, submitted June 6, coincided with the appearance of a Save Our

Grosse Pointe Schools website, Facebook and Twitter pages urging followers to “join the fight” to “stop the Grosse Pointe school board.” The website domain was created June 4 and the Facebook page June 6.

A cached version of the website, captured in a Google index, links the website with the recall effort, outlining a plan under the headline, “The recall effort begins.”

“This recall effort will first focus on Judy Gafa, Kathleen Abke and Christopher Profeta. Another drive will occur in

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Celebration highlights new park features

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The City Parks and Recreation Department will host a Kick Off to Summer event at Neff Park at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 15.

The event, featuring free Wally's Frozen Custard, is open to City residents with a valid park pass. The City of Grosse Pointe Foundation president, past commodore of the Grosse Pointe Boat Club and Mayor Christopher Boettcher will be in attendance.

While not an annual event, it was created specifically to encapsulate two ceremonies celebrating recent additions to the park.

“We have several projects significant to the park with involvement of multiple parties and we kind of piggybacked them one with the other because there was a common player,” Director of Parks and Recreation Christopher Hardenbrook said. “The Grosse Pointe Foundation had a hand in both of the projects that are new to this season.”

The first is a plaque dedication by the foundation and the boat club for the marina binoculars that were installed in fall 2018.

“The quality of the binoculars are quite surprising actually,” Hardenbrook said. “As freighters pass, you can go out and view close up

to the freighters or any other boats.”

Bird watching is another popular hobby to which the binoculars have added.

“We quite often see bald eagles fly over,” Hardenbrook said. “Even during the winter months you can look out onto the ice, because for most the winter the channel remains open. ... With the binoculars you can see the edge of the ice and the channel. A lot of the time that's where the bald eagles and other scavengers will be.”

The second part of the event will be the official ribbon cutting of the baby pool.

While a couple years ago the pool received a new surface, this year it received all new play fea-

tures made possible by the parks and rec department with contributions from the foundation.

“If you count the new surface, it's been two years in the making,” Hardenbrook said. “So for the baby pool and the play features finally coming to fruition, and being officially unveiled to city residents, that's kind of cool to see this project come to a conclusion.”

Features of the baby pool that were replaced include the starburst center feature that involves tulip, sheet curtain and downspout fountains, a couple lemon drops that are directional sprayers and water cannons, which have upgrades.

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Park officer commended

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department Lt. James Bostock joins an advanced class in law enforcement professionalism after graduating from a program initiated by the Center for Public Safety at Northwestern University in Chicago.

Bostock graduated from the university's School of Police Staff and Command May 24, after completing a 10-week course in leadership, human resources, civil liability, finance and other subjects.

Public Safety Director Stephen T. Poloni presented Bostock with a graduation plaque at the

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Tresa Deal-Galloway

Home: City of Grosse Pointe
Developed anti-bullying initiative locally which is now going nationwide



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Farms amends budget, sewer rehabilitation

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — During its meeting Monday, June 10, council approved budget amendments, reallocation of the 2019-20 Sewer Rehabilitation Program and further specification on the road resurfacing project.

A \$208,700 increase in budgeted expenditures in the general fund was caused from a variety of factors such as a higher level of insurance costs, additional public safety overtime costs and harbor costs from high water levels.

“Generally speaking, when we ask for budget amendments, we ask for increases in departments we feel may go over the original budget,” City Controller and Treasurer Debra Peck said. “We only decrease the budget if we have a substantial basis for adjust-

ing that, simply because we don’t want to be caught in limbo where we may be a few dollars short in a department.”

Other governmental funds adjusted included \$370,980 to the major street fund, \$295,700 to the local street fund, \$20,000 to the insurance retention fund and \$202,920 to the capital projects fund. Such capital projects include Kerby Field improvements and city hall window replacement.

Additionally, after HRC Engineering consultants evaluated the sewer systems within the city, 12 were deemed in the worst condition. Council voted to spend \$168,770.50 on the repairs, which will come out of the capital projects fund.

These sewers are under Charlevoix, Stephens, Lothrop, Ridge and Vendome Court.

Also out of the capital projects

fund, a total of \$747,477 was allocated to Nagle Paving Co. to address the resurfacing of several roads which were rated poorly on the PASER, a system of evaluating road conditions.

The roads now scheduled for rehabilitation are Charlevoix from Moran to Vendome Court and Beaufre from Moran to Kerby.

The Farms also had applied for a state funding transportation grant toward the repaving of Fisher, but was informed last week it did not receive the funding.

“There was only one community in all of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties that got any of those dollars,” City Manager Shane Reeside said. “We’ll have another application in for next year.”

The Farms City Council will next meet Monday, July 8.

Park Market returns to Kercheval

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — One of Grosse Pointe Park’s most anticipated summer traditions returns to the corner of Kercheval and Wayburn Saturday, June 15.

The outdoor Park Market, also known as the farmers market, will welcome residents and visitors to the first of four Saturdays featuring shopping, family activities and entertainment.

From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the market, sponsored by the city, will open for its 16th year, showcasing vendors of food, crafts and gift items.

“I think it’s a good thing for the community and for everybody to come down and shop for their groceries, locally,” said Corin Vance, manager of the market.

Opening day of the event is themed “The Arts of Wellness,” presented by Beaumont Health and Healthy Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, an advocacy and disease prevention program. Beaumont Hospital medical staff will be present to share information and answer questions.

Doctors from

Beaumont will perform “dance medicine” in the style of “Bollywood” or Hindi cinema from 10 to 10:30 a.m. There also will be exercises led by Grosse Pointe Park’s own Bikram Yoga from noon to 12:30 p.m. Live singers, comedy and a performance by the Grosse Pointe Theatre all will be part of the programs.

Some of the many vendor booths awaiting customers include Martin Family Organic Farm, Joe the Green Grocer, Thirty-one Gifts, Detroit Abloom floral and Love Life Detroit vegan meals.

An average of 20 vendors and about 200 customers and visitors per event have frequented Park Market in the past, Vance said.

Held rain or shine every third Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the market will expand its attractions to include a petting zoo, bounce house, pony rides and other fun at the last three outings of 2019.

“Because it’s only one Saturday a month, we don’t have to spread out the special things we’re doing,” Vance said. “We’re going to put it all together this time and, hopefully, make it bigger and better.”

Foundation breaks ground at miniature golf site

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation celebrated a groundbreaking Monday, June 3, at Lake Front Park, the site of a planned nine-hole, miniature golf course.

Joining foundation President Lisa Fuller and other volunteers were Grosse Pointe Woods city officials, signature sponsor members of the Zmyslowski family, sponsors Peter and Lisa Ahee and other community leaders.

The course will be installed Monday, June 24, by Amusement Construction, based in Chattanooga, Tenn., and is expected to open to the public later this summer. The foundation will “gift” the course to the city, letting Grosse Pointe Woods officials determine if there will be an admission fee, Fuller said.

The concept was first approved in October 2015.



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Pictured from left are Jeff Bloom, Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation board member; Benjamin Bloom; Mayor Pro Tem Art Bryant; Nicole Gerhart, Woods supervisor of parks and recreation; Lee Ann Zmyslowski; Kevin Zmyslowski; Lisa Fuller, foundation president; Councilman Rich Shetler; Peter Ahee, foundation vice president; Mark Fossee; Dave Schumacher, foundation board member and Jim Jenkins, foundation board member.

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January when Brian Summerfield, Margaret Weertz and Christopher Lee have completed the first year of their term, as per the rules of a recall effort.”

(A recall petition may not be submitted during the first or last six months of an officeholder’s term.)

“Once a majority is reached the first order of business will be to hire a new Superintendent and Deputy Superintendents that understand the needs of our community and that listen to the parents and residents of Grosse Pointe. Dr. Gary Niehaus and Dr. Jon Dean have clearly shown that they and their administration are not the ones to lead our school system into the future.”

While these paragraphs disappeared from the site between June 8 and 10, they were present when the site was widely shared on social media, including on Grosse Pointe Park City Councilwoman Barb Detwiler’s city council Facebook page June 6.

The site also was shared on Residents for Responsible Spending and GPPSS Community Discussion, a closed Facebook page created for residents to discuss proposed plans to reconfigure the school district.

Genevieve Tusa of Tusa Law, PLC, is the attorney of record on the recall petition. Tusa did not respond to multiple calls or an email request to disclose the individual or committee behind the effort. While the Facebook page is identified as a political page, no public reporting documents are posted to date on the Wayne County

Campaign Finance website.

“I’m going to continue to do what I think is the right thing,” said Gafa regarding the recall effort. “I’m not going to shy away from doing what is in the best interests of the district. The easiest thing in the world for me to do ... (is) nothing. But that’s not right. It’s not right for the students of this district. I’m going to continue to show up here on Monday night as long as I have the seat and do what’s best for the kids.”

Profeta said as “a process person,” he is more comfortable with a recall process than some of the fighting he has seen on Facebook.

“I understand that other people have different ideas, but I feel like I’m trying to listen to all sides and then I’ve got to put it all together and do what I think is right,” said Profeta. “I’m not so influenced by the recall effort in terms of how I would vote. It certainly is people’s right to do and I’m comfortable with that.

“Ultimately, I would prefer for us all to be able to sit down and work out our differences together,” he added. “I respect, however, if people don’t feel that is possible. But I still have hope that it is.”

“District reconfiguration discussions have been excruciating for everyone,” said Abke. “When I first heard about a possible recall effort, I thought it was coming from people trying to influence our decision. I absolutely understand — people are distraught. No one wants their neighborhood school to close. It’s become increasingly clear, however, that this recall effort is a political move designed to take advantage of the tension

and discord in our community. That’s extremely concerning.

“Regardless of how it progresses, I was elected to serve on the Board of Education,” Abke continued. “I’ve been doing the job for three years now — with honesty, integrity and transparency. I will continue to do the job I was elected to do: ensure our district provides a top-notch education for all kids. That’s my focus and it will continue to be my focus.”

While public comments during the regular meeting of the board June 10 focused on grade reconfiguration and school closings, several residents addressed the recall.

“I don’t think you are truly listening to all those concerned parents ... and homeowners who voted you into office,” said Judy

Brownscombe of the City of Grosse Pointe. “Are you listening? If you are not, there are plenty of angry and devoted citizens out there who are ready to take action.”

“I’m very much against the recall effort,” said Dr. Christopher D’Angelo of Grosse Pointe Park. “We need to come up with a solution together. We do not need to expose our community to the uncertainty of a recall. At this point, I can say that the people on the stage are the most rooted in this process. Just show me that if you’re going to close my school or anybody else’s school to reconfigure that the savings will be worth it to be able to invest in the staff and the kids.

“The alternative of essentially wiping the slate clean with a recall is not progress,” he added.

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- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 17147 Maumee.

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- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 795 Lakeshore.

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Bullying awareness champion takes message to Alaska

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

The perils of bullying have changed since Tresa Deal-Galloway was a student in Grosse Pointe. Like most youth growing up during the 1970s and 1980s, she observed a form of the intimidation, long common among children and teens, that didn't seem so omnipresent and relentless as today.

"Back when we were growing up it was more visible to the teachers and adults," she said. "At the end of the school day you went home and it was over with. Now, with social media, it's 24/7. So he couldn't walk away from it."

The "he" whose struggle with bullying grabbed her attention was Deal-Galloway's son, Warren Galloway III. While helping him overcome a struggle with online harassment that began when he was in middle school and tormented him into high school years, she and Warren developed a campaign that supports countless others today. Through Deal-Galloway's Love Laces anti-bullying initiative, she and her son have begun speaking throughout the Pointes and participating in community efforts to eliminate harassment online and in schools. The pair will travel to Anchorage, Alaska, this summer to give a presentation to the school district and discuss how a burden on their family became a movement among local young people in just the past year.

"I was trying to give my son tools and strate-



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDRE SMITH

Tresa Galloway.

gies for dealing with the bullying without my having to intervene," Deal-Galloway said. "So I came up with Love Laces."

"When a person is sad they tend to look down, so they should see something to remind them of who they really are," she said.

Designed in different colors and etched with phrases like, "I am strong" and "I am loved," Love Laces light up in gym shoes. A student who suffers through bullying can feel encouraged by the written affirmations no matter where he or she might be, no matter what time of day, by simply looking toward the floor, Deal-Galloway said.

Launched in March 2018, Love Laces has

gained support from Grosse Pointe North High School, which partnered with the effort and co-sponsored an awareness walk last fall. The initiative also took Deal-Galloway into other local school districts before she received the invitation from Anchorage this year.

A professional event planner, Deal-Galloway's company, Exquisite Affairs by Tresa, has a track record of moving concepts forward into high-profile events. First formed in 2000 as Exquisite Affairs, the company was renamed to reflect Deal-Galloway's solo journey as a businesswoman after her partner relocated from Michigan. Since striking

out on her own, Deal-Galloway has helped organize memorable events throughout the metro area, including the 2016 renaming of Milwaukee Avenue in Detroit as Stevie Wonder Avenue, an effort conceived by Wonder's cousin, Sharon DuMas. Hundreds of guests and government officials joined the celebration, followed by a special reception where the Motown recording legend was a special guest.

Another of Deal-Galloway's connections to Detroit music history is her direction and curriculum development for an annual youth camp sponsored by the Motown Museum the past six years. Other programs she led include her tenure as Michigan representative of Organize for Action, the voter education and civic awareness initiative launched by former President Barack Obama during his second term.

Exquisite Affairs by Tresa annually hosts the "Sarah Rose Mother-Daughter Tea and Fashion Show," a fundraiser for Love Laces, at The War Memorial in Grosse Pointe Farms.

A resident of the Pointes community since she was a teenager, Deal-Galloway graduated from Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School. During her years as a young adult, she gained early event planning experience by hosting events at her mother's tea room in downtown Detroit.

Deal-Galloway relocated to Troy after getting married, followed by another move to

Virginia about 20 years ago. When she and her husband, Warren Galloway Jr., returned to Michigan, they settled in Oakland County. But the Pointes called her home again.

"When we had kids we really wanted to live in a place that was in a true community," Deal-Galloway said. "We moved to Southfield, but it didn't offer us the community life that was offered in Grosse Pointe. We could walk to the store, walk to the park. You didn't have to get into your car. That was the type of community I wanted to bring my kids into. It was close to the city and we could still have a piece of the city and have great schools."

A certified kindergarten teacher, Deal-Galloway became a student-teacher at Defer Elementary School, later directing the school's latchkey program before transitioning into the classroom. She remains a contract instructor with the district.

Learning about Warren III's conflict at school when it began about five years ago helped her understand how the nature of student harassment has changed to include even less-common targets like Warren — a tall athlete, not a social outcast or typical bullying victim. With help from Love Laces supporters and backing by administrators at Grosse Pointe North, from which Warren graduated this year, he eventually received an apology from the student who had led online bullying against him.

ing against him.

In Anchorage, Deal-Galloway and Warren III will help school officials develop a bullying awareness program and participate in a community walk. Deal-Galloway also plans to present a bullying awareness program for Wayne State University when it hosts a camp for middle school youth this summer.

She credits the support of Grosse Pointe educators, volunteers and neighbors for helping Love Laces and its anti-bullying message gain notice as far away as the northern end of the continent.

"I, as a teacher, as a parent and as a vested community member, appreciate that the Pointes are bringing in restorative programs," she said.

Grosse Pointe has given her and her family a platform to discuss an issue that has become a nationwide concern, with increased teen suicides and other tragedies resulting from it, she said.

"My goal with what I'm currently doing through Love Laces is to change the culture," Deal-Galloway added. "Bullying from school leads to bullying in the community and into the workplace. If we can catch it early enough, then we can minimize how much of it goes on in our lives as adults. So finding a strategy that works, that will open up the lines of communication between the students, teachers and parents to be more accountable and take action in a loving way, that's my goal."

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"The key question was, 'Why a miniature

golf course?'" Fuller said. "So we asked what we could do that was going to be an enjoyable leisure activity whether you're 3 years old, 13

years old, 50 years old or 90 years old. We wanted an outdoor, recreational activity that could be enjoyed by the widest possible range of ages and abilities."

The \$160,000 course will be designed according to Americans with Disabilities Act standards and will include a fence around its perimeter. Woods Beautification Commission member Rachelle Koester will decorate the course with perennials and Woods resident Colin Jambekar plans to build score-card stands for players as an Eagle Scout project.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Walk with care

Caution tape is up in multiple locations in the Shores along the Lakeshore seawall in the interest of public safety due to some of the ground being washed away. Public safety officials urged residents to beware of taped-off areas.

