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Air quality study deems Poupard safe

By Mary Anne Brush
 Staff Writer

HARPER WOODS — Grosse Pointe Public School System administrators are breathing a little easier now that results are in from a study by Testing Engineers and Consultants Inc. showing the air quality at Poupard Elementary School is safe according to Environmental Protection Agency standards. The district engaged TEC to conduct the study when residents presented studies raising concerns about health risks associated with proximity to a highway. Board President Brian Summerfield included these studies among his reasons to select Poupard for closure as part of the district’s reconfiguration for 2020-21, raising the question among residents whether the school should remain open for 2019-20. According to the American Lung Association, burning gasoline and diesel fuel release particulate matter. *See SAFE, page 3A*

Court upholds murder claim dismissal

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
 Staff Writer

CINCINNATI — A federal court has upheld a decision dismissing a lawsuit by the family of a Grosse Pointe Woods woman found dead in the Detroit River in 2010. The suit by Joann Matouk Romain’s estate alleges involvement by several police departments in a murder cover-up that also implicated Tim Matouk, Matouk Romain’s cousin. But an opinion released Wednesday, Aug. 14, by the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals states the estate’s claim is based on “some odd facts.” “For example, Joann’s daughter swears that an
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FILE PHOTO

High water level issues resolved

By Laurel Kraus
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE CITY AND FARMS — While the Grosse Pointe Shores marina has not experienced any issues with underwater boat slips due to the floating docks it implemented in 2007-08, the rising levels of Lake St. Clair this summer left other Pointes scrambling to find solutions for boat owners. “It’s been an interesting summer, that’s for sure, with the high water level,” said Christopher Hardenbrook, director of Parks and Recreation for the City. “I do know that everyone, not just the municipalities, marinas and the private clubs, but the residents too along the lakeshore, sitewide, have had significant challenges and struggles.”
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Racing for Kids to the Hill returns for its 13th season next Wednesday, Aug. 28.

Racing for Kids to the Hill is Aug. 28

By Jody McVeigh
 Editor

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A few years ago, during a visit to Chicago Memorial Hospital as part of the Racing for Kids team, IndyCar racer Danica Patrick entered a child’s room and spotted his untouched breakfast at his bedside. “I can’t believe you’re not eating your pancakes!” she exclaimed to the youngster. “Pancakes are my favorite breakfast food!” The ice broken between them, the two chatted a while and Patrick was on her way after signing her autograph and posing for photos. Before she got too far down the corridor, the boy’s mother ran from the room. “He’s eating!” she said. “He’s eating for the first time in a week and a half!” Such a story is nothing new to Racing for Kids founder J. Patrick Wright. When he started the organization in 1989 — with pediatric cardiologist Dr. William Pinsky and IndyCar racer Robbie Buhl — its mission was to bring IndyCar and other race car drivers to visit hospitalized children across the country in an effort to focus public attention and funding on the healthcare needs of children. get better faster,” Wright said. “These kids get better a lot faster when these events take their minds off the treatments they have to get. Lo and behold, 30 years later, we’ve raised over \$7 million. ... We’ve seen 35,000 children in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Australia, Japan and Brazil. And we’ve been to more than 700 hospital visits. “I see a lot of sick kids
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City removes fire bell in preparation for new building

By Laurel Kraus
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The six o’clock bell has been posted atop the City public safety station since it was built in 1928, although it hasn’t been regularly used in nearly four decades. “Every day at six o’clock, a police officer or firefighter or dispatcher would ring the bell ... and noon on Sundays 12 times,” Deputy Chief John Alcorn said. “They did that for years and years.” The bell was taken off the roof of the station Thursday, Aug. 15, to potentially be prepared for its new home as part of a memorial for fallen public safety officers and firefighters, which will be built in front of the new public safety building on Mack. It is unknown what else the memorial will consist of at this time. “The idea is just to honor former police officers and firefighters with the city,” Alcorn said. “We had two firefighters that died in the line of duty in Grosse Pointe City history. We’ll probably have a special area to memorialize them.” The bell will now be sent to Brosamer’s Bells, an antique bell restoration, sales and service company in Brooklyn, Mich., for evaluation and possible preservation. The idea for the bell’s preservation came about during talks of renovating the cupola, in which it was encased. “We were just brainstorming on what could we do, because
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Park announces community pickleball at Aug. 26 event

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — At 78 years old, Denise Mullen figured it was time to start a new hobby. The one she chose left her in a real pickle. Fortunately for Mullen, Grosse Pointe Park offers an outlet for her passion: At 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 26, the Parks and Recreation Department will have a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Matthew C. Patterson Park to formally introduce pickleball courts. Following the celebration, confirmed guests will be invited to the home of Mullen and her husband, Frank, for a

cocktail hour and mixer. “I think it’s an example that the officials in Grosse Pointe Park are really listening to their constituents,” said Mullen, 80. Just two years into her pickleball journey, she has become so fond of the sport she’s eager to recruit others. “Some people do think it’s an old person’s sport, but it’s for every age,” Mullen said. Pickleball involves teams or individuals using paddles to compete from opposite ends of a net. Played indoors or out, the game combines elements of tennis, badminton and ping pong. Chad Craig, Park super-



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHAD CRAIG

Donations from the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation supported the renovation of two tennis courts at Patterson Park into three pickleball courts.

visor of parks and recreation, said the game’s introduction at two renovated Patterson Park tennis courts follows about two years of increasing interest expressed by Park

residents. Several other metro Detroit community centers and athletic outlets have pickleball courts and the Park had begun offering “Pickling with Pat” as part of a weekly,

indoor gym day through the recreation department. A “demo night” held in February attracted about 60 people. “Actually, if anything, we’re a little bit behind the

times,” Craig said. “I’d say pickleball has been picking up in the past 10 years, especially in the southern states where it’s warm year-round.” Support from the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation through donations made the opening of the three outdoor courts possible. Donors included William and Pamela Yates, Julie and David Breen, Michael Shields, Frank and Denise Mullen, William and Kathy Mestdagh, John and Kim Francis, Daniel and Connie Blake, John and Sharon Chouinard, Giuseppe and Paola

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you don’t want to just throw away something that’s got all that history,” Public Services Director Pete Randazzo said. While the wooden structure of the cupola is beyond repair and will be replaced, the top portion with the weather vane will be saved and reattached to the building. “An actual piece of the weather vain, a sail, years ago blew off in a storm and ended up on the roof of the church and somebody recovered it, so we’re going to try to fix that,” Alcorn said. The six o’clock bell itself was last used in 1998. While City of Grosse Pointe Judge Stan Kazul performed a wedding ceremony in the City



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

After removing the cupola, a crew brings the bell off the roof.

court room, Lt. Eddie Tujaka climbed onto the roof to help celebrate the nuptials by sounding the bell. The rope had been disabled years earlier.



Deputy Chief John Alcorn and Public Services Director Pete Randazzo with the bell and clapper.



A sail from the weather vane blew off in a wind storm in the early 2000s.

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ter, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide and volatile organic compounds, or VOCs, as well as carbon dioxide into the air. VOCs can react with nitrogen oxides to produce ozone pollution, the nation’s most widespread outdoor air pollutant. Poupard is located on the west side of Interstate 94, along the service drive, heightening concerns about increased risk of asthma attacks and respiratory and cardiovascular harm. Particulate matter also can lead to lung cancer, according to the American Lung Association, and some VOCs are connected to other cancers as well. TEC used the same sampling methodology as the EPA in its nationwide monitoring program. It reviewed EPA reports and selected the same criteria for assessing the potential impact of VOCs on school occupants. According to a laboratory report released

by the district Aug. 19, the VOC samples collected Aug. 1, are well below EPA screening levels. TEC also conducted a first round of dust monitoring at Poupard Aug. 16. The report shows the logged data from the instruments along with the EPA ambient air quality values for comparison. All locations were well below national ambient air quality standards. The three locations tested at Poupard were the east playground by the service drive, the west playground and a classroom closest to the expressway. Poupard families, including those participating in the Head Start program, and staff members were notified of these results by email Aug. 19. “The district will continue to update the community as additional rounds of testing come in, but we are delighted to report these results as soon as possible,” wrote Rebecca Fannon, community affairs manager. Poupard PTO President

Shantelle Bryson said while she hadn’t read the full report yet, she was “happy that the air quality results show that there’s no harm being presented to our children

at Poupard.” A summary spreadsheet of the results along with the EPA sample screening levels for comparison is available at gpschools.org.

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A photo of the first fire truck purchased in the City in 1917 for \$1,800.

Got history?