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Grosse Pointe Park

Larceny, larceny and more larceny

◆ A women's light blue cruiser-style bicycle was stolen between 5 p.m. Sunday, June 2, and about 4:30 p.m. Monday, June 3, in the 900 block of Beaconsfield. The bike was taken from an unlocked, attached garage.

◆ A women's Giant Suede II Cruiser was stolen from the front yard of a home in the 1100 block of Yorkshire around 4 p.m. Monday, June 3. The bike had been left unsecured.

◆ A swimsuit, gift cards, Shinola watch and GPS device were all stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 1100 block of Lakepointe between 8 p.m. Sunday, June 2, and 6:30 a.m. Monday, June 3.

◆ An HP laptop and Ray Ban sunglasses were stolen from a vehicle in the driveway of a home in the 1200 block of Balfour between 8 p.m. Saturday, June 1, and 6 p.m. Sunday, June, 2. The vehicle had been left unlocked.

◆ A catalytic convertor was stolen from a man's SUV between 8 and 9 a.m. Friday, June 7, at the intersection of Hampton and Wayburn. The owner of the vehicle had been

inside a nearby church while his vehicle was parked.

Destruction of property

The front window of a home in the 1400 block of Wayburn was broken when a glass ashtray was thrown into it around 3:15 p.m. Wednesday, June 5. No suspect was identified, but the vehicle driven by the person believed responsible was an older model gold Buick with a temporary tag.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.
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about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety, (313) 882-7400.

Grosse Pointe Farms
Hit and run

One vehicle struck another and fled down the north Kercheval alley at 2:02 p.m. Monday, June 3. Officers received reports of an erratic driver and found the vehicle parked in the valet parking lot of a nearby hospital. Checking the hospital security footage showed a man leaving the car and entering the building, but officers were unable to locate him. The next day, a 44-year-old Detroit man came to the station and identified himself as the driver, stating he hadn't realized he hit the car and that he is an employee of the hospital. He was issued a citation for leaving the scene of an accident.

Search & rescue

A 48-year-old Farms man capsize in a kayak in Lake St. Clair around 5 p.m. Monday, June 3. When officers arrived, he was floating beside it, waving and signaling for assistance. The man appeared to be floating consistently but due to the cold water, less than calm surface conditions and physical exhaustion, he was unable to reach safety by himself. An 18-year-old life-guard on duty at Pier Park rescued the man and brought him to the officers where MedStar also was waiting. The man was taken to Ascension St. John Hospital for further evaluation.

Postal patient

At 3:56 p.m. Tuesday, June 4, a woman called a doctor's office on Kercheval and was told she had been referred out of the practice and would need to find another physician for her appointments and prescriptions. The 54-year-old Woods woman became agitated and verbally abusive over the phone and was reported saying, "You don't want me to come down there and go postal." Office personnel were advised to contact the department if the suspect attempted to enter the office.

Elderly scam

An 81-year-old Farms woman on Allard received a call to her home phone at approximately 10 a.m. Monday, June 3, and assumed the voice was that of her neighbor's son. She believed he had been in a car accident and was currently in jail. He told her to speak with his lawyer to make arrangements for his legal expenses. She said the lawyer advised her to send \$9,200 in cash placed between two magazines via UPS Next Day Air to an address in Sebring, Fla. She was contacted again the next day and asked to send \$6,200 to fix the damages to the other person's vehicle. The man said she would be reimbursed by their insurance company. As of this report, officers are attempting to

stop the wire transfer that will not take effect until Tuesday, June 11. The package containing \$9,200 already was received.

Under the influence

Around 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 5, public safety received numerous calls about a blue SUV driving erratically eastbound along Ridge. After a traffic stop, the officer noticed a strong odor of intoxicants and observed that the 50-year-old Farms driver had glassy eyes and spoke with slurred and incoherent speech. While producing her license, she appeared disoriented and displayed distinct unfamiliarity with the interior of her own vehicle. She stated she had taken anti-seizure medication. After the standard field sobriety tests, she was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs and cited for impeding traffic and preliminary breath test refusal.

Identity crisis

An officer noticed a vehicle turn onto Bournemouth with a cracked windshield and a non-functioning right brake light at 9:39 a.m. Friday, June 7. It also was improperly plated. The 24-year-old Detroit woman verbally identified herself as one person before admitting she had lied. She was currently suspended 14 times with four prior additional suspensions and admitted the vehicle was not insured. Outstanding arrest warrants included a felony assault, driving while license suspended, no proof of insurance and plate violation. She was arrested for driving while license suspended.

Return to the scene

Officers responded to a trespassing complaint at a business in the 19000 block of Mack at 9:49 a.m. Saturday, June 8. The complainant said he told the 25-year-old Eastpointe man to stop asking customers for money. The man had been advised on trespassing and/or arrested at that location on four previous occasions. He was found walking nearby and appeared highly agitated and excitable, talking very fast and incomprehensibly. The officer found a pipe in his pocket and discovered he has two criminal bench warrants out of the Farms for previous drug offenses. He was issued a violation for trespassing and possession of narcotic paraphernalia.

Wedding crasher

At 1:34 p.m. Sunday, June 9, a homeowner on Winthrop Place reported the larceny of property from guests during a wedding for his daughter which was held at the home. He stated his son had approximately \$700 taken from his wallet in an upstairs bedroom. The daughter also had several wedding envelopes and packages containing unknown items and money taken from

another bedroom. The suspect is an unknown 18-year-old man.

Coloring outside the lines

An employee of a park in the Farms discovered graffiti at 1:45 p.m. Sunday, June 9. Several areas in the park were damaged due to spray paint or other forms of marking and defacing the sidewalk and dock areas with initials, names, swear words and genitalia. Park employees have painted over the graffiti.

Prescription pill

A 20-year-old Eastpointe man was pulled over for no verified insurance at Moross and Piche at 12:52 a.m. Monday, June 10. Both the driver and passenger opened their doors and attempted to walk away. The officer could smell marijuana coming from within the vehicle and the man admitted to smoking it in the vehicle earlier. He was then found to be in possession of a prescription pill and admitted to not having a prescription for it, but stated he did not know where he got it. The man also had more than \$850 in cash in his wallet, which he said he got out of the ATM but did not keep the receipt. He was arrested. — Laurel Kraus Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Formula for theft

An unknown man is being sought after he stole bottles of wine totaling \$151.56 from a store in the 20000 block of Mack around 9:50 a.m. Saturday, June 8. He entered the store carrying baby formula and repeatedly yelling, "I need to return this formula!" until an employee became frightened and called police. The man left the store and went into the parking lot, leaving the formula in a vehicle, returned to the store and took the wine without paying for it. Store employees couldn't identify the shoplifter.

Domestic violence

A 64-year-old woman was arrested around 2 p.m. Saturday, June 8, in the 2100 block of Fleetwood after she argued about a utility bill with a 70-year-old man at the home. The pair got into a conflict after discussing the amount of water used at the house in recent months. The woman struck the man in the face, but he was not seriously injured.

Dozing duo

A 35-year-old man was arrested for driving under the influence after he and his 34-year-old passenger were both discovered passed out in a vehicle at Holiday and Lochmoor around 6:15 a.m. Saturday, June 8. Police said the driver smelled of alcohol when the vehicle was approached. The vehicle

was impounded after the driver was determined to be impaired and couldn't tell an officer why he was parked at the location.

Urgent need for energy

Two unknown men were sought after they stole \$90 worth of Red Bull energy drinks from a store in the 20000 block of Mack around 9:31 a.m. Tuesday, June 4. The suspects were seen pushing the drinks in a shopping cart past a store employee as they exited. — Eddie B. Allen Jr. Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

City of Grosse Pointe
19 going on 20

While monitoring traffic at 8:11 p.m. Tuesday, June 4, an officer observed a vehicle on Mack with an expired registration tag. A LEIN check showed it expired in April 2018. LEIN further revealed the 51-year-old St. Clair Shores driver had an expired license and 19 current suspensions. The man was arrested for driving while license suspended and cited for expired plate and no insurance. At 9:31 p.m. Tuesday, June 4, officers were dispatched to Mack and Loraine for a possible fight in progress. Earlier in the day, a group of young adults and teenagers had been playing basketball at an

elementary school and upon leaving, two of them found the others outside their home claiming one of them had stolen another's credit card. A verbal altercation ensued and threats were made, but all involved verified that no physical altercation took place. The group had suspected one boy of stealing the credit card since he had been sitting in that general area, but none of them actually saw him going into the belongings. Officers determined no crime was committed and ran the group through LEIN. An active warrant for misdemeanor assault out of the City for a 17-year-old was discovered and he was placed under arrest. — Laurel Kraus Report information about these and other crimes to the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety, (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Shores
No insurance

A 43-year-old Southfield woman was pulled over on Lakeshore and Clairview at 10:14 a.m. Saturday, June 8. Running her license plate through LEIN/Secretary of State

showed it had expired in January. An insurance agent confirmed the policy for the vehicle was no longer active due to non-payment. The woman was placed under arrest for no insurance.

Signage mishap

Officers were dispatched to a tan SUV at the intersection of Vernier and Lakeshore for a driver possibly passed out over the wheel at 7:04 a.m. Monday, June 10. When an officer arrived, the vehicle was seen traveling very slowly eastbound through a red light before driving over a curb and striking a directional arrow sign. The 38-year-old Detroit driver shut off the vehicle and stepped onto the grass, while the passenger was unresponsive but able to be awakened. The man was charged with operating while intoxicated, driving while license suspended, operating a vehicle without insurance and failure to stop within assured clear distance causing an accident. — Laurel Kraus Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.



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OUR VIEW

Civil Rights report awaits

The Board of Education needs to delay its reconfiguration process long enough to hear and absorb the report coming from the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. The department director, Agustin Arbulu, expects to release the report by the end of the day June 17. Dr. Arbulu also will request that no action be taken until he has a chance to present it to the entire board and answer members’ questions.

The divisive reconfiguration process underway in the Grosse Pointe Public School System has, as of this writing, been scheduled to culminate with a board vote at its June 24 meeting. That means the board will need to set a special meeting with Dr. Arbulu ahead of June 24 or delay its final vote.

Board members may be eager to end this burdensome process, but many factors argue for delay.

For starters, the community seems hard at work tearing itself apart on social media and elsewhere. As Superintendent Gary Niehaus noted at Monday’s board meeting, “We’re going to have some healing to do ... even if we do nothing,” he said.

A recall petition already has been filed against three board members. The petition language must get approval from the Wayne County Election Commission, which is scheduled to meet June 26.

Is this filing an intimidation tactic, timed in advance of a controversial vote that had yet to be taken? If so, it may well backfire. No one wants to be perceived as giving in to a threat.

Meanwhile, perhaps the only ray of sunshine has come from parents who have been organizing play dates for elementary students in the North High School attendance area. They are Mason parent Jamie Sperti, joined by Poupard parent Melissa Stevenson, who held their first play date May 19 at Ghesquiere Park. A second play date already has taken place and they hope to continue similar events through the next year.

Indeed, it is out of these kinds of activities that alternative solutions might arise. The board has, until now, seemed like an unstoppable freight train, filtering choices down to closing one of two designated elementary schools at each end of the district, along with moving fifth-graders from elementary to middle school.

The board’s sense of crisis is not unjustified. Declining student population means declining revenue, because Michigan funds its schools on a per-pupil basis. Small elementary schools reduce flexibility in class size and create more difficulties in scheduling non-academic activities such as music and art. Support services and counseling have become meager at every grade level.

But the process of figuring out how to make the finances work and get the best classroom experience to children has run on a narrow track. Reams of material are available online and town halls have been held in every elementary, middle and high school. Transparency is not an issue; timing and openness are.

The choices of elementary school closures (Mason vs. Poupard, Maire vs. Trombly) have created just about the worst non-walkable scenarios possible in the district. And this is a district that has consistently prided itself on the ability to walk to neighborhood schools.

And, by winnowing primarily at the district’s edges, rather than its core, the choices also have brought long-simmering racial questions into play.

Belatedly, Dr. Niehaus asked the state Department of Civil Rights to come in and hold listening sessions. Sadly, this is probably where the process should have started.

Just as the community is waking up to the ramifications, the board appears ready to vote. Members need to step back until they receive and assimilate the Department of Civil Rights report. It may also need a fuller airing in the community at large.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pure Grosse Pointe

Grosse Pointe Park sixth-grader Lilly Irby likes to skateboard and loves her 10-month-old dog, Charlotte. “I like walking Charlotte and I like to skate and I wanted to teach her commands not to go so fast.” So Irby got the idea to try “walking” her while using her skateboard to see if it was safe.

LETTERS

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Reconfiguration needs more study

To the Editor:

As the Board of Education hurtles toward making a decision to close two elementary schools, many of us who have taken a close look realize the administration and the board have failed in their responsibility to do adequate due diligence when making decisions that will irrevocably and fundamentally alter the school district and, by extension, the entire Grosse Pointe community.

At a board meeting last month, I said this is the biggest issue facing the district in at least two generations and I stand by that statement.

I cannot possibly adequately summarize all of the important issues and questions that have gone unanswered.

However, I will attempt here to summarize the questionable and sometimes outright false financial assumptions the public and the board are expected to rely upon in making these decisions.

Each of the issues below has been known to the administration for at least several weeks and no corrections or clarifications have been made to the public.

1) Budget deficit projections (without reconfiguration) over the next three years need to be revised.

At the May 20 meeting, the board was presented with budget projections predicting estimated deficits totaling \$5.6 million over three years. During that meeting, favorable adjustments to the projections were discussed and it was agreed that making these adjustments would still be “conservative.” Yet the May 20 projections are still being

referred to because the revised projection (which was requested by the board on May 20) has not been released.

My rough estimate is that the revisions will reduce the three-year deficit to about \$3.8 million (a 33 percent reduction).

At the very least, these budget projections belie the argument that fundamental reconfiguration decisions MUST be made right now. We still have time to get this right.

2) Projected operating savings from school closings have been significantly overstated.

The financial projections that have been provided to the public (and the board) have assumed an annual operating cost savings of \$628,000 for each elementary school closed, or about \$1.25 million per year for two schools (\$1 million per year if busing is provided to Poupard students at a cost of \$250,000 per year).

As I started digging into this and asking questions, I found that the estimates were based on assumptions about teaching staff levels and building maintenance that are flatly contradictory to the current plans.

As a result of these discrepancies and other assumptions I consider to be unrealistic, I found the annual cost savings was overestimated by a minimum of \$350,000 per year and possibly as much as \$500,000 per year.

Even though I brought this to the administration and board’s attention as early as May 21, nothing has been done to correct the misinformation that is still being presented to the public today and is presumably still the basis for the board to make its decision.

The actual annual cost savings from closing two

elementary schools could be as low as \$500,000 per year or about 0.5 percent of the budget, which hardly seems adequate to offset the loss of two neighborhood elementary schools.

3) Real estate values have not been properly assessed. The reconfiguration scenarios have all included assumptions about the real estate values of the various buildings considered for closure — funds that conceivably could be realized to shore up the district’s finances. Many, many people have questioned these estimates from the beginning.

The administration stated several times that a proper assessment of the four schools under consideration by a firm with expertise in such properties had been commissioned and new information would be forthcoming very soon.

A month later, we have seen nothing.

We don’t know whether the properties are worth millions or practically nothing. We don’t know whether they are all worth about the same amount or if there are large differences.

One can only assume the new information does not support the decision that’s already been made.

So, essentially all the financial assumptions behind the plan to close two elementary schools are either flatly wrong or highly questionable. They are using overly pessimistic budget projections, overly optimistic operating cost savings estimates and completely unreliable real estate values.

And this is just the financial side, which should be relatively straightforward.

When you consider that many other important issues, such as impact on education, safety, harm to the neighborhood school culture and so much more have been likewise neglected, can there be any doubt that this decision is not ready to be made?

LEE JOHNSON
Grosse Pointe Park

Let’s think bigger

To the Editor:

Feelings about school closings have been

understandably strong on all sides, but let’s not lose sight of what an extraordinary display of civic engagement we have seen over the last few months.

The involvement of so many Grosse Pointers is just as valuable an asset as the school buildings themselves. And I think the discussion can become even deeper and richer than it already has by expanding our definitions of who students are and what they need in a learning environment.

With all of the creativity and commitment we obviously have in this community, I am convinced we do not need to close any schools at all. Let’s think bigger.

It’s well documented that learning does not start in kindergarten and that it does not stop in 12th grade. We live in a time when our community is becoming more diverse in every sense of the word, when the traditional possibilities of how people can live, work and learn in a dignified way are being challenged and expanded.