Deputy Chief John Alcorn is looking for historic articles, pictures or personal information about the City of Grosse Pointe police and fire departments that residents want to share, donate or let them copy for possible display or decoration at the new station. Anyone interested can reach out to gpchistory@outlook.com.

The Week Ahead

- MONDAY, AUG. 26**
◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 15115 E. Jefferson.
- TUESDAY, AUG. 27**
◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission meeting, 8 a.m. at city hall, 795 Lakeshore.
- SATURDAY, AUG. 31**
◆ One Last Dip ice cream social, 1 p.m. at Neff Park, 17350 E. Jefferson, City of Grosse Pointe; residents only.

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Helping homeless heightens her hopes

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

Charity is her passion, not her pastime.

During the past nine years, Diane Soulliere has made feeding and clothing the homeless a mission that draws support from her Grosse Pointe Woods neighbors and nearby schools and churches.

First conceived as an assignment for several youths she taught in a catechism class that included her son, the volunteer effort she so tirelessly puts forth has proven contagious. From 150 lunches she and the children packed and donated as part of their first project, Soulliere's commitment multiplied into 75,000 lunches distributed in nearly a decade.

The formation of Operation Love Our Homeless as a nonprofit about three years ago has helped expand her vision.

"I've got 20 bags of clothes I have to sort right now," said Soulliere. "Every morning I wake up with donations left on my porch. People from all over our community are at my door seven days a week."

A year after the first project produced a respectable number of lunches, Soulliere challenged her growing network of volunteers: "I'm



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Diane Soulliere with some donations in the back of her car.

kind of a 'Go big or go home' girl, so I said, 'This year let's do a thousand.'"

As her efforts increased, Soulliere gained backing from Arbonne International, a company for which she works as a consultant, and the Junior League, of which she is a member. She also counts Starbucks on Mack, which regularly donates food the café plans to discard, among community supporters.

"A friend said, 'You were meant to do this. You should keep doing it,'" Soulliere recalled.

While her good Samaritan work continues throughout the year, the demand for lunches increases during cold months as warming cen-

ters and shelters become more populated. Sharing clothes and personal supplies at soup kitchens, churches and shelters "and hugging them and loving them and giving them what they need, women without underwear and men without socks," fills many hours, she said. It's not unusual for Soulliere to carry donated goods with her during routine travels.

"Just last week I saw someone at the corner in Detroit and he was homeless," she said. "I said, 'Oh, my God, I'm in the wrong car!'"

While Operation Love Our Homeless is largely a one-woman effort, support from "the whole, entire neighborhood"

sustains it, she added. At just 103 pounds, Soulliere relies on volunteers with muscles and vehicles to distribute large items.

"I bruise if I even look at furniture," she said.

But she hopes to build the program's capacity to include furnishing residences by stocking portable storage pods with donations.

"When women are in shelters and they leave and get keys to a place, they open the door and that place is empty. We help them fill it," Soulliere said.

As in many communities, Pointes residents throw out a lot of old possessions instead of giving them to those in need, she added. Her efforts

have become so widely known in the community that she even helps fill special requests, using a network of friends, neighbors and social media. One Christmas season she received a request for men's shoes that were a size 10, but the shoes weren't retrieved. Later at a charity event she was approached by a man who asked if she had any shoes in the same size.

"I handed them to him, gift-wrapped, and said, 'Merry Christmas!'" Soulliere remembered, laughing. "I'm sure there are times people walk away, like, 'What just happened?'"

"I totally believe in that, in God controlling everything and pulling strings."

Soulliere has seen some of her fellow Pointes residents enjoy the same fulfillment she experiences from giving and helping the less fortunate.

"The ripple effect in our community, to me, is the biggest thing," she said. "One, we're feeding the community and people in need, but the other thing is, the people who bring food and donations to me are probably being 'fed' even more."

She lives with a son and two daughters, all of whom grew up influenced by their mom's commitment to charity. There are days when their house "looks like a

Salvation Army store," she said. It's not unusual for Soulliere to receive a text message from the younger family members letting her know they saw someone sleeping on a street or asking for money outside a concert.

Soulliere's goals for expanding Operation Love Our Homeless include inviting local clubs and church groups into her home where they can pack lunches on an extended kitchen counter. She envisions 200 meals per day.

Soulliere's ambition to keep increasing her charitable work is connected with her spiritual faith.