Yes, our population of traditional K-12 school age students has dropped over the last couple of generations. But in the Pointes and beyond, people are living longer. And the very nature of learning is being understood in new ways. This gives us lots of other ways to fill these important structures.

Just off the top of my head — and, please, neighbors, add to my list — I can think of several jumping-off points to co-locate other great learning opportunities in our school buildings that build on the work of so many already present in our community:

◆ Places for older residents in need of a sense of community and a place for learning as much as our young people.

◆ Co-working, maker spaces and other technology-rich environments.

◆ Spaces for lifelong learning, with people changing both jobs and fields many times throughout their careers.

◆ Room for more day-care and early learning opportunities across the

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A telegram from the past



This Memorial Day, my cousin Jim emailed my siblings and me a photo of a gift our mother — his aunt — gave him for Christmas 20 years ago. It was a military ID bracelet belonging to our grandfather, who joined the U.S. Army in 1917 to serve in World War I.

“We think it is fitting that you should have this identification bracelet since it bears your name, John J. McIlvaine,” my mother wrote in a letter accompanying the gift.

She went on to relay a family history long

familiar to all of us, but filled with details we might never have known had Jim not saved the account she sent him 16 years before she died.

John Jamison McIlvaine — known as Jimmy to friends and family — received his commission as an officer in the spring of 1918 and was sent to France. Shortly after his arrival he transferred from the Field Artillery to the Army Air Corps, where he was trained to be an observer. This meant he occupied the second seat in the cockpit in a two-man open plane.

On Nov. 3, 1918, my grandfather departed on a mission to the front line. The plane experienced engine trouble and crashed into a tree, leaving the pilot injured. After helping his companion out of the wreck,

my grandfather climbed to the top of the hill to get his bearings “when he realized he was surrounded by German soldiers and so was captured,” my mother wrote. “He never saw the pilot again nor learned of his fate.”

Meanwhile, back in Pennsylvania, his parents — who earlier lost their younger son, a soldier in training, to the Spanish influenza — received a telegram from the State Department: “We regret to inform you that John J. McIlvaine is missing in action.” Fortunately, my grandfather was able to get word to them and his fiancée — my grandmother — in advance through the Red Cross that he was “Safe, well, happy.”

While being interviewed by the Red Cross at a prisoner of war

camp, my grandfather caught the eye of a Red Cross worker, whom my mother imagined to be young and likely Swiss. She warned him there would be no food in the camp, as the Germans themselves were on the point of starvation. She told him to meet her at the camp’s barbed wire fence that evening, offering him a cooked rabbit when he arrived.

“She commented that he was so young and had such beautiful blue eyes,” my mother wrote. This was always my favorite part of the story, as I only knew my grandfather from black-and-white photos.

“The next day a band of prisoners including my father was marched to the railroad station to be transferred to a larger facility in Karlsruhe,” my mother wrote. A “ragged,

emaciated group of Russian prisoners shuffled by” while they waited to board the train.

Touched by their condition, her father handed one of them the rabbit the Red Cross worker had given him.

Six weeks after Armistice Day, Nov. 11, 1918, John J. McIlvaine was released from the camp and returned home. He married his fiancée and, in 1925, my mother was born. She was 6 when the family moved to Indiana, Pa., where her father had been offered the position of minister of the First United Presbyterian Church.

Shortly after their arrival, he was walking down the main street of town when a man accosted him, throwing his arms around his

neck.

“Don’t you remember me? You gave me a rabbit back there in Germany when I was starving,” the man said.

Apparently the man, now a tailor who immigrated to the U.S. after the war, spotted my grandfather from his second-story shop.

“Who is that man?” he asked a customer. “I know that man.”

“That’s the Rev. McIlvaine, the new minister in town,” the customer explained before the tailor rushed out of his shop down to the street.

According to my mother, the Russian tailor “never tired of telling this amazing tale to his customers.”

Nor did my mother tire of telling it or we, her children, tire of hearing it.

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Pointes.

♦ Arts and other community-facing spaces that offer great experiential learning and unlock people’s passions.

What we have is an opportunity, or rather, lots of opportunities to keep every single G.P. school building open. Let’s expand the notion of what a school is to be open to many different possibilities for current and future G.P. residents and visitors.

GRAIG DONNELLY
Grosse Pointe Park

1983-2019 rights of G.P. citizens

To the Editor and G.P. community:

In 1983, caring parents and citizens banded together to challenge the plans of the Grosse Pointe Public School System administration and Board of Education.

The plans that were presented to be implemented in stages would have resulted in closing ALL elementary schools by moving them into the middle schools and placing the middle schools into the high schools. The administration presented their facts and numbers.

The response committees researched their facts, attended the town hall meetings and the board of education meetings and presented alternatives.

The administration and Board of Education, however, continued with their plan and the result was a recall.

Those committees, caring parents and citizens made a difference. They used their rights to challenge elected officials and their right to organize a recall. Recall rights protected our democratic rights and provided power to the people elected officials should have represented.

Those response committees and recall committees forced the district to abandon the destructive plans that would

have eliminated our walking-to-school community.

The district’s numbers/facts proved to be incorrect. Today we are again presented plans that adversely affect areas of our district, some more than others.

The online community of parents has discussed how they would move if local schools were not a priority.

Some feel that recall would be detrimental publicity for our community. It is ironic.

Recall rights saved those very same elementary schools they want to preserve today. Recall is a tool to be used to protect our democratic rights.

I had hoped this administration and board would listen to the concerns of their citizenry. After attending many of their town halls and board meetings, including the Civil Rights presentation, remarks by board members show they are not hearing.

After the vote is official, we will have to decide what to do. Recall is our right and it is an option.

DEB KRAFT
Grosse Pointe Woods parent, GPSS retired teacher, homeowner, citizen

Advantages of K-8 system

To the Editor:

When I moved to Grosse Pointe a few decades ago, I was surprised it had middle schools. In my experience, K-8 was the norm, even in public schools.

My kids have since gone through the current G.P. system and received a great education, middle schools notwithstanding.

However, it’s a different era. The G.P. school system has:

- 1) Declining enrollment,
- 2) Declining revenue, and
- 3) Many parents love the fact the elementary schools are within walking or biking distance.

To satisfy these changes and challenges we’re faced with, I propose closing all three

middle schools and making each elementary school K-8.

For decades, this system has proved successful — St. Paul on the Lake, University Liggett School and The Grosse Pointe Academy.

Here are the advantages of a K-8 system:

- 1) Children do not need to transition until they are 14 years old. This allows them to be kids longer.
- 2) There are no transportation issues.
- 3) Students in the older grades can be taught responsibility by enlisting them to help students in the lower grades —tutoring, leading projects, etc. The older children also would have extra privileges, such as being crossing guards, hall monitors, helping with larger school projects.
- 4) There is opportunity to have grades 6-8 pass through the hall to other rooms, especially to rooms requiring special equipment, such as science or language.
- 5) Continuity of care is established, especially if the schools offer pre-K classes.
- 6) When there are older students in the school, the younger ones look up to them, seek to be like them and look forward to being that age so they too can help serve.
- 7) All this interaction between and among grade levels promotes civic pride and good citizenship.

Yes, there may be a few trade-offs with this plan, but compared to closing an elementary school, I think it’s a hands-down winner.

NANCY SOLAK
Grosse Pointe Farms

My experience as an outsider

To the Editor:

I moved to Grosse Pointe Park six years ago because I heard great things about the school system.

My younger son has an IEP (Individualized Education Program) for emotional impairment,

so I thought with all the resources in Grosse Pointe he would have more of an opportunity to thrive.

Middle school was difficult, but the staff at Pierce really tried to accommodate him. I ran into problems at the high school level. I came to find out that if a child is different in any way, they will be singled out. There are no considerations given for a child’s individual circumstances.

I eventually pulled him out of South because they would not follow his IEP. I could have fought this, but that would have put my son in the middle and caused him more distress.

It was clear the administration did not agree with me and my son was aware of the friction. He actually heard one of his teachers yelling at me over the phone.

As educators, I was very surprised to find out they were not interested in learning how to help my son. They were ill-equipped to deal with a child with a mental illness, but also unwilling to accept any research I provided.

I thought this was isolated to just my son, but I have been watching the conversations on the school closings to come. I have read some disturbing things about children like my son being pushed out of the

schools.

I would encourage the Board of Education to reach out to these families to understand why they removed their children from the schools. If this is not addressed, then enrollment will continue to decline.

Change must start at the board level. My son may only be one student and so not very important to the administration at South, but I do know of more who left for the same reason.

To add to my negative experience with South, this past year, I hosted a foreign exchange student. She is a good student, gets good grades and doesn’t cause any issues. I ran into the same exact problems at South with her (not IEP related but she was singled out).

She is not a Grosse Pointe native and I have

come to the conclusion that the Grosse Pointe Public School System simply is not welcoming to outsiders or people who are different.

The school is looking to make all students the “same” and not allow for any individuality. I also found the community as a whole is not welcoming to outsiders. This doesn’t surprise me as the schools create an environment of exclusivity by insisting the students suppress their differences.

How can we expect the children to be welcoming when the schools do not foster an environment of inclusion nor allow the children to develop a sense of self?

I am disappointed at my foreign exchange student’s experience and will not be hosting again.

LYNNE MARIE CULLEN
Grosse Pointe Park

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Teacher of THE WEEK

Shelley Denison



School: Defer Elementary School

Years at Defer: 10

Grade/Subject: Grade 3

Nominated by: Lisa Rheame, principal

Principal's quote:

“Mrs. Denison is an amazing third grade teacher who encourages students to be leaders and learners each day at Defer. Mrs. Denison shares her passion for learning with her students, especially her passion for teaching science. This year she was one of the teachers leading the pilot initiative for the new science curriculum. She ignites an excitement for learning and empowers students to think like scientists with hands-on learning. Additionally, Mrs. Denison encourages each child to meet their personal and academic goals by building strong relationships with students and their families. Defer is lucky have Mrs. Denison.”

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

I have to say I enjoy many aspects of teaching. First and foremost, I love building relationships with my students and families as well as creating a classroom cul-

ture where students feel valued and respected. Inspiring students to love learning in all areas of the curriculum is a challenge I take very seriously. I am constantly looking for ways to better engage my students so they are excited about coming to school each day. I also enjoy collaborating with and learning from my colleagues. They are a huge support to me, for which I am very grateful.

Describe a teaching accomplishment you're proud of or a "teachable moment" you experienced.

When I get to see my students shine as leaders, I feel super proud. Watching students take pride in sharing their writing with the class, having deep discussions with each other about their thoughts on a class read aloud, collaborating on how to make a chain reaction with three different forces in science, making a claim in social studies about how the British treated the American Indians, presenting in front of a crowd at a Living Biography Museum, being a mentor



COURTESY PHOTO

to a younger student, coming together to think win-win about a problem are all forms of leadership. It's an absolute joy to see all of this in action.

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

I am a teacher book junkie! There are so many favorites, so it is hard to pick just one. My favorites are usually books about teaching reading and writing, which are both my passion. My latest favorite is “The Book Whisperer: Awakening the Inner Reader in Every Child,” by Donalyn Miller.

Favorite quote:

“Be the change that you wish to see in the world.”

— Mahatma Gandhi

Vote delayed on reconfiguration

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

A vote on the Grosse Pointe Public School System reconfiguration, originally scheduled for the Board of Education regular meeting Monday, June 10, was rescheduled for the next regular meeting Monday, June 24.

Action items on the original agenda included voting on a resolution directing administration to move fifth grade from elementary to middle school, resulting in a K-4, 5-8 grade configuration; and a resolution directing administration to close either Maire or Trombly elementary school on the south end of the district and Mason

or Poupard elementary school on the north end.

At the request of GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus, the Michigan Department of Civil Rights hosted four listening sessions, the morning and afternoon of May 29 and June 4, “to hear from those who may most be impacted by the proposed consolidation,” according to a June 5 letter from Dr. Agustin V. Arbulu, MDCR executive director.

“The thoughts of your students and their parents are of paramount importance and should be taken into account prior to making any final decision of this sort,” Arbulu wrote. “We are grateful to have the

opportunity to help give voice to those we have heard from.”

While Arbulu planned to provide a summary to the board and administration prior to the June 10 meeting, in his letter he requested more time to provide “our analysis in writing approximately seven days before the June 24 meeting.”

The MDCR report is due Monday, June 17, according to Niehaus. A motion was made at the outset of Monday’s meeting to amend the agenda.

The June 24 meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Brownell Middle School’s multipurpose room. Public comments on agenda action items are invited prior to the vote.

Foundation awards second cycle of grants

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education awarded \$24,359 in grants to the Grosse Pointe Public School System in the second phase of its annual funding cycle. From musical instruments to job survival skills, these grants provide essential funding to enhance a range of academic and enrichment programs. A complete list follows.

◆ Metal and casting materials for students at Grosse Pointe North High School to use in science and art. (\$400)

◆ DVDs to teach job skills to North students with disabilities. The updated DVDs, replacing worn and damaged VHS tapes, provide pictorial alternative teaching to reinforce skills needed through visual demonstration, comparisons and humor. (\$1,679)

◆ Funding for Grosse Pointe South High School’s solar car team, which will compete at the national level in the Solar Car Challenge in July. Team members learn structural engineering design, aerodynamics, sustainable energy and electrical

concepts as well as software usage. (\$2,000)

◆ New xylophone for South, replacing an outdated, overused, intermediate model. The new, more professional model instrument will be used daily in class by three different bands. (\$2,350)

◆ Four new Google Chromebook laptop computers for South’s student center, providing access for students to work on school assignments while adult monitoring is available. (\$1,025)

◆ Purchase of 75 medium and large foam building blocks for the Barnes Early Childhood Center sensory room and open gym space. Instructors will use these non-toxic, easy-to-clean blocks to supplement STEAM concepts, teach responsibility and reinforce classroom participation. (\$2,000)

◆ Six Osmo Genius Kits, six game apps and six iPads to support math, critical thinking skills and social interaction at Defer Elementary School. (\$2,927)

◆ Materials, supplies and software for parents to use in providing math intervention tutoring at Monteith Elementary School. The special edu-

cation instructor wrote parental scripts in conjunction with Common Core Standards and the Everyday Math curriculum. (\$450)

◆ New equipment for Poupard Elementary School’s playground, including soccer equipment and basketball hoops. Due to the permanent nature of this equipment, the grant is subject to school reconfiguration decisions. (\$6,878)

◆ Hands-on supplies and toys to stimulate communication with an emphasis on science and math for Barnes, to be used by all educators and therapists through a weekly check-out system. (\$1,500)

◆ New choir uniforms for the seventh- and eighth-grade boys’ choir, now in its second year at Parcels Middle School. (\$3,150)

GPFPE is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing private funding to enhance academic and enrichment programs for GPPSS. Its purpose is to augment public funding to improve the quality of education for GPPSS students.

Visit gpfpe.org for more information or to make a donation.

Adventure group combines camping with history

Adventures in Leadership is teaming up with 40-year veteran teacher and world traveler Rufus McGaugh to offer middle and high school students a trek through Michigan’s scenic and historic landscape. Grosse Pointe native Tom Coyle founded the program to offer experiential leadership education.

A week for boys July 8 to 12, and for girls July 29 to Aug. 2, offers a camping experience where survival skills are taught along with

an opportunity to learn about Michigan’s history, particularly pertaining to the War of 1812. Scenic highlights include Tahquamenon Falls, Grand Island, Pictured Rocks, Fort Michilimackinac and three forts on Mackinac Island.

McGaugh taught social studies in the Grosse Pointe Public School System 45 years, most of that time at Brownell Middle School. In 2017, he published a book, “Longitude and Latitude,

with Attitude,” about his quest to travel to every country around the globe.

Coyle, an alumnus of McGaugh’s class, is a former Army officer and West Point cadet. His sister, Erin Coyle, also a Grosse Pointe native and alumnus of McGaugh’s class, will join the second week of the trip.

The deadline to register is noon Sunday, June 16. A letter from a teacher is recommended and signed permission slip from a parent or guardian required. Hiking is light to moderate. Tents, transportation, outdoor cooking gear and food are provided. Parents are welcome to join as participants or chaperones. For more information, email tom@adventuresnleadership.com or go to adventuresnleadership.com and click on “Michigan Hiking and History Adventure.”