"When God whispers in your ear," she said, "how can you not listen?"

Anyone interested in volunteering with Operation Love Our Homeless may contact the organization through its Facebook page or make a PayPal donation at operationloveourhomeless@yahoo.com.

Many would find it surprising how quickly an unexpected change in circumstances or unforeseeable misfortune can lead to homelessness, even in the Pointes, Soulliere said. But the response to her efforts inspires her.

"We have a really great community," she added. "That's what I like to focus on."

Shores officer serves in pipe & drum band

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Doug Fraser is a sergeant with Shores public safety, has played the drums since he was 12 years old and currently is the only Grosse Pointe officer in the Metro Detroit Police & Fire Pipe & Drum band.

The band formed in 2002 after the death of Hazel Park Police Officer Jessica Nagle-Wilson,

with the purpose of playing funeral services for officers and firefighters who died in the line of duty.

"At that time, nowhere in the state of Michigan was there any type of services that the band would offer for the funeral purposes at all," Fraser said. "The closest pipe band would be probably out of Windsor."

While it began with just a handful of officers, now there are around 30,

according to Fraser.

Over the years, the band has attended 75 line-of-duty funeral services and many more for non-line-of-duty deaths.

Fraser joined in 2009 after a friend in the band suggested he try it out.

"Sure enough, I fell into it," Fraser said. "Obviously they were all police and firefighters (so) we were all kind of interlinked there to begin with and I decided I would stick it out."

A high level of commitment is required since the band meets to practice once a week for about two hours to keep the members performing proficient and in sync.

They are always recruiting because band members come and go, Fraser said. Current members range in age from late 20s to mid 70s and hail from departments including Dearborn, Flint Township, Garden City and border patrol. Members must be a certified officer or firefighter or an active or retired member of a department.

"As long as you meet their criteria and you're willing to learn how to play, we have instructors that will actually teach you how to play," Fraser said. "You don't have to

already know how to play the bagpipes. It takes, from scratch to probably the time you get your kilt and (are) ready to go out and play, probably two years."

It took Fraser about a year until he was up to speed and able to keep up with the other drummers.

"The real task was trying to learn that style of drumming, because it's totally different than being in the drum corps high school band," Fraser said. "It looks the same, but it's not."

Beyond funerals, the band also plays the St. Patrick's Day parade in Detroit, fire chief conventions, Detroit police award ceremonies and police and fire academy graduation ceremonies, as well as goes to



PHOTO COURTESY OF DOUG FRASER

Along the side of the base drum is written the name and funeral service date for each fallen officer or firefighter the band honors.

Washington, D.C., each year in May for Police Week.

Fraser recalls a unique experience there a few years back with Michigan House Rep. Mike Bishop.

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Grosse Pointe Farms

Suspended license

A LEIN/Secretary of State check on a vehicle traveling westbound on Mack at 6:07 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, showed the registration expired June 17 and no electronic insurance verification on file.

A LEIN/Secretary of State check on the 24-year-old Detroit driver showed he had six current suspensions and eight prior additional suspensions on his expired license.

He was arrested for driving while license suspended.

Text threat

After a 46-year-old Detroit woman was terminated from a business in the 100 block of Kercheval, she began repeatedly calling the office number and sent a threatening text to her former boss Wednesday, Aug. 14.

Wise grandma

A 92-year-old Farms woman received a call at 4:36 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, from a man claiming to be her grandson and requesting bail money.

The suspect said his voice may sound different due to facial injuries suffered in a drunken driving accident, but the woman felt suspicious, so she asked him the name of his son and hung up right after.

Shed light on

After a vehicle was pulled over on Chalfonte at 6:33 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15 for two inoperable brake lights, a LEIN/Secretary of State check showed the 30-year-old Warren man had a warrant out of Wayne County for failing to appear in court, for which he was arrested.

Narcotic possession

When a 27-year-old Detroit man was pulled over on eastbound Mack at 8:40 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, a Secretary of State check showed no license with 14 current suspensions and six prior additional suspensions, so he was arrested for driving

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while license suspended.

Upon searching the man during the arrest, 36 pills and a roll of \$320 were found in his pocket, adding synthetic narcotic possession to his charges.

Missing time

Officers could smell a strong odor of intoxicants after a 29-year-old Detroit woman was pulled over on Chalfonte at 2:55 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 18, for speeding.

She said she thought it was midnight and her preliminary breath test results showed .27 blood alcohol content. She was arrested.

Stolen vehicle

A 2019 white four-door Ford Expedition, license plate number BCT7262, was stolen from a driveway on Beaupre between 1 and 8 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19.

The 41-year-old Farms man said the vehicle was unlocked and the key fob may have been left inside.

Inside the vehicle were two car seats, a swim bag and \$2,000 worth of Titleist golf clubs.

— Laurel Kraus
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Public consumption of alcohol

A 55-year-old Roseville man was reported to be intoxicated on the grass on Lakeshore near Colonial at 4:01 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14.

Officers found the man with an open bottle of alcohol and his preliminary breath test results showed .236 percent blood alcohol content.

He was arrested for public consumption of alcohol.

Early morning nap

After noticing a truck parked in a driveway on Lakeshore with the tailgate down at 3:01 a.m.

Thursday, Aug. 15, officers found a 38-year-old St. Clair Shores man unconscious in the driver’s seat with the vehicle running.

Officers woke him with loud verbal commands and he admitted to drinking that evening. Preliminary breath test results were .181 percent blood alcohol content. He was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

Insurance out of time

A 36-year-old Detroit man was arrested on Lakeshore and Webber Place at 11:42 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, after providing an electronic copy of insurance that was for a 2003 vehicle with a different VIN than the 2007 minivan he was driving.

Operating under the influence

A vehicle on southbound Lakeshore was seen crossing the dividing line and nearly striking a motorist at 11:23 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17.

The 40-year-old Redford man did not reply when asked if he had been drinking, but was slurring his speech and easily distracted.

He was arrested for operating under the influence and driving while license suspended.

Expired plate

A 41-year-old Detroit man was arrested at Lakeshore and Fairlake at 10:03 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 18, after a LEIN/Secretary of State check showed mandatory plate confiscation for fraudulent application and that the plate expired May 2018.

Chronic drunken driver

A vehicle was pulled over at 2:01 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19, after leaving its lane multiple times while traveling around 20 mph on Lakeshore.

The 34-year-old Eastpointe man smelled of intoxicants and a LEIN/Secretary of State check showed his operat-

ing privileges revoked and two prior operating while intoxicated convictions.

His blood alcohol content was .171 percent and he was arrested for operating under the influence and driving while license suspended.

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Double vehicle theft

Officers were called to Washington Road at 6:32 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 11, after two cars were stolen from a driveway overnight. Neither vehicle had been locked.

Officers were able to recover the 41-year-old Pointe woman’s Audi using a car-tracking app, but the 48-year-old Pointe man’s 2018 gray four-door Jeep Grand Cherokee, license number A65JU, is still missing.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Operating while intoxicated

A 40 year-old man was arrested for driving

while under the influence of alcohol around 10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18, at West Emory and Torrey after his SUV was spotted parked in the middle of the road.

Police said the driver tried to hide a bottle of liquor as an officer approached him in the 1100 block of Torrey.

The man told police he was an Uber driver who had just dropped off a passenger and was looking for directions to his own home.

After failing field sobriety tests, the man was taken into custody.

Fleeing and eluding police

Police seek the driver of a tan, older-model Chevy Impala after a brief chase of the vehicle around 3 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 18, at Vernier and Helen.

Police tried to stop the driver for having an improper license plate and suspicious activity after the vehicle was reportedly spotted moving slowly and stopping near parked vehicles.

When police tried to detain the Impala on Vernier west of Harper and the officer opened his car door to exit it, the Impala’s driver fled.

Following a half-mile chase, the officer was instructed to end the pursuit.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Home invasion

A 50-inch television and \$15 in change were stolen from a home in the 1400 block of Grayton between 8:40 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17.

An unknown person reportedly entered the home through an unlocked rear window.

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Palazzolo and Ronald and Elisa Cornell.

The donations also will help with the updating of tennis courts at Windmill Pointe Park, scheduled this fall, Craig said.

Pickleball offers benefits of fun and exercise in a smaller area than tennis courts, so “you don’t move quite as much,” Craig said. He’s exploring the creation of a local league for players and a possible tournament.

Pamela Yates, who plays pickleball, said she and her husband were happy to help spearhead donations to open the space at Patterson Park.

“They’ve gotten a huge turnout, so far,” she said. “It just adds to the activities in the community.”