— Mary Anne Brush



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The following area students graduated from Grand Valley State University in December 2018, receiving a bachelor's degree: **Laura Gellert, Emily Huguenin, Katherine Smigelski and Danielle Zukowski**, all from the City of Grosse Pointe and **Ryan Bamford, Alexander Cascio and Ian Hapanowicz** from Grosse Pointe Park. **Hailey Ferguson** of the City of Grosse Pointe graduated with a Master of Science in Accounting degree.

◆◆◆ **Preston Riegel** of Grosse Pointe Park competed with Alma College students at the Midwest Model United National Conference, earning honorable mention. He represented Argentina.

◆◆◆ **Robert Durand** of Grosse Pointe Park and **Lindsay Rabaut** of the City of Grosse Pointe were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2018 semester at John Carroll University.

◆◆◆ **Alicia Naidow** of the City of Grosse Pointe earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and **Heather Jerome** of Grosse Pointe Park a Master of Arts degree in English language learning from Western Governors University.

◆◆◆ Recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is **Yuki Yamasaki** of Grosse Pointe Shores, a student at the College of Charleston; **Derek Bowman** of Grosse Pointe Farms, a student at Michigan State University; and **Kaley Makino** of Grosse Pointe Shores, a student at the University of Michigan. Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society.

◆◆◆ **Margaret Lally** of Grosse Pointe Farms was promoted to the rank of commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Mount Clemens. Lally is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and an honors graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy Class of 2004. Immediately upon graduation, she was selected to attend the U.S. Navy Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., to pursue a master's degree in physical oceanography with a concentration in undersea warfare. Upon graduation, she was assigned to the U.S. Navy Third Fleet in San Diego. Lally also is a magna cum laude graduate of the Wayne State University

School of Nursing Class of 2017 and is a critical care nurse at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. She is the daughter of Candy and Don Sweeny of Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆◆◆ **Jennifer Czerniawski** of Grosse Pointe Woods recently participated in the University of Findlay's 2019 Symposium for Scholarship and Creativity. Held on campus, undergraduate and graduate students were given the opportunity to share their research, creativity and professional learning experiences with the university and community. Czerniawski was named as a 2019 Pi Theta Epsilon inductee.

◆◆◆ **Robert Lightbody** of Grosse Pointe Park was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester and graduated May 2019 from Cedarville University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice.

◆◆◆ **Richard Urbach** of the City of Grosse Pointe graduated May 2019 from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, earning a Bachelor of Journalism degree from the College of Journalism and Mass Communications.

◆◆◆ **Kaiya Sutton** of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the fall 2018 Dean's Honor List at Arcadia University. Sutton is an acting major.

◆◆◆ **Courtney Rush** of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the spring 2019 Dean's List at Columbia College.

◆◆◆ **Amanda Albrecht** of Grosse Pointe Shores was named to the spring 2019 Dean's List at Michigan State University. Albrecht is the daughter of Mike and Debbie Albrecht.

◆◆◆ **Jack Liagre** of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the spring 2019 Dean's List at Grand Valley State University. Liagre is the son of Steve and Pam Liagre.

◆◆◆ **Mia Doyon** and **James Raudabaugh**, both of Grosse Pointe Farms, were named to the spring 2019 Dean's List at Emerson College. Raudabaugh is a member of the Class of 2020 majoring in media arts production. Doyon graduated from Emerson College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in media arts production in May.

◆◆◆ **Calyx Turco** and **Emmanuelle Turco**, both of the City of Grosse

Pointe, were named to the Dean's List at Belmont University for the spring 2019 semester.

◆◆◆ **Jared Brush** of Grosse Pointe Park graduated from Emerson College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in media arts production in May. He is the son of Mary Anne and George Brush.

◆◆◆ **Khalee Simpson** of the City of Grosse Pointe and **Sophia Liolli** of Grosse Pointe Woods were named to the Dean's List at Alma College for the winter 2019 semester.

◆◆◆ **Kelly Beardslee** of Grosse Pointe Park received the American Chemical Society Certificate in Chemistry at Wheaton College's Honors Convocation.

◆◆◆ **Corinne Chadwell** of Grosse Pointe Park and **Lia Decoste** of Grosse Pointe Woods were named to the Dean's Honor List at Cedarville University for the spring 2019 semester.

◆◆◆ **Derrick Morris** of Grosse Pointe Woods received a Master of Science degree in education from the University of Kansas in May.

◆◆◆ **Duncan Ragland** of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester and graduated from Bucknell University in May.

◆◆◆ **Douglas Kubek Jr.** of Grosse Pointe Farms graduated from DePauw University in May, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics.

◆◆◆ **Stone Allen Washington** of Grosse Pointe Farms graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history.

◆◆◆ **Ava Russano** of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to the President's List at Trine University for the spring 2019 term. Russano is majoring in criminal justice.

◆◆◆ **Harrison Wujek** of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the spring 2019 Dean's List at High Point University. He is the son of Christine and Michael Wujek.

◆◆◆ **John Walton** of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to the spring 2019 Dean's List at Roger Williams University.

◆◆◆ **Jessie Trube** of Grosse Pointe Park was named to

the Dean's List at Slippery Rock University for the spring 2019 semester.

◆◆◆ **Allyson Hart** and **Joe Rabaut** of the City of Grosse Pointe, **Zach Peirce** of Grosse Pointe Farms and **Molly Baerman** of Grosse Pointe Park, all graduates of Grosse Pointe South High School, and **Ben Sosnowski** of Grosse Pointe Woods, a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School were named to the Dean's List at Michigan Technological University for the spring 2019 semester. Hart is majoring in geological engineering; Rabaut is majoring in computer engineering; Peirce and Baerman are majoring in mechanical engineering and Sosnowski is majoring in chemical engineering.

◆◆◆ **Aaron Dene** of Grosse Pointe Park graduated from Michigan Technological University in May. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering.

◆◆◆ **Peter Gritsas** of Grosse Pointe Woods earned high honors at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point for the spring 2019 semester.

◆◆◆ **James Fildes, Jeannine Harris** and **Kennedy Shortal**, all of the City of Grosse Pointe, graduated from the University of Mississippi in May 2019. Fildes received a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering. Harris earned a Bachelor of General Studies degree and Shortal earned a Bachelor of Science.

◆◆◆ **Michael Manousakakis** of Grosse Pointe Park was awarded a Master of Science degree in power systems management from Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

◆◆◆ **Thomas Davies** was named to the Dean's List at Tufts University for the spring 2019 semester. He is the son of Camille and John Davies.

State board honors former trustee

Grosse Pointe Woods resident and former Grosse Pointe school board member **Ahmed Ismail** was honored by the Michigan Association of School Boards at the recent Wayne County Association of School Boards annual dinner meeting with the award of MASB's Master Platinum Award for his advanced educational achievements in school system governance and operation.

The Master Platinum Award is the second highest level of achievement awarded to school board members under MASB's Certified Board Member program. Started in 1990, the CBA program is available to all school board members as a way to receive a formal education in school governance, finance and operation through classes and seminars provided by the MASB. As of December 31, of the 4,000 plus school board members in the State of Michigan, only 131 sitting board members have achieved an award level higher than Ismail's Master Platinum Award. This award also places Ismail as the Grosse Pointe Public School System's highest achieving board member in the history of the program.

"Ahmed's accomplishments and dedication to public education on both the state and county levels made him an exceptional asset as president



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Ahmed Ismail

of MASB's Legal Trust Fund, MASB's Bylaws and Governance Committee and as a member of the Executive Board of the Wayne County Association of School Board's Executive Board," said Charles Kaminski, President of WCASB. "All of us serving on school boards across the state who he has helped hope that his retirement from Grosse Pointe's school board will not end his commitment to educating board members through classes such as the one he taught on Bond Construction Oversight at the last state school board convention."

While Ismail has retired from Grosse Pointe's school board, he plans on staying involved in public education through board member training opportunities and his education newsletter.



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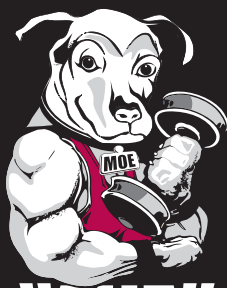
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A sendoff for the class of 2019

From growing roots to branching out, metaphors abounded at Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North high schools’ commencement ceremonies last week as speakers and guests bid farewell to the Class of 2019.

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Speakers also had advice for the graduates, from putting down their phones to showing compassion to others. “Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you 381 new Grosse Pointe South alumni,” said South Principal Moussa Hamka as, with a flip of the tassel, students became

graduates on the high school’s front lawn Wednesday, June 5. A total of 323 graduates crossed the stage to receive their diplomas on North’s soccer field Thursday, June 6, marking the 50th anniversary of the school’s founding. “Before we send you off for your future, let’s take a few moments to honor your past,” North Principal Kate Murray

said, reminding students they were sitting on the soil of an old family farm. In 1965, the Board of Education “voted to purchase the 32 acres you’re grounded in at this very moment,” Murray said. “... It was the home of the Vanderbusch farm, one of the last working farms in the area. ... They were a hardworking family who knew the blood, sweat and tears it takes to pro-

duce a successful harvest year after year. And tonight before you bloom into your future, I would like to remind you of your humble and hearty beginning. You all come from a

long line of farmers. It’s in your roots. It’s the foundation from what your house was built on and it’s in your blood. Because you know what farmers do? They grow things. They grow crops. They grow livestock. They grow families. They grow reverence from Mother Nature. They grow faith. They also grow compassion, innovation, collaboration and a deep sense of community. This growth

demands a vision for the future, tremendous commitment to a goal and resilience to adversity.” Amy Ellis, South’s senior class president, reminded her classmates of two things that distinguished them from prior classes. “We’re the class that broke the record for having the most students in the Grosse Pointe South Academic Hall of Fame

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‘This is the moment we’ve been counting up to since we started high school and still, it feels bittersweet. What was the rush?’

AMY ELLIS
Student council president, Grosse Pointe South High School



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Seniors process to “Pomp and Circumstance” performed by South’s band and orchestra under the direction of James Gross and Christopher Takis.



Light rain during the ceremony didn’t dampen graduates’ spirits. A downpour held off until the end.

‘Even if we feel uncertain about what the future will hold for us, we can still go forward with a sense of purpose...’

CAROLINE GORMELEY
Student commencement speaker, Grosse Pointe South High School



The sky rained with caps before the clouds opened up with an evening downpour at the close of South’s commencement ceremony.

Precious gifts

“To the families of our graduating students, we want to thank you for entrusting us with your most precious gift — your children. While we have not broken them, we are not returning them to you as they were. You gave us bright, talented, curious, dedicated and squirrely middle school adolescent children who were full of challenge, promise and achievement. Tonight, we return to you bright, talented, courageous, curious and dedicated young adults who are ready to go forward and contribute great things to the larger society. We give back to you responsible citizens of the world who are armed with a world-class education and a desire to do great things. We give back to you tonight the hope of our future.”

— Moussa Hamka, principal, Grosse Pointe South High School



Principal Moussa Hamka encouraged students to “never underestimate the power of compassion and empathy.”



Grosse Pointe South combined choir, directed by Christopher Pratt, sang “And I’ll be There” by Michael Feinstein.



Board of Education Treasurer Judy Gafa hands Sylvia Hodges her diploma with a handshake and congratulations.



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— and the class that couldn't get a homecoming float to last through the game," she said.

Despite her own advice to herself to "have fun, enjoy life. ... Be happy now. Don't wait to be happy until: Until Friday. Until summer. Until you get into college or whatever else it might be" — Ellis recalled she spent the whole year counting.

"Counting down the days until homecoming, until the holidays, until spring break, until now. ... I only focused on what was next."

Grosse Pointe Public

'This sea of green is proof of your own resilience. We are Norsemen. We may bend, but we don't break.'

RAMSHA RIZVI

Student commencement speaker, Grosse Pointe North High School

School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus honored North students for being "the backbone of what this community is all about" and joked the Class of 2019 at both high schools "set the record for having the most number of snow days in four years."

On a more serious note, Niehaus cautioned them to turn off their phones once in a while.

"Not only is it addictive, but it gives you a point of who's in control," he said.

"Are you in control? Are you the one making decisions? Are you the one making a difference or is this phone, or those connecting with you on the phone, the one manipulating you, directing you? ... I want you to be the innovators of our future. I want you to be the opportunists to make the difference in our world. I don't want you to use artificial intelligence. I want you to use the intelligence you have to make a difference."

A theme resonating

through both ceremonies was the importance of kindness.

"Be compassionate with others," Hamka urged South students. "We live in polarizing times and are quick to cast judgment. As you traverse the earth and explore the world around you, remember that everyone you meet, regardless of their beliefs, is your brother and sister in humanity. Extend them kindness and be forgiving. Never underestimate

the power of compassion and empathy. It is very plausible that someone can change because of you, that the person they are after they met you is better than the person they were before you."

He also encouraged them to be kind to themselves.

"You will experience failures and you will make mistakes," he said. "Life will bring demands, deadlines and pressure. Forgive yourself. Reflect. Take time to nurture your

soul. Show yourself compassion and rejuvenate your body through activities that bring you joy."

North's student commencement speaker, Ramsha Rizvi, echoed this sentiment.

"It is said that unexpected kindness is the most powerful, least costly and most underrated agent of human change," she said. "We are Norsemen. We've grown to be fierce and powerful, but always kind as well."

"We may be leaving North, but North is certainly not leaving us," she continued. "This is what we do here and this is what we'll do for the rest of our lives."



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

North seniors reflect as they listen to the band and orchestra perform the national anthem.



Principal Kate Murray reminds North graduates of their roots at a school built on a former working farm.

'What have we learned in our time spent at Grosse Pointe North? We have learned to fight for what we believe in, maintain lasting friendships and grow in the community of our class.'

MAX DRISCOLL

Student association president, Grosse Pointe North High School



Grosse Pointe North graduates celebrate with the traditional cap toss at the end of the ceremony.

Harvest

"As I look out at you gathered as a class for one final time, on the fertile soil of our green and gold farm, I can't help but notice your resemblance to a verdant and bountiful crop. Your green robes and your multitudes of straight lines, your tassels gently blowing in the breeze, mimic the rows of wheat that once grew here. In a view from above, we almost mirror that farm of 50 years ago. You've grown from vulnerable ninth-grade seedlings into a harvest of confident seniors. You've dug your roots in deep, weathered the thunderstorms and been nurtured by the gentle rains and sunlight of teachers, friends and family, all the while reaching upwards toward the sun. To grow is to transform, to embrace seasonal changes, to acknowledge where your roots are grounded and continue reaching higher. Your roots here at North have provided minerals and water and a firm grounding which have helped make your growth possible. Reach higher, continue to grow and know that you've been cultivated in a rich educational tradition here at North."

— Kate Murray, principal, Grosse Pointe North High School




North faculty line up to greet graduating seniors as they process to "Pomp and Circumstance."



Members of North's senior choir sing the Alma Mater.



Jessica Gieseking shakes North Principal Kate Murray's hand while Superintendent Gary Niehaus waits to congratulate her.





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A new generation

The Liggett community celebrates the class of 2019

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Members of the Class of 2019 processed into University Liggett School’s 141st commencement Sunday, June 29, to traditional bagpipe music.

Shernaz Minwalla, assistant head of upper school and dean of student life, delivered opening remarks and the Upper School Chorale sang the national anthem and “Tonight” from West Side Story. Speakers for the graduating class were Alexander Azar and Quinn Nehr.

Head of School Bart Bronk delivered closing remarks after the awarding of diplomas, thanking the students for their contributions to the school.

“You brought to this community, every day, creative brilliance, academic courage, steadfast leadership and, not least, a healthy measure of laughter and joy that made this school a happier place,” he said.

Bronk reflected on a tendency among “pundits, politicians, old folks like me” to collectively brand a generation.

“If you believe the pundits, my Gen X status makes me a likely latch-key kid, full of irony, moral detachment and a vague sense of dread about the world. ... Millennials, those born from about 1980 to the turn of the Millennium in 2000, have suffered an even greater level of scrutiny — and abuse — in the press.

“Don’t get too comfy, graduates; your turn is coming,” he continued. “Demographers already have a draft name for you — Generation Z — and I’m sure they can’t wait to characterize you in broad brushstrokes. Rest assured that characterization will include some aspersions about your ridiculous obsession with SnapChat.”

Bronk went on to reflect on the 75th anniversary of D-Day when, “on June 6, 1944, 73,000

American troops, part of a group of more than 150,000 allied forces, stormed a group of heavily fortified beaches in France.”

This generation, formerly known as the GI Generation, was rebranded in a book by Tom Brokaw as the Greatest Generation, Bronk pointed out. He offered the graduates five lessons from that generation, as delivered to him by his grandfather, who was a member of this generation and fought in Europe:

1. Be on time.
2. Nobody gives you a medal for something you are about to do.
3. A job supports your life, not the other way around.
4. Turn off that blankety-blank TV!
5. Opinions are noses — everybody has one.

“If you do those things well, Knights,” he said in closing, “you will snatch your collective identity from the demographers and pundits and decide who you want to be.”



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Valedictorian Alexander Azar addresses the Class of 2019. Seated, from left, are John Bandos, science department chair; Shernaz Minwalla, assistant head of upper school and dean of student life; and David Nicholson, president of the Board of Trustees.



John Bandos, science department chair and middle school science teacher, extends a hand to graduate Tre' Vonnte' Holmes.



Head of School Bart Bronk congratulates University Liggett School graduate Daniel Bowen.



Newly minted graduates Jada Frost, left, and Katriel Tolin exit the ceremony, diplomas in hand.

ULS honors parent volunteer

University Liggett School alumna and parent DeAnn Lukas was recognized with the Shelli Elmer Parent Volunteer Award during the school’s volunteer recognition breakfast May 22.

The award was presented as a surprise to Lukas, who has been a longtime volunteer at the school.

“DeAnn has made an incredible impact on our school through her volunteer and fundraising efforts. Her commitment, enthusiasm and attention to detail is unmatched,” said Kelley Hamilton, associate head of school for external relations. “She has been a fundamental part of our parent community working to increase support in all areas of our school.”

Lukas has been a volunteer with the school’s Annual Fund since the 2003-04 school year — when her daughter, Mackenzie, was in kinder-



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Pictured are Susan Azar, left, 2018 Volunteer of the year, and DeAnn Lukas, 2019 Volunteer of the Year.

garten. This year, she took on the role of senior gift chair for the second time for her son Spencer’s senior year and helped the Annual Fund parent participation reach 93 percent. In addition to her longtime volunteer work with the Annual Fund, Lukas also has been a member of the Development Committee

and served on the Board of Trustees from 2005 to 2011. In addition, she has donated time to the spring raffle, Liggett Knight and treasure hunt and has served as a mentor family.

“DeAnn always gives 100 percent with a smile,” said Hamilton. “It is parents like DeAnn who make our school such a great place.”

Lukas has two children, both “Liggett lifers” — students who have attended ULS from preschool through 12th grade — Mackenzie ’15 and Spencer ’19, and is married to Edwin Lukas. The family lives in Grosse Pointe Shores.

The Shelli Elmer Parent Volunteer Award was created in 2016 and given posthumously to Elmer, who for many years volunteered at school events. In addition to Elmer, previous recipients include Connie deRuiter and Kelley Vreeken, both in 2017, and Susan Azar in 2018.

ULS student council recognized

For its exemplary record of leadership, service and activities that serve to improve the school and community, the University Liggett School student council was recognized as a 2019 National Gold Council of Excellence by the National Councils of Excellence.

“It’s a great honor for our student commission to receive the National Gold Council of Excellence Award this year,” said Student Commission President Billy Kopicki.

“It feels good that all our hard work and dedication to the school is being noticed, especially on the national level,” Kopicki added. “Every day Mr. Hellebuyck and Dr. Mueller inspire us to think big and find ways to improve the school and our community. I’m happy to celebrate the

award, but hope we continue to strive for excellence year in and year out.”

Maria Fields, a junior who has served on the student commission three years, said the ULS student commission is a group of invested and driven individuals who have one common goal — to improve ULS and the surrounding community.

She said the student commission aims to have an impact beyond the walls of ULS as well. During the past two years, members have collected and donated approximately 200 coats to the Coalition On Temporary Shelter through the student commission’s annual coat drive. This year, students connected with the University of Detroit Jesuit High School’s student council to collect a record

number of coats. Students also ran a purse drive to benefit women in shelters, volunteered at the Cass Community Social Services and coordinated a Toys for Tots drive.

“Receiving a National Gold Council of Excellence Award reflects the highest dedication on the part of the school to providing a strong, well-rounded student council program,” said Ann Postlewaite, National Association of Secondary School Principals student programs director. “NatStuCo applauds the work of the National Gold Councils of Excellence and challenges them to continue their leadership and service to their schools and communities.”

For more information on the National Student Council, visit natstuco.org.



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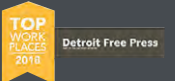
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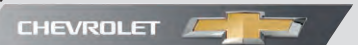
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‘Design Around the World’ EyesOn Design 2019 is June 16

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

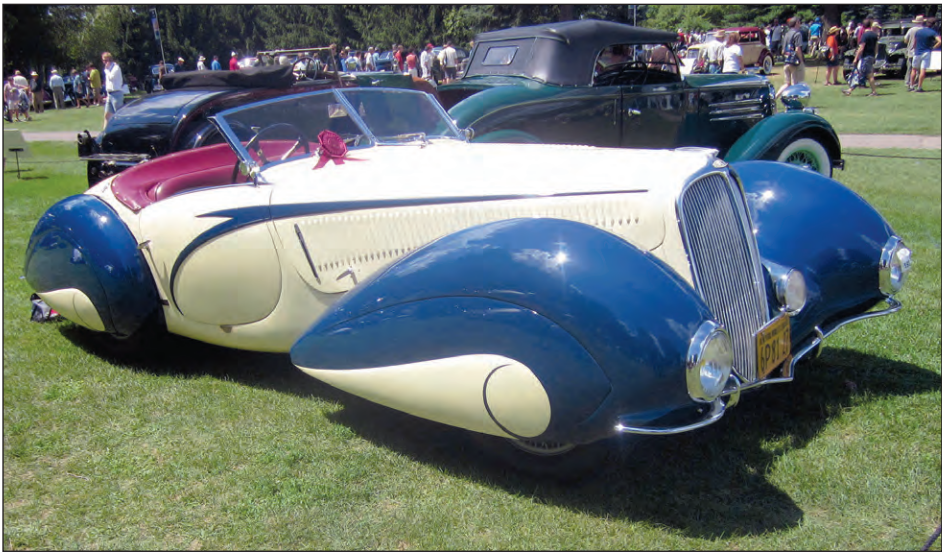
Some Grosse Pointers may recognize the sleek blue car featured on this year’s EyesOn Design poster, created by artist Jim Dietz.

City of Grosse Pointe resident Keith Crain’s 1972 Ferrari 365 GTB/4 Daytona takes center stage in the artwork, which follows the theme of this year’s event, “Design Around the World.”

EyesOn Design 2019 rolls onto the grounds of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, on Father’s Day, Sunday, June 16. Nearly 300 invitation-only vehicles are expected to be showcased at the event.

Jeff Cauley and Joe Cauley of Cauley Ferrari — Michigan’s only Ferrari dealer — are co-grand marshals. Grosse Pointe Farms resident Bill Chapin, founder and former president of the Automotive Hall of Fame in Dearborn, serves as honorary chairman.

Leading up to the event, EyesOn Design presents Vision Honored, this year honoring Italian automobile designer and



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CEO of Fioravanti Srl, Leonardo Fioravanti, known for his work with Ferrari.

Fioravanti will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award during a black-tie banquet 6:30 to 11 p.m. Friday, June 14, at the MGM Grand Hotel & Casino, 777 Third, Detroit. Tickets are \$195 per person.

“It’s a celebration of his career as a designer and especially with Ferrari,” said Kathy Lightbody, EyesOn Design chairwoman. “Keith Crain’s Ferrari and something more contemporary will be at the MGM event.”

Two days later, the community is invited to take a look at hundreds of vehicles being celebrated for their design. The exhibit is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., kicking off with vehicle judging at 10 a.m. A Private Eyes Brunch takes place 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Visions of Excellence Awards are presented at 1:30 p.m. and the Friends of Vision cash raffle drawing begins at 3:30 p.m.

Each of the cars exhibited at EyesOn Design are hand-picked by the Vehicle Selection Committee, made up of 25 designers, collectors,

historians, restorers and all-around enthusiasts.

“These people are amazing,” Lightbody said. “They know collectors and what they have. They’ve all got their specialties. Each of them have their own category; some have two.”

This year, committee members identified and invited a cross-section of vehicles that depict the differences and similarities that exist between North American and international vehicles across a variety of market segments and time periods.

“I like the international flavor of the design,” Lightbody said. “It’s cool how countries influence other countries’ design.”

One notable category in this year’s show, Lightbody said, is the Playboy.

“The Playboy lived for three years,” she said. “It came at a time when families could afford a second car; they saw it as a companion car. It was only in production three years; we’re going to have models from all three years. They’ve never been seen together in Michigan.”

Another notable piece of the exhibit are designs by Terry Cook and Delahaye USA, Lightbody said.

“He takes these cars and redesigns them with modern artistic flair,” she said. “It’s his modern interpretation. ... He says he picks the best-looking cars in history and pays homage to them.”

Cook will give three 15-minute audio-visual presentations and sign posters during the event.

Steven Plunkett, of London, Ontario, Canada, will receive the Bridgestone Preserving the Vision Award.

“He’s bringing six cars,” Lightbody said. “None of them have been at the show before,” including his 1959 Chevy Corvette and 1930



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The world’s only 1939 Lincoln Continental prototype will make its public debut at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House during EyesOn Design Sunday, June 16. During the event, Ford House will reveal its plans for two new buildings — a visitor center and administration building — including a special exhibit which incorporates the 1939 Lincoln Continental Prototype.

Cadillac Roadster.

In addition to cars, the show features boat and motorcycle categories as well. Other special displays include Rochester Hills resident Joe Hornacek’s 1931 Ford Model A Good Humor Ice Cream truck, which was found in pieces in a Port Huron barn 14 years ago, as well as a 1939 Lincoln Continental prototype, displayed by the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

Vehicles are judged by a distinguished panel, who for the third year are joined by junior judges — students from College for Creative Studies, Wayne State University, Cleveland Institute of Arts and Lawrence Technological University, as well as the top three winners of the Fiat Chrysler Automobiles Drive for Design competition.

“What makes this special is (the students) go through the instruction process with these established judges,” Lightbody said. “They’re surrounded by people who are really accomplished in this industry. It’s really amazing.”

One category, which has yet to be selected, will be judged by the Visionaries, a group of visually impaired sup-

port group members from the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, or DIO. They’ll judge the vehicles by touch alone.

“It’s a reminder of the connection between vision and the beautifully designed cars and where the proceeds are going,” Lightbody said.

All proceeds from EyesOn Design benefit the DIO, the research education arm of the Henry Ford Department of Ophthalmology.

“Every September the DIO brings experts, researchers, medical people and educators from around the world to become familiar with each other and each other’s work,” Lightbody said. “Collegiality inspires collaboration, which increases the rate of progress.”

Tickets for EyesOn Design are \$25 per person.

Tickets for the Friends of Vision raffle are \$50 and only 500 tickets will be sold. First prize is \$5,000.

Tickets for the brunch are \$85 per person, or \$25 for children younger than 12, and include admission to the car show.

For more information, visit eyesondesigncarshow.com or call (313) 824-4710.

From Stahls Automotive Museum

1924 Delage GL – Skiff Torpedo

To be seen at EyesOn Design this year is one of just six GL chassis known to exist today. This “Grand Luxe” Delage was fitted with a Labourdette Skiff body from new. Constructed from wood with techniques normally used for boats, these skiffs were among the most exclusive machines available during this time. Due to the delicate nature of the materials used, very few survived. Designed to compete with the best offerings of Rolls Royce and Hispano Suiza, the Delage type GL 40/50 hp was built to the highest standards of design and quality. The engine is a 6-cylinder of 363 CID, with overhead camshaft valve gear. Stahl’s Automotive Museum is bringing the car to EyesOn Design this year.



A 1924 Delage GL — Skiff Torpedo.

1934 Bugatti Type 57 Atalante Coupe

When Bugatti’s Type 57 debuted in 1934, it would ultimately prove to be the final all-French design in the marque’s short but brilliant history. Company patriarch Ettore Bugatti was fully committed to developing the petrol-powered rail cars ordered by the French government, so design of the new high-performance touring car was handed over to his son, Jean, who was 23 years old at the time. Jean and senior engineers Pichetto and Dombay were wholly responsible for the specification of the car from the ground up, including the chassis, engine and factory coachwork designs.

This year, Stahl’s Automotive Museum will show its 1934 Bugatti Type 57, equipped with Atalante coachwork, at EyesOn Design. The Atalante is one of the most sporting and stylish of all the Jean Bugatti-designed bodies. Featuring a distinct close-coupled roofline, long, flowing tail and distinct sweeping feature line down the body, the Atalante is a visually arresting design. Bugatti continually refined the styling and each car was built to individual client specification, meaning very few cars were identical in detail. This automobile is chassis number 57167, an early example of the Type 57 chassis. Factory records show this car was delivered new May 14, 1934, via French dealer Moneshier. The first owner is listed as a Monsieur Cabaud.



A Bugatti Type 57 Atalante coupe.



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Third annual G.P. Pride March is June 22

Welcoming Everyone Grosse Pointe, or We GP, hosts the third annual Grosse Pointe Pride March beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 22, in conjunction with National Pride Month. The objective is to raise awareness and show support for the LGBTQ+ community within Grosse Pointe, as well as those considering the area for shopping, dining, recreation and living.

Attendees are invited to gather for the family-friendly march at 9:30 a.m. in the Grosse Pointe South High School “J” parking lot along Fisher. The march proceeds along Kercheval to Maire Elementary School.

Before the march begins, Pride merchandise will be available for purchase and family-friendly activities will be offered, including face painting.

The march starts at 10 a.m. and concludes with a brief rally at 11 a.m. in the Maire parking lot, which features food trucks, a community choir performance, a peace meditation and other vendors and activities. New to this

year’s march is a Pride-themed float, a performance by 2011 South graduate Sierra Misst, an organized military presence to recognize the LGBTQ community’s contribution to the country’s armed forces and the group Free Mom Hugs.

The Grosse Pointe Pride March has attracted more than 1,000 community members and families annually, gathering and showing support for their friends and neighbors.

“Grosse Pointe Pride is an opportunity to show what a truly welcoming and inclusive community Grosse Pointe is and we have a lot of fun while doing it,” said Andrea Joy, We GP LGBTQ+ Task Force leader. “It’s also a great time to speak with kids about accepting and supporting different kinds of families and people. There is a gay agenda; it’s to be proud to be your unique self.”

A portion of the proceeds from this year’s event benefit Outserve-SLDN, which provides legal services for LGBTQ service mem-

bers. Its mission is to educate the community, provide legal services, advocate for authentic transgender service, provide developmental opportunities, support members and local chapters, communicate effectively and work toward equality for all.

“We felt it was important to recognize the contribution LGBTQ service members have made and will continue to make to our armed forces,” said Shannon Byrne, We GP president. “With the transgender military service ban in place, it is more critical than ever to give our support to organizations such as Outserve-SLDN, which advocate for our LGBTQ service members. We believe everyone should be allowed to serve with dignity.”

The Grosse Pointe Pride March boasts 37 sponsors this year, including O’Flaherty’s, the 1000 block of Balfour, Blair Hess and Derek Latka, Park Grill, Posterity Framing & Printing, Fishbone’s, Fisher Pointe Dental, the Byrne/Simon family and Steiner Printing.

Grosse Pointe native graduates from Coast Guard Academy

Patrick Jackson, a Grosse Pointe native, graduated from the Coast Guard Academy on May 22. He is scheduled to serve aboard the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Thetis in Key West, Fla.

Jackson was a member of the swimming and diving team at the academy, where he recently made All-American. He also served as class secretary throughout his four years there.

“I am very grateful for my experience at the Coast Guard Academy and to serve my country,” Jackson said. “Grosse Pointe has a very special place in my heart and I know the values my family and this community instilled in me will enhance my skills as a Coast Guard officer.”

Jackson is a 2014 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.



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Ensign Patrick Jackson receives his commission from National Security Advisor of the United States John Bolton.

The U.S. Coast Guard Academy, one of the nation’s five federal service academies, is located on the west bank of the Thames River. Each year, the academy graduates approximately 200 newly commissioned officers to lead the smallest branch of all the U.S. Armed Forces.

AREA ACTIVITIES

BNI

The Business Network International Pipeline Chapter meets at 7 a.m. Friday, June 14, 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 19, at St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Beth at (313) 690-5723.