The pickleball courts can be reserved free of charge by calling the Patterson Park gatehouse at (313) 822-1681.

Potential players inter-

ested in attending the cocktail hour after the Aug. 26 ribbon-cutting should email Craig at craigc@grossepointe.org.

Mullen, meanwhile, is eager to meet and greet her competition.

“I’m really pleased at the response and I am really pleased at the end product,” she said. “We have beautiful courts. Now we need to network among players.”



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OUR VIEW

Rocket Fiber is the future

Grosse Pointe’s school board has to cut bait next week on its internet future. There are risks either way: stay tied to commercial providers, such as via its existing annual contract with Comcast, or step away by building its own dedicated fiber optic ring.

There’s no question that the Grosse Pointe Public School System needs to up its internet game. The district has already hit capacity at its current level of service. Meanwhile, schools are being wired for higher speed, as part of the work that voters approved in last November’s bond election. Five schools will be ready for increased speed next summer, with the rest to follow quickly.

On the whole, the construction contract with Rocket Fiber, as recommended by the administration, seems the better bet. Total costs will reach \$2.2 million, but nearly two-thirds of it will be covered via the bond fund, the district’s sinking fund and an E-rate subsidy program for schools.

The rest of the construction cost largely covers connection into the Merit network, a nonprofit consortium of Michigan’s public universities founded decades ago to improve educational access. Those costs will be paced into the operating budget.

The district’s potential contract with Rocket Fiber also includes maintenance for 20 years.

By contrast, the district now pays roughly \$212,266 a year to Comcast, which also has qualified to date for an E-rate subsidy of 40 percent. But subsidies aren’t guaranteed as the years pass; more schools will be vying for the money, and low-income and rural districts get priority.

Remember, too, that the current service is no longer sufficient. If the district steps away from the Rocket Fiber plan, costs will surely rise — first because of the need for more capacity, and also possibly because the competition has diminished.

The original vision, dating back more than three years, was to build a network in partnership with the library system and the six municipalities in the district. Most of them have since shied away.

If any of them do eventually connect, they will become customers of the district, rather than partners. This does not mean the district will be in the residential or commercial fiber-optic business, only that a few municipal and nonprofit renters may find they can save money and get better service by going through the school district, adding a much-welcomed revenue source for the schools.

Rocket Fiber will also piggyback its own capacity into the lines, and will presumably be on the hunt for commercial and residential customers.

The company is among the portfolio of businesses owned by Quicken Loans founder Dan Gilbert. It just celebrated its fifth anniversary, having launched with the laying of a fiber optic line along Woodward Avenue in conjunction with development of the M-1 rail project.

According to a company press release, the project first aimed at residential customers but grew to include business partners such as Henry Ford Hospital, Ally Bank and Ford Field. Outside of Detroit, it has connected businesses in Southfield and Troy.

It seems a pretty safe bet that the need for high-speed internet will only grow here as well, for at least the next decade. If the district is at capacity with 3 gigs, installing 10 gigs with the option for renting out some space doesn’t seem like too much. Students and teachers with access to higher speeds may even devise applications that require more speed yet.

Finally, it’s worth noting that high-speed internet benefits a community in ways more difficult to measure — for economic development and perhaps in attracting new residents who work from home in gig-gobbling fields. The availability of high speed internet to others is not the school district’s responsibility, but it is an attractive byproduct as a tool to promote the Pointes.



Pure Grosse Pointe

Michelle Colombo was at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House on Aug. 15 when she spotted something unusual. “I love walking the grounds at the Ford Estate; I see some beautiful sights,” she wrote in an email. “Today I spotted this Mustang car club leaving the estate. Of course, they were here for the Woodward Dream Cruise. I thought it was so beautiful. I just had to pass this on to you.”

OUR VIEW

Early childhood care needed

A proposal to expand early childhood offerings in the Grosse Pointe schools provides an unexpected beam of hope for the district.

As outlined by a group of residents, the district would add rooms for children ages 0-4 in one school building, then phase into other buildings until supply meets demand. The group, which presented its research to the Board of Education Aug. 12, estimates that enough demand exists to serve 590 children.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System now accommodates some 180 full-time and part-time children. The argument that the district shouldn’t get into the childcare “business” makes little sense in this context; it’s already there. The basic question is whether to expand — and to what degree that benefits the district and the community.