Libraries

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following programs at its branches:

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- ◆ Detroit artist Curtis Lewis unveils a trilogy of paintings illustrating the life of Aretha Franklin, 2 p.m. Monday, June 17.
- ◆ Drop-In Crafts for Kids, 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 19.
- Ewald — 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, (313) 821-8830**
- ◆ Drop-In Crafts, 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 18.
- ◆ Signing Story Time with Momcat Kelly, 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 24.
- Woods — 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, (313) 343-2072**
- ◆ Reader Dog Drop-in Saturdays, 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 15.
- ◆ Archery in Space, 2 to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, the weeks of June 17 and 24.
- ◆ Animal Astronauts, 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 17.

◆ Tuesday Night @ the Movies, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, “First Man.”

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association hosts the following classes and exhibits at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms:

- ◆ The exhibit, “People Stories,” is displayed through Sunday, June 16.
- ◆ “Fall in Love with Figure Drawing: A Workshop with Amy Foster,” 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 15 and 16.
- ◆ “Watercolors: Painting Flowers with Cathy Huntoon,” 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, June 20 and 27, and July 11 and 18.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Eastside meets at 7 p.m. Monday, June 17, at Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 2 to 8 p.m. Monday, June 17, Tompkins Center, Windmill Pointe Park, 14920 Windmill Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 21, St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, June 23, St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore,

Grosse Pointe Farms. Register online at redcrossblood.org.

The Helm

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

- ◆ “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, Wednesdays, June 19 to Aug. 14. This free program is a Wayne County Community College District Continuing Education Class.
- ◆ Alzheimer’s Caregivers Support Group, 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 20.
- ◆ Ascension St. John Providence Mobile Heart and Health Screening, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fridays, June 21, July 12 and Aug. 23. Cost is \$60 and includes a medical health assessment, blood pressure check, electrocardiogram, body mass index, ankle brachial index, carotid ultrasound and abdominal aorta ultrasound. A “fasting lipid panel,” which measures cholesterol, triglycerides and glucose, is available for \$20.

Rotary

Grosse Pointe Rotary meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 19, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Ted Everingham discusses the Bayview to Mackinac Race. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce presents Legacy on the Lake on Wednesday, June 19, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Mary and the late Ralph Wilson will be honored at the event, which includes cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, dinner and dancing.



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Garden tour is June 21-22

Enrichment series added to annual event

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center's 28th annual Garden Tour provides a peek into seven unique private gardens, as well as The War Memorial's Trial and Veterans gardens, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 21 and 22. The theme is "Welcoming Nature's Guests to Your Garden." New this year is an enrichment series, featuring lectures both days on the topics of ponds, bees and monarch butterflies.

"We decided we needed to get more education into the tours," said Kathy Brown, event co-chairwoman.

Steve Hanson will discuss planning, creating, stocking, maintaining and winterizing ponds at 11 a.m. both days. He'll also create a container patio pond.

At 1 p.m. both days, Alaine Bush presents "The Buzz About Bees," for ages 7 and older.

"It's for children and they'll get to build a bee house to take home," Kathy Brown said.

A presentation by Rebecca Van Brien takes place both days at 3 p.m., featuring the life-cycle of monarch caterpillars, including larvae host and nectar plants needed for their survival.

All workshops are free with paid tour tickets and take place at 75 Willison, Grosse Pointe Shores. Also at the Willison house, the center hosts its Garden Shoppe featuring native, pollinator and pond plants for sale, among other gardening items.

Another garden featured on the tour is 1360 N. Oxford, Grosse Pointe Woods, the home of Diane and Bill Yordy. Diane Yordy is a landscaper at Country Club of Detroit and an advanced master gardener. Two years ago, she chaired the Garden Tour and her yard was featured in 2000, but things have changed since then.

"I just like my yard to be fun," she said. "It's our little happy place. It's not about the plant material as much as it's about the outdoor fun décor."

The Yordys, who moved to the house in 1985 and built up the garden in 1998, have an affinity for flamingos, which are dotted among the hostas, ferns, wisteria, turtleheads, coral bells and other varieties growing in the yard.

The rear garden features raised herb and vegetable beds that produce onions, carrots, beets, peppers, squash, cucumbers, tomatoes and other yields.

Another feature at North Oxford is a "pondless" pond that uses a unique fountainhead and recirculates water onto rocks.

Upkeep is a team effort, though Diane Yordy tries to make it easy.

"I try to go for things I don't have to do anything to," she said, "so it just becomes weeding."

Added Bill Yordy, "My wife plants them and I keep them alive. That's our deal."

In addition to their



The Yordy yard on North Oxford includes raised vegetable and herb gardens.



There's a touch of whimsy throughout the gardens on North Oxford.



Potted plants, like these succulents, abound at 1120 Whittier.



A fairy garden is hidden among the greenery at 72 Moran Ct.



Jeannie Costakis's house on Whittier includes an artful vegetable garden.

yards, the Yordys pointed out an island in front of their house, where Oxford splits north and south. They were given permission by the city of Grosse Pointe Woods to "take over" the island. The city planted a maple, but the Yordys and their neighbors purchased, planted and maintain the garden there.

Another stop on the tour is the English garden of Anita Sandercott at 72 Moran Ct., Grosse Pointe Farms. It is a haven for birds, bees, bats, butterflies and other pollinators. The garden is framed by mature pines, yews and a silver maple that were a part of the original estate, Sunnycroft, circa 1915.

"She's got a wonderful array of plants," tour co-chairwoman Ginny Brown said, noting there is no lawn to care for at the house, "which is easier to maintain as long as you mulch it. That's the key. Every week you're not mowing, you're not fertilizing. The key is to mulch."

Jeannie Costakis has lived at 1120 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, 19 years. The yard was nice when she moved in, she said, but needed work.

"There were too many crawling, vining things, so a lot was being choked out," she said. "There were plants in spots that didn't make sense. It was all moved. Anything I could keep and save, I did."

Kathy Brown said Costakis's house was selected for the tour par-

tially because of the unique containers she has planted throughout the grounds. She also has a vegetable garden that is, "a work of art," Ginny Brown said.

"My dad was a huge gardener," Costakis said, "but my mother-in-law planted the bug in me. In our first house on Whittier, she redid all the landscaping. She bought perennials and put them in and I had to maintain them. It was her gift. ... A lot of this has got her behind it."

Costakis said she enjoys changing the look of her garden each year. "I start buying the end of April," she said. "My whole garage looks like a nursery because I buy so much."

A variety of large rocks and river stones form a border in the yard, which also features pine trees and arborvitae, creeping Jenny and myrtle, varieties of perennials and succulents, among others.

"I planted every little thing in this yard," Costakis said. "Anywhere dirt is or things don't grow, I put a stone in or ground cover. I don't like to look at dirt."

Remaining gardens featured on the tour are the Fournier garden at 302 Touraine, Grosse Pointe Farms; the Kelchner garden at 1113 Cadieux, Grosse Pointe Park; and the Dunwoody garden at 827 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park.

Artists will be present at each private garden, creating paintings from what they see.

Master gardeners will be stationed at the Kelchner garden on Cadieux, while an ecology table will be set at the Sandercott garden on Moran Court. Refreshments will be available at the Kelchner and Yordy gardens.

The Garden Shoppe at the Willison residence also will host a raffle, featuring six items, includ-



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

A trim pathway leads to Anita Sandercott's English garden on Moran Ct.

ing an original watercolor painting by Robert Fionda. Raffle tickets are \$5, or three for \$10.

"It's a chance to come and see different gardens in the area you don't get a chance to see," Ginny Brown said. "And to get inspired."

Added Kathy Brown, "People should come and enjoy beautiful gardens, get ideas about flowers, vegetables and ponds and enjoy our enrichment series."

Proceeds from the tour — from tour ticket and raffle ticket sales — go toward Garden Center programming throughout the year, as well as scholarships for master gardeners and upkeep of the Trial and Veterans gardens.

"Some of our funds go to working with schools on Pointes Abloom," Kathy Brown said. "We're really trying to get more involved in community gardening and educa-

tion." Among other programs, Pointes Abloom offers lunchtime programming at Trombly, Kerby and Monteith elementary schools.

"We want young families and their children to get involved with planting and horticulture," Ginny Brown said. "So many of them don't know how to start. It's educational; that's our mission."

Tour tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 on tour days, and available at The War Memorial, Cornwall Bakery, Allemon's Landscape Center, Charvat the Florist, Wild Birds Unlimited of Grosse Pointe Woods, Moehring Woods Flowers, Conner Park Florist, Soulliere Landscaping and Garden Center and English Gardens. Call (313) 499-0743, email gpgardencenter@outlook.com or visit gpgardencenters.org.

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OBITUARIES

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Andree Flora Grosse

Andree Flora Grosse, nee Thauvoye, passed away from natural causes Saturday, May 25, 2019. She was 95.

Andree was born Aug. 12, 1923, in La Bouverie, Belgium, the only child of Camille and Elisabeth Thauvoye. She grew up in Brussels, Belgium. Andree became a registered nurse during World War II and witnessed many of the war atrocities when the concentration camp survivors were brought to the hospital where she worked. Memories of that time in her life never left.

She met an American soldier, Fred Grosse, whose army unit aided in the liberation of Belgium, at a USO dance in Brussels. They married in June 1946. Andree moved to Detroit, where Fred had relocated after immigrating from Germany as a young man. They moved to Grosse Pointe Woods where they raised their family.

Andree resided in Grosse Pointe Woods for 66 years. She moved to Kalamazoo in 2018, where she passed away peacefully with family at her side.

She loved life, celebrating many happy occasions with her family and friends always with a glass of champagne or a great Pinot Noir in her hand.

In retirement, Andree and Fred spent their summers boating on the Great Lakes and their winters at their residence in Venice, Fla. They often traveled to Europe and Barbados, which Andree continued to do after Fred's passing.

Andree enjoyed listening to music, especially classical music. As a child she learned to play the

violin. Speaking her native language, French, whenever she had the chance, also gave her joy.

Andree is survived by her loving family, son, Norman Grosse (Michelle Rutan) of Kalamazoo; daughter, Marlene Kunkel (James) of Eagle, Colo., and daughter, Christine Grosse of Interlochen; grandchildren, Brian Kunkel, Lindsay Kunkel Elmore (Dustin), Cullen Grosse and Gloria Grosse Gartenlaub (Ross) and great-granddaughters, Emma and Brianne Elmore.

Andree was predeceased by her husband of 48 years, Fred Grosse.

Andree will be dearly missed, but left her family many happy memories.

A memorial service will be held at a future date.

Donations may be made to the Father Solanus Guild, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 or at solanuscenter.org.

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Thomas Gust Jordan

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Thomas Gust Jordan, 84, died Friday, June 7, 2019, in Portland, Maine. In addition to Grosse Pointe, he was a resident of Kennebunkport, Maine.

Born in Detroit to Seraphim and Ariste Jordan, Tom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration in 1956 and became a CPA in 1957. From 1954 until 1969, he worked as a CPA and audit manager for Price Waterhouse. He worked at B and E Sales Co. beginning in 1969.

When the company was sold in 1985, he worked an additional two years helping the new owners

with the transition process. From 1988 to 1991, he served as executive vice president and director of Bittker Investment Group Ltd., and in 1991 became president and sole stockholder of Jordan Company Inc., a property management firm.

Tom had extensive experience in all aspects of corporate finance, insurance, taxes, employee benefit plans and investing.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, he was a member of and actively involved in the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, where he served on numerous committees over the years. He also was a member of the Economic Club of Detroit and Detroit Athletic Club and a prior president of the Detroit Junior Chamber of Commerce. He was especially proud to be a member of the audit committee as well as treasurer of Leadership 100, a charitable wing of the Greek Orthodox Church.

In 2010, Tom was named an Archon, the highest honor a layperson can receive in the Orthodox Christian Church.

Tom enjoyed swimming, walking and traveling, especially trips to Greece and England. He loved sharing and spending time with others and was a consummate host.

Tom is survived by his sister, Katherine Melick (the late Robert); nieces and nephews, Jordan Melick, Ariste Egan (John), André Gregory (Mary) and Nicholas Gregory (Athena) and great-nieces and great-nephews, Christian Egan, Patrick Egan, Christina Lambrakos (Anthony), Marianna Gregory, Alex (Ashley), Anastasia, Valia and Ariana; dear friends,



Andree Flora Grosse



Thomas Gust Jordan



Marilyn Ann Reilly

Carl Gatto and Keith Skriver and business associate, Elizabeth Courtney.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his siblings, George Jordan, Fr. Basil Gregory (Ann) and Edna Jordan.

Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 13, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

A funeral service will be 10 a.m. Friday, June 14, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Marilyn Ann Reilly

Marilyn Ann Reilly, loving mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at home with family at her bedside after a long illness with Parkinson's disease and dementia. She was 90.

Marilyn was born July 23, 1928, in Detroit, the oldest of five children of James Bernard Kane and Albertha Miller Kane. Marilyn graduated from St. Rose Catholic High School on Detroit's eastside, where she excelled in typewriting and stenography. Years later, she secured a position in the psychiatric clinic of Detroit's Recorder's Court, where she first worked as secretary to the chief forensic psychiatrist and later as court clerk to several judges more than 20 years.

Marilyn was a loving and devoted mother to her three daughters, Tarey, Susan (Rogers) and Maureen and two sons, Kevin and Tim.

To those who knew her, Marilyn was a stylish, hard-working and engaging woman. For more than 15 years, she enjoyed the many activities offered to members of the Neighborhood Club and Services for Older Citizens in Grosse Pointe. Marilyn's favorites included tai chi, aerobic exercise classes, progressive rummy, bingo and various crafts. She also volunteered for SOC's lunch program.

Marilyn was an avid international and domestic traveler and journeyed with her daughter via train to many cities throughout western Europe. She also lived in San Francisco three years and made many trips to visit her children and grandchildren in Washington, D.C., Virginia, Vermont, New York City, Kentucky, Florida and Arizona. During her final four years, Marilyn made many wonderful new friends as a resident at the American House in Roseville.

Marilyn was predeceased by her parents and brothers, Jimmy and Patrick. She is survived by her children; sisters, Janeen and Kathleen, and grandchildren, Kieran, Ann, Laura, Jack, Luke (Reilly) and Blake

(Rogers) as well as many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated June 8 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Marilyn's name to her favorite nonprofit organizations, Operation Smile at operationsmile.org and The Helm at helm.life.securepayments.cardpointe.com.

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Diane L. Abbott

Former City of Grosse Pointe resident Diane L. Abbott, nee Vorgitch, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 12, 2019, after a long, hard-fought battle with multiple myeloma. She was 80.

Born June 22, 1938, in Detroit, Diane's love of the east side of Detroit kept her rooted in the Grosse Pointes. Diane lived in Grosse Pointe Woods 17 years while married to James W. Montgomery (deceased) and in the City of Grosse Pointe four years while married to C. Richard Abbott (deceased). She loved her time in the Grosse Pointes and was the Democratic precinct delegate for the City of Grosse Pointe.

After graduating from Denby High School in Detroit in 1956, Diane earned a bachelor's degree in education from Eastern Michigan University in 1960. She also earned master's degrees in English from Western Michigan University in 1978, and in Michigan history from Michigan State University in 1979. The majority of her 34-year career as an educator was spent at Fraser Public Schools as a middle and high school social studies and English teacher. During those years, she was an active member of the local National Education Association. She was well liked and respected by her students, union brothers and sisters, and administration. Her family said Diane was a natural-born educator. She would patiently explain a difficult concept or fact and always paid special attention to the students who needed it most. She had a soft spot for the underdog and took many students under her wing.

Diane was the epitome of a hard-working mom, who amazingly made working a full-time job, raising a family and managing a home seem like an easy feat. She had boundless energy and was always there with an open mind and sympathetic ear to anyone who needed it.

Diane's love of the performing arts was prevalent throughout her lifetime. She enjoyed attending an opera, play or ballet, visiting art museum exhibitions and attending Detroit



Diane L. Abbott

Symphony Orchestra performances. She was a contributor member and docent of the Detroit Institute of Arts and a friend of the DSO.

Diane was an avid reader and was an aficionado of the Civil War. She attended many lectures and visited historic sites during her lifetime. One such visit inspired her to become a published author of a biographical narrative, "Honor Unbound," the story of the first woman in American history to receive a Civil War pension due to her position as a Union soldier, nurse and spy. Diane's book was inducted in Minerva: Quarterly Report on Women and the Military as an important part of American history, and is shelved in many Michigan public school libraries.

In retirement, Diane wintered down south and called The Villages of Florida her second home. There she was an active member of the West Point Parent Club. In the summers, Diane lived on the east bay of the peninsula in Traverse City, where she was the peninsula's Democratic precinct delegate. She was a volunteer for the Traverse City Film Festival, which she loved to attend, as well. Diane held many book signings during her retirement years in Traverse City and The Villages of Florida, where her book was well received by many Civil War enthusiasts.

Diane is survived by her daughter, Susan L. (nee Montgomery) Monica (Shane); son, James W. Montgomery II (Diana); grandchildren, John, Claire and Lauren and stepdaughters, Pamela Marek and Deborah Sue Mucci (Frank). She also is survived by many loving cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents, William and Lillian Vorgitch and brother, James P. Vorgitch (Janice).

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 22, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, Grosse Pointe.

Interment will immediately follow the service in the Memorial Garden.

Donations may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation at themmr.org.

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Pointe Studio Ten creativity celebrated at GPCC

"Pointe Studio Ten: A Celebration of Creativity" is displayed at the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church Arts Ministry Art Gallery through Sunday, July 14. The exhibition highlights the work of 10 Grosse Pointe artists who have been meeting for decades to critique each other's artwork and offer support and encouragement.

Included are works by Linda Allen and Lori Zurvalec of the City of Grosse Pointe; Zena Carnaghi and Nobuko Yamasaki of Grosse Pointe Shores; Isabelle Goosen, Charmaine Kaptur,

Dorothea Krieg, Bette Prudden and Beverly Zimmermann of Grosse Pointe Woods; and Carol LaChiusa of Grosse Pointe Farms.

A free reception open to the public takes place 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 16, at the church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. Live music and light refreshments are offered.

Exhibition hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday or by appointment. For more information, call (313) 884-3075 or email arts@gpcong.org.



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Pictured front row, from left, are Bette Prudden, Charmaine Kaptur and Linda Allen; and back row, from left, are Isabelle Goosen, Beverly Zimmermann, Nobuko Yamasaki, Carol LaChiusa and Lori Zurvalec.

OBITUARIES:
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William A. Murphy Jr.

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident William A. Murphy Jr., 85, of Mentor, Ohio, died unexpectedly Tuesday, June 4, 2019, surrounded by his loving family.

Born June 14, 1933, in Pittsburgh, Pa., Bill graduated from Central Catholic High School in Pittsburgh and attended Duquesne University. He was a veteran of the Korean War, where he served in the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division, attaining the rank of sergeant.

Murphy began his 36-year career with Pan American World Airways, stationed in Pittsburgh, Detroit and St. Louis, where he was named the Pan American System Wide Salesman of the Year. When he eventually returned to Detroit, he was a member of the Detroit Athletic Club.

Upon the closing of Pan Am, he became the

director of the Detroit Medical Center Guild until his retirement in 2000.

Bill took full advantage of the opportunities Pan Am afforded him and traveled the world extensively, logging millions of miles and enjoying Europe, South and Central America, the Far East, China, the Middle East and 40 U.S. states.

Married in 1966 to his beloved wife, Dinah, they raised and are survived by daughters, Anne Murphy Griffith (Peter Griffith) of Lubbock, Texas, and Elizabeth Murphy Zappitelli (Jason Sanden) of Mentor, Ohio; grandchildren, Peter Jr. (Sara), Elizabeth and Samuel Griffith of Lubbock, Texas, and McKenna and Katherine Zappitelli of Mentor and great-grandson, John Luke Griffith.

Bill was a lifelong Pittsburgh Pirates and Steelers fan who attended five Super Bowls. He also was an avid gardener, bowler and dancer. Bill was a 4th degree Knight of Columbus and an active member of St. Bede the

Venerable Church garden ministry.

A funeral Mass was celebrated June 11 at St. Bede the Venerable Church, Mentor.

Donations may be made to St. Bede the Venerable Church, 9114 Lakeshore Blvd., Mentor, OH 44060; St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230 or Central Catholic High School, 4720 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

Share a memory at brunners.com.

Shirley Loraine Douglas

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Shirley Loraine Douglas, 95, passed away peacefully Sunday, June 2, 2019, at home with family by her side.

Born April 30, 1924, in Detroit, Shirley worked at J.L. Hudson Co. in downtown Detroit in women's cosmetics and was a secretary at U.S. Rubber Co. in Detroit.

She met her husband, Samuel, through a mutual friend. They

spent their first date ringing in the new year of 1941 and became engaged that same year, one month before Sam was deployed for military service. They married July 20, 1946.

Shirley was a loving and devoted wife and mother. She had a passion for decorating, gardening, gourmet cooking and entertaining, which she passed on to her daughters. She maintained an impeccable personal style as well.

Shirley was a 30-plus year member of the Daughters of the British Empire, a group she enjoyed serving and through which she formed many friendships. She loved dancing, was a voracious reader and a New York Times crossword puzzle devotee. She was active on a bowling league for years and involved with Faith Circle group at her church for 30 years.

Shirley and Sam had a lifelong group of friends who never needed much of a reason to throw a party. Later in life, the couple spent winters in Stuart, Fla., where



William A. Murphy Jr.



Shirley Loraine Douglas

Shirley pursued many creative hobbies. She was still taking yoga classes at 90, hiked a short trail to a waterfall within the Appalachian Mountains at 92 and enjoyed a whirlwind 93rd birthday weekend celebration in Chicago.

After leaving her longtime home, Shirley thrived at Lakeshore Senior Living, developing new friendships and enjoying many activities. She cherished her friends and the life she lived.

Shirley is survived by her daughters, Kimberly Van Elst (Gary) and Colleen Stevens (Robert D.D.S.); grandchildren,

Brandon Van Elst (Julie), Darren Van Elst, Ashley Stevens and Scott Stevens and great-grandchildren, Austin Van Elst and Kenna Van Elst.

She was predeceased by Samuel, her husband of 68 years; parents, George and Loraine Hodges and sister, Jean Schrader.

A funeral service was held June 11 at First English Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Golf tournament benefits Beaumont patient services

The 36th annual Grosse Pointe Classic, benefiting the renovation of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, takes place Monday, June 24, at Country Club of Detroit. In addition to

golf, the event includes pickleball and bridge tournaments.

Golf and bridge begin at 10:30 a.m. Pickleball begins at 1:30 p.m. More than 100 participants are expected to enjoy a day on the golf course, or play

pickleball or join a Chicago-style bridge tournament, followed by cocktails, a strolling dinner, gifts and prizes.

Sponsorships and reservations are now avail-

able. Visit beaumont.org/giving/events for information and registration.

Cardiac catheterization allows physicians to conduct diagnostic tests and perform corrective proce-

dures including angioplasty, identifying and correcting congenital heart defects, checking the function and viability of heart valves and implanting cardiac pace-

makers.

Additional information on Beaumont's Cardiac Catheterization program is available at beaumont.org/treatments/cardiac-catheterization.

Sips, Strings & Dreams event supports youth touched by cancer

Friends of Camp Mak-A-Dream, Michigan Chapter is partnering with The Grosse Pointe Academy to host the Sips, Strings & Dreams event Tuesday, June 25, at the academy, 171 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Proceeds will enable children, teens and young adults touched by cancer to attend Camp Mak-A-Dream, a cost-free camp in Gold Creek, Mont. There, children experience a full range of recreational activities, as well as meet others who share similar challenges with cancer.

The evening opens with registration at 6:30 p.m., followed by wine and hors d'oeuvres 7 to 8 p.m. and a performance by members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra from 8 to 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$100 per person.

Sponsors included The Grosse Pointe Academy, GPH Services, The Great Frame Up, Sine & Monaghan Realtors and Treasury Wine Estates.

For more information, call (248) 723-5575 or visit campdreammich.org.

Shakespeare in the Woods

Portable Folio Productions presents a hilarious and thought-provoking production of Shakespeare's "As You Like It," directed by Alexander Henderson Trice and featuring Alex Sloan as Orlando and Jowi Estava Ghersi as Rosalind.

Remaining shows take place at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 13, through Sunday, June 16, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

"As You Like It" tells the story of Rosalind and her cousin, Celia, who flee to the forest to escape the new duke, but though they've escaped the stress of politics, the middle of nowhere still plays host to secrets, disguises, love triangles and bad poetry nailed to trees. The public is invited to join these refugees as they find new community and acceptance under the canopy and

fall in love along the way.

Tickets are \$15 on Sunday and Thursday, \$20 on Friday and Saturday. Purchase them at the door or online at pfpAsYouLikeIt.brownpapertickets.com.

"They are a wonderful group of young people, who performed the play flawlessly," said Trish Erichsen, secretary at Woods Presbyterian. "It is so rare to have the opportunity to see a Shakespearean play in our community. ... I feel sure that many of the English teachers in the local high schools would love to bring their students to a performance. Many throughout our community travel all the way to Stratford, Ontario, to enjoy Shakespeare. I can't help but think if they knew 'As You Like It,' one of Shakespeare's best comedies was being performed, they'd certainly attend."

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, celebrates 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.

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Making New Disciples- Building Stronger Ones

Former public safety director reflects on 36-year career

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

James Burke was 19 years old when he joined the Harper Woods Police Department. It was a treat for him to work in the community in which he grew up. It was an even bigger thrill to eventually become the director of public safety in that community — a post from which he retired last month.

Burke spent more than 36 years serving Harper Woods, a career that began at the request of his mother, Marilyn.

“The Harper Woods police were taking applications, so I took the test,” he said. “In the fall, I went to Wayne State. I was 19 in 1982, and finished No. 1 in testing and was offered a job.”

Burke went through the police academy, graduating January 1983. They handed him keys to a patrol car, but he quickly learned the job involved more than just patrolling.

“My first day on the job, I’m driving around, driving through town and I get pulled over by another Harper Woods police officer,” Burke said. “He said, ‘What are you doing? We’ve been calling you for hours.’”



Burke, right, and his son, Jimmy Burke, the day the younger Burke graduated from the academy.



COURTESY PHOTOS

From left, Harper Woods Mayor Kenneth Poynter, Director James Burke, Mayor Pro Tem Valerie Kindle and Judge Daniel Palmer, at the ceremony awarding Burke the Breaking Down Barriers Award.

He didn’t answer because he didn’t know his car number.

“I was just a kid,” he said, adding that a lot was different back then. “It was 1983; there were no cellphones, no 911. ... We had to use payphones. I always had to have a pocketful of quarters.”

Paying for phone calls wasn’t the only drawback; his age was an issue for a short time. “You had to be 21 to buy handgun ammunition,” he laughed. “My mom had to buy and bring bullets to me.”

After six years as a patrol officer, Burke spent four years with the Detroit Police Department’s Wayne-Macomb Auto Club task force, working undercover to bust chop shops and auto thieves.

“It was a great opportunity,” he said. “We made a difference. I made a lot of great friends and learned a lot.”

In 1992, he was promoted to sergeant and focused on bringing in high-quality individuals who wanted to be there and performing community service. He was supported by Randy Skotarczyk, a lieutenant at the time.

“We built a great crew of people coming in,” Burke said. “Our whole philosophy was community service — a focus on the residents and protecting them, but also serving them.”

Burke then became one of two lieutenants in the department. In 2006, when Skotarczyk was promoted to chief and consolidated the two lieutenant positions, he named Burke the department’s first deputy chief.

“That was rewarding,” Burke said, “picking up all sides of the operation. I had a great relationship with the chief. The programs I was pushing we got to keep doing.”

Burke served as deputy chief five years, then acting chief before being named chief in 2011.

Soon after his promotion, he made it a priority to transition the department into a public safety department with both police and fire.

“We have a big police load and a small fire load,” he said. “In 2009, I was one of the first six police officers who went to the fire academy. All our command guys went. It was pretty contentious at the time. ... But the city was in financial trouble and I took that seriously. So we pushed ahead. We had to or the city would have gone bankrupt.”

Also during Burke’s tenure, Harper Woods began hosting National Night Out, the purpose of which is to build bonds between residents and law enforcement. It started with six people on their porches, Burke said, and has turned into a community activity that draws around 400 residents.

“That’s a testament to the residents’ willingness to come out and engage with us,” he said.

He also reinstated the Harper Woods K-9 program, with help from the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society. K-9 Safety Partners of Grosse Pointe donated a fully equipped K-9 vehicle for K-9 Officer Steven Johnson and his partner, Kaiser.

Additionally, Burke made it his mission to diversify the department. As a result, he was awarded the NAACP of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods’ first Breaking Down Barriers Award last year.

“The award recognized and honored the efforts the entire team has taken in Harper Woods the last 10 years or so,” Burke said at the time. “I feel that diversity in Harper Woods is our strength. We put efforts into place 10 years ago to make sure we’re actively diversifying the department.”

“We’ve all embraced the philosophy and transferred that to the community,” he continued. “We put a premium on treating people with dignity and respect in the community and the police department.”

Declining crime rates were another result of Burke’s efforts in Harper Woods, which has seen a drop in serious crime the past 14 years. Burke said he believes the department’s relationship with residents helped those efforts.

“The lower crime rates are reflective of the team of high-quality people in the department and the cooperation of the residents,” he said. “Getting residents to be our eyes and ears has been huge.”

During Burke’s tenure, the Harper Woods department has had many opportunities to collaborate with the Grosse Pointe communities and public safety directors.

“It’s very mutual-aid driven,” he said. “They’ve always been there for us, always had our backs.”

Burke, 56, a Macomb Township resident since 2002, has been married to Jackie for 27 years. He met her on the job; she was a Harper Woods dispatcher. They have three children — a 24-year-old daughter in grad school at the University of Texas, a 22-year-old son who’s a Macomb County Sheriff’s Deputy and a 14-year-old son entering ninth grade.

“I’ve been very blessed,” he said. “You don’t get into this line of work just for the paycheck. I hope the mission of community service stays in place.”

Burke said he feels confident leaving the job to his deputy chiefs, John Vorgitch and Ted Stager, two of the many people he’ll miss. He also singled out Corinne Martin, executive director of the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society; Rex Zink of Rex’s Deli; Sam Hamama of Family Foods Market; the Rev. D.L. Harville of New Life Ministries, also the department chaplain; administrative assistant Marva Myles; and Jeff Powell, a department intern.

“I made him chief of the cadet program,” Burke said. “Chief Powell is the biggest inspiration I’ve ever had; he’s a fantastic kid.”

He also thanked Mayor Kenneth Poynter, Mayor Pro Tem Valerie Kindle and city council, as well as officers and residents for their support.

“And my mother, for making me go to Wayne State,” he said. “She was an original Harper Woods

pioneer. She suggested I go apply for the job.

“Nobody gets to where they are by themselves.”

During his tenure, Burke was named Police Officer of the Year four times, earned several Lifesaving Awards and received multiple citations from his chief.

“I know a lot of people with police chief jobs who are not happy,” Burke said. “As the leader of the community I grew up in, I feel blessed. Becoming the police chief in your hometown doesn’t usually happen.

“I’ve accomplished everything I could accomplish,” he continued. “And I’m confident with the people there now. ... They’re a great team. With these people all in place, Harper Woods has a great future.”

Though retired from the police force, Burke said he still feels he has more to offer and accepted a position with Macomb County Emergency Management, as its school safety coordinator.

“I work with the Macomb Intermediate School District and all districts in Macomb County,” he said, “to be a resource for those districts and superintendents. I offer expertise in school safety ... to try to make responses to emergencies similar.”

Harper Woods Mayor Pro Tem Valerie Kindle has a long history with Burke, dating back to when she first moved to the area in 2002. Burke looked out for her and her family, she said.

“There has been no better champion for diversity and downright community policing than Chief Burke,” Kindle said. “I wish him the utmost success in whatever he does in his retirement.

“One thing about Chief Burke is that he is a naturally kind person,” she continued. “You get that in dealing with him at every level. I will miss his positive energy. It always made me feel comfortable and safe knowing he was at the helm of the public safety department.”

Harper Woods Mayor Ken Poynter echoed Kindle’s sentiments.

“From the age of 19 when his mother had to accompany him to buy bullets, Jim rose through the ranks based upon his dedication to duty and to the citizens of Harper Woods where he was born, raised and went to school. ... He was a quality law enforcement officer,” Poynter said. “He was caring, trustworthy, helpful, knowledgeable, loyal and above all, he loved Harper Woods.”



From left, Deputy Chief John Vorgitch, Records Supervisor Marva Myles and Burke, during last year’s National Night Out event in Harper Woods.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 6, 2019

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held April 15, 2019, the special City Council meeting held April 24, 2019 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held February 28, 2019.
- 2) To adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing a Collective Bargaining matter.
- 3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 116474 through 116577 in the amount of \$172,053.90 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$21,039.26 for professional services during the month of March, 2019 for the following projects: Stormwater Asset Mgmt Plan, #180-202; 2017 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-188; 2018 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-204; 2019 User Charge, #180-213; 21201 Bournemouth Antenna, #180-214; and 2018 Gas Main Replacement, #180-198. (3) \$9,042.05 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department. (4) approve payment to Plante & Moran in the amount of \$32,300.00 for professional services related to the City’s financial reporting and preparation of the 2018 financial statements. (5) approve payment to Michigan Supreme Court Finance in the amount of \$5,049.50 for software support on the district court’s computer system.
- 2) to approve the professional services agreement as submitted by Simplified Business Solutions, LLC to provide IT services for the City of Harper Woods and further, to provide a custom created website in an amount not to exceed \$2,800.00 with monthly recurring maintenance fees not to exceed \$190.00.
- 3) to approve payment to Michigan Municipal League Worker’s Compensation Fund in the amount of \$133,469.00 for workers’ compensation insurance from July 1, 2019 through July 1, 2020 and further in that this is self insurance pooled funds, that competitive bidding be waived in accordance with City policy.
- 4) to accept the contract modification submitted by L. Anthony Construction in the amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the 2019 Concrete Pavement Repair Project, #180-204 and further that this work was competitively bid in 2018 jointly with Grosse Pointe Woods, that the city’s formal bidding process be waived.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

Treasure uncovered

Bring treasures to The Helm for appraisal

Ever wonder what that painting from Grandma is worth? Or the vase inherited from Aunt Lucille? Stop by The Helm 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 20, to find out. Local art, jewelry and collectibles appraisers, in conjunction with Stefek Estate Sales, will be on hand to put a value on personal treasures.

The community is invited to bring collectible art, glass, ceramic, china, dolls, toys, jewelry, military items, couture items and more. However, absolutely no guns will be allowed. Expert appraisers specializing in specific categories of collectibles include Michelle

Danowski, Dan LaLonde, Alan Marschke, Lori Stefek and John Steinger.

There is a \$7 appraisal fee per item with a maximum of three items per person. To secure an appointment, schedule it by Friday, June 14. Day-of appointments will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis after all pre-scheduled appointments have been honored.

Registration forms, necessary for each item being appraised, are available at The Helm, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information or to obtain a form, call (313) 882-9600.



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DAR officers announced

The Louisa St. Clair Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution announced its new 2019-20 officers at the annual chapter business meeting Thursday, May 9, at the Country Club of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Farms.

2019-20 Louisa St. Clair Chapter officers are, from left, Patti Theros, director; Jane Turnbull, recording secretary; Erin Scully, librarian; Shirley Hartert, historian; Jane Knaus, director; Kris Fontichiaro, regent; Elizabeth Findeis, vice regent; Dot Martin, financial secretary; Prudy Billiu, chaplain and Peggy King Scully, treasurer. Officers not pictured are Karen Batchelor, organizing secretary; PJ Steeby, corresponding secretary; Marie Zawol, registrar and Grace Bliss Smith, director.

Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe hosts Fête de la Musique on June 21

At 7 p.m. Friday, June 21, the Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe hosts its second annual Fête de la Musique in the parlor of The Grosse Pointe Academy, 171 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The concert features the lecture “The Art of the French Violinist: Exploring the Lasting Influence on Style and Interpretation,” as well as a performance by violinist Candace Rembert and per-

mances by local musicians of French music. An afterglow follows the concert.

Fête de la Musique, or World Music Day, began in 1982 in Paris with the idea of encouraging all musicians, amateur and professional, to “make music” of all genres accessible to the public at no cost. Today, it is celebrated in more than 700 cities and 150 countries around the world.

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Baseball

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights win Super Regional

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Nothing was going right for the University Liggett School baseball team in its Division 3 Super Regional game against Saginaw Valley Lutheran at Brown City High School.

The Knights couldn't get a hit off a crafty lefty, but drew enough walks to load the bases twice and put runners in scoring position on two more occasions.

The crafty lefty left the game due to pitch count, and the Knights went to work on Saginaw Valley Lutheran's relief pitcher, trailing 2-1 in the top of the seventh inning.

They loaded the bases and promptly scored runs with Nick Post, Patrick Ilitch and Mickey Walkowiak driving them in. Alec Azar shut the door in the bottom of the seventh and ULS won 4-2.

It's the seventh time in the past nine years the Knights are headed to the Final Four.

"We took a lot of pitches and drew a lot of walks, so we got the pitcher's count up pretty quick," head coach Dan Cimini said. "We had plenty of scoring



University Liggett School's Alec Azar had a run-scoring single and earned the win in a pre-regional victory over Lutheran Northwest.

chances, but couldn't get the big hit. We finally broke through and went on to win and get back to the Final Four.

"It's great for our guys. We have played good baseball since starting the year 5-5."

With the win, ULS improved to 23-9 overall.

In the regional final, the Knights scored nine runs in the first inning and cruised to a 13-3 win over rival Madison Heights Bishop Foley in five innings.

"We came out and had a big inning," Cimini

said. "We were ready to play. We knew Foley was tough."

Logan King was the pitcher of record and helped his own cause going 3 for 3 with a home run, a double and four RBIs.

Billy Kopicki was also 3 for 3, hitting a two-run homer and scoring three runs, while Ilitch was 3 for 3 with a double and three RBIs.

In a pre-regional game on its home turf, ULS defeated Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 10-2.

The Knights scored runs in five of their six at-bats, and had one hit in each at-bat to cruise to the win.

Azar went the first four innings to pick up the win, and King tossed the final three innings.

The Knights were actually out-hit 8-6, but the Crusaders finished with five errors.

They scored twice in the first inning on a sacrifice fly from King and single by Azar.

The Knights added five unearned runs in the next two innings, and



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

University Liggett School's Logan King pitched the final three innings in the Knights' pre-regional win over Lutheran Northwest.

added three more runs when Ilitch launched a two-run homer and Post hit a solo home run.

Kellen Banaszewski wasn't retired. He walked twice, was hit by a pitch and singled. Others with

hits were Kopicki and Drew Zelenak.

Next for the Knights is their state semifinal game at 11:30 a.m. Friday, June 14, against Gladstone, at Michigan State University.

Golf

Great finish for Knights, Blue Devils

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights finish strong

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys golf team finished with one of its best seasons in its program's history, taking second in last weekend's Division 4 state finals tournament at The Meadows at Grand Valley State University.

Head coach Dan Sullivan has preached patience and confidence, and it paid off with a runner-up score of 663. They were only 11 strokes behind state champ Kalamazoo Hackett, which had 652.

The Knights were 14 shots behind after the first day of competition, but shaved three shots off the deficit with a 326 on day two.

Colin Degnore earned All-State honors, finishing tied for eighth with 158. He shot 82 and 76 to get a top-10 placement.

After the first day, title favorite Kalamazoo Hackett led by 14 strokes, with three other

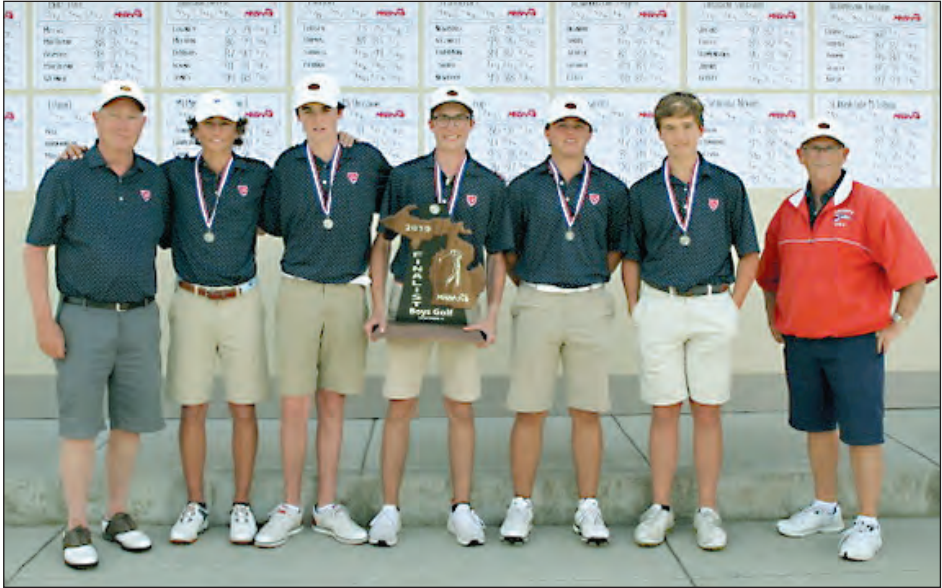


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The Division 4 runner-up Knights from left are, head coach Dan Sullivan, Tommy Gebeck, Jack Estes, Spencer Lukas, Colin Degnore, Bennett French and assistant coach Don Hankey.

teams tied for second at 337.

Day two was a different story as the Knights shot the low team score for the day at 326, three shots better than the leader Hackett and 14 shots better than Leland and 17 shots better than Clarkston Everest Collegiate.

"It was a spectacular performance by the team, particularly on day two, with the underclassmen playing with great maturity," Sullivan said. "It was very satisfying to finally beat Everest

Collegiate, who had edged us out three times this year. The future of the team is very bright as the four top scorers will all be back next year."

Tommy Gebeck was second for the Knights with 163, and he was followed by Bennett French with 167, Jack Estes with 175 and Spencer Lukas with 195.

For Lukas, walking the course one last time as a graduating senior was something special. He missed nearly two years of his high school athletic career due to a seri-

ous injury.

The other members of the Knights' golf team were Caden Ancona, Brendan Connors, Reed Dank, Brendan Jones, Matthew Lesh, Townsend Meredith, Bode Neumeister, Mike Sherman and Melanie Zampardo.

Mitch Lowney of Clarkston Everest Collegiate was the medalist, firing 147. Austin Fauser of Clinton and Michael Zanon of Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart were one stroke behind, shooting 148.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils excel on day two

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys golf team roared back from a 23-shot deficit to finish only 11 shots back in last weekend's Division 1 boys golf state finals tournament at The Fortress in Frankenmuth. The Blue Devils, the defending state champ, was in the middle of the pack after day one of the tournament, but made eventual state champ Lake Orion sweat a little on day two by firing an even 300 to shoot 617.

"We didn't play well that first day, but we finished with the low score of day two, which was great to see," head coach Rob McIntyre said.

Coalter Smith was tied for medalist honors with Lake Orion's Justin Sui, but lost in the second playoff hole to finish second with 141.

Smith earned All-State honors, as did Tommy Sullivan, who finished tied for fourth with Lake

Orion's Drew Coble with 145.

Head coach Rob McIntyre's final scorers were Chris Scupholm and Charlie Schuetz, who shot 162 and 169.

Alex Blyth played the first round and shot 95, while Jeffrey Krotche competed on day two and shot 85.

Other members of the team were Antonio Cavaliere, John Jones, Willem Krick and Brennan Rogowski.

The Blue Devils have been one of the most successful programs in the state, taking runner-up in 2016 and 2017, plus winning the title in 2018.

"This program is just killing it," McIntyre said. "The kids are working their butts off in and out of the classroom."

South, as a team, has also earned All-State Academic every year since 2011.

"This program is one of the best kept secrets in GP," McIntyre said. "The rest of the high school golf scene knows all about us."

Smith and Rogowski are the only graduates, leaving the Blue Devils as a title contender next season.

"We will work hard," McIntyre said.

Baseball

Blue Devils fall in Super Regional

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

In the end, the Grosse Pointe South baseball team’s bid to make it back to the Final Four came up one game shy. Last weekend, the Blue Devils lost 11-3 to Macomb Dakota in a Division 1 Super Regional at Grosse Pointe North.

“I have to give Dakota credit because it played well and hit the ball,” head coach Dan Griesbaum said. “I’m very proud of the players. They could have packed it in after league, but they battled and went on to win a district and regional title.”

The Blue Devils had run out of gas as the Cougars scored in five of their seven at-bats. Nick Raicevich was one of three pitchers Dan Griesbaum used. He took the loss, while Miles Jamieson and Conor



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

South’s Miles Jamieson delivers a pitch against Dakota.

McKenna also pitched. McKenna’s two-out double, scoring Weston Brundage, and two more

in the second on Drew Maccagnone’s single. Brundage had three of the team’s eight hits and scored one run. In the regional final, South scored the winning run on an error to beat U-D Jesuit 4-3 in eight innings.

The Blue Devils led the pitching duel 3-1, but the Cubs scored two runs in the top of the seventh to send it to extra innings. They went out 1-2-3 in the top of the eighth, and in their half the Blue Devils had runners on first and third with two outs. Pinch hitter Brian McKenna sent a routine ground ball to the third baseman, but his throw sailed high and past the first baseman for an error, allowing Matthew Fabry to score the winning run.

Will Leonard led the offense with three hits, one run scored and one RBI, while Conor McKenna had two hits. Brundage earned the win, pitching all eight innings. He scattered seven hits, didn’t walk a batter and struck out eight. Rain played a second opponent when South battled Livonia Churchill in a pre-regional game earlier in the week. Game time was scheduled for 2 p.m., but it was moved to 12:30 since rain was on the way. The Chargers jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning, but the Blue Devils responded to score eight of the next 10 runs to win 8-5 and advance. Patrick Hopper doubled home a run in the second inning and a second run scored on a wild pitch. The Blue Devils added four runs in the third inning to grab a 6-3 lead. Brundage drove in Maccagnone with a single, Conor McKenna followed with a two-run

homer and Devin Slaughter scored on Cam Mallegg’s single. The Chargers cut the deficit to 6-5 in the fifth inning, but the Blue Devils countered with two runs in the top half of the sixth. That would be the scoring as Brundage got the Chargers 1-2-3 in the sixth, and McKenna came on to close the door in the seventh. Brundage earned the win in relief, and McKenna picked up a save. The Blue Devils finished with 13 hits, including three from Brundage, and two each from McKenna, Slaughter and Mallegg. Grosse Pointe South finished its season 19-24 overall, and loses seniors Leonard, Brady McCarron, Maccagnone, Slaughter, McKenna, Cody Shook, Alec Applegate, Thomas Mellos, John Lynch and Tanner Belanger.

Softball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

One bad inning dooms Norsemen

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

One bad inning and a bad break were keys to the Grosse Pointe North softball team’s 4-0 loss to Garden City in last weekend’s Division 1 regional semifinal on its home field. The Norsemen, trying to earn their first regional crown in more than a decade, out-hit the

Cougars 7-6, but two critical errors in the third inning gave them three unearned runs. Sydney Brumme pitched well, going six innings and scattering six hits, walking one and striking out six. Of the Cougars’ four runs, three were unearned. Head coach Ron Smith’s Norsemen had two runners on base in the sixth inning, but a lin-



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

Grosse Pointe North senior Evelyn Zacharias makes a play at shortstop during the regional semifinal.



Grosse Pointe North senior Rachel Liagre flips to first for an out.

out to right field ended that threat. In the top of the seventh inning, Brenna Marsin doubled with one out and moved to third on Natalie Wietecha’s single. Miraina Smith pinch-hit for Erin Kane and sent a liner that appeared headed to left-center, which would have scored



Grosse Pointe North senior Kayla Kettler played a steady first base and will be missed in 2020.

Cardinale and Katelyn Gloster each had one hit. Grosse Pointe North finished 14-14 on the season. For Evelyn Zacharias, Kayla Kettler, Rachel Liagre, Mekelle Pace, Kane and Wietecha, this was their last high school game as they graduated earlier in the week. Despite the loss of the

seniors, Smith has a talented group returning.

Basketball

GP SOUTH

Camp time

It’s time to register for the 2019 Grosse Pointe Girls Basketball School June 24-27 held at the Grosse Pointe South High School main gymnasium, which is located at 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Campers in grades four through six compete from 9 to 11 a.m., and those in grades seven through 12 run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$125 per camper. The camp aims to teach fundamentals and apply them into game situations. Make checks payable to Grosse Pointe South, and mail to Grosse Pointe Girls Basketball School, 833 Barrington, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 24, 2019, at 6:45 o’clock p.m., at The Brownell Multipurpose Room, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, 48236 the Board of Education of Grosse Pointe Public School System will hold a public hearing to consider the District’s proposed 2019-2020 budgets.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2019-2020 budgets until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2019-2020 budgets, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 389 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, 48230

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36 Haggard or
Travis
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40 "Eeeww!"
41 Uncategorized
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51 "Money —
everything"

52 Zest

54 Air speed
measure

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wiches

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up with

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46 Birthright bar-
terer

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five

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ticipants

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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last weeks
puzzle 6/6/19**

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that each row across, each column down and
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numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Solution Time: 25 minutes

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