The Early Childhood Center at Barnes School has full-day rooms for infants and toddlers, in addition to preschool. Full- or half-day pre-kindergarten is available at four other schools. All-day kindergarten is available, and Kids Club operates in every elementary school, giving parents the option of dropping elementary-age children off as early as 7 a.m. or picking them up as late as 6:30 p.m.

Indeed, if extended care with quality activities for children weren’t part of the district’s portfolio, parents might revolt — or flee.

The residents’ proposal would roughly double the slots available for those aged 0-4 in the first phase. Their business model suggests initial costs would be

recovered after one year, with enough “profit” thereafter to start up the next phase, until ultimately the program generates income for the district.

They also recommend hiring administrative staff with the expertise to run an expanded program — making the initial start-up cost about \$1 million.

The biggest bottleneck now is the restricted space available for infants and toddlers. Those rooms, all at Barnes, have limited enrollment. There is only one room for up to 12 infants, for example, with a waiting list said to be at least equal to the number enrolled.

And infants may well be the name of the game here. The state demographer for Michigan, Eric Guthrie, has estimated that school-age enrollment will continue its decline until 2024, when it will stabilize and start to grow again. Note well: Those 2024 kindergartners are being born right now, in 2019.

A district that can educate and care for today’s newborns ought to have an advantage in attracting families and then retaining them. A fully expanded program could provide many families with a decade of continuity at their neighborhood elementary school.

The nuts and bolts of this proposal require thorough examination, of course. Finding startup money looks like a major hurdle, for starters.

The board will explore its options in a working session at 5 p.m. Aug. 26. Hopefully board members will view expanded early childhood offerings as an opportunity to enrich the continuum of ages they serve, in addition to supporting the well-being of families in every neighborhood.

School closings prove thorny

The early childhood plan proposal hinges on every neighborhood, because expanding the district’s infant through pre-kindergarten offerings will work only if all nine elementary schools remain open but fifth-graders move to the middle schools as planned.

The board voted in June to close Poupard and Trombly elementary schools and move the fifth-graders out, effective with the 2020-21 school year.

The full proposal for early childhood programs depends on space becoming available as elementary schools move to the K-4 model, and it uses every elementary school but Poupard, which currently hosts the Harper Woods-based Head Start. (Note to potential early childhood planners: Poupard families need to be included in discussions about full-day and other early childhood options.)

All aspects of the reconfiguration plan have come under fire. But it is parents from the Trombly attendance area who seized the moment to create a business plan for expanded early childhood programs.

Their initiative is welcome, especially since the board and administration seem to be at loggerheads as they discuss even the earliest concepts for how to close schools. If this is an inkling of how hard the closing process is going to be, the next few months

will be rough indeed.

At the board’s Aug. 12 meeting, the administration suggested keeping all Trombly and Defer students together at Defer. That varied from the original plan to move all Trombly students to Defer, then bump some Defer students to Maire, the next closest school. Some Maire children, in turn, would get bumped to Richard.

A few board members noted that their primary goal has been to get students clustered with an adequate density at every school. That helps ease concerns about needing split-grade classrooms, for example.

Leveling out the elementary school capacities also allows more slack for any uneven population bursts; specialty classrooms can go where they fit best, not just where there’s room.

Scarcity of students, with more declines on the near horizon, is why the whole reconfiguration process started. Under either scenario — closing schools, leaving schools open for early childhood expansion — the next few years will require many tough decisions.

It is not reassuring that one of the earliest potential steps in the closing plan has already uncovered rifts.

LETTERS

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Stick to business of education

To the Editor:
Is the school district

really able to effectively run what amounts to a telecommunications company and a school system?

In less than a week, the board is poised to vote approval for Grosse Pointe Public School System’s construction of a 14-mile fiber ring. Since municipalities have withdrawn their participation in this risky venture, the district is planning to foot the entire project cost with funds from the \$66 million bond referendum (on which \$44 million in interest is due) and the already-squeezed General Fund. Did GPPSS forget the \$2 million hole created in the operating budget

from the loss of 218 students this fall — not announced prior to the bond vote? What’s the loss this year? Also, sinking fund assets, which have typically been prized for essential brick-and-mortar repairs, will be used for laterals to school buildings.

Our superintendent was hired to address declining enrollment. Instead, he is closing schools.

The board has not presented the taxpayers/

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I SAY By John Minnis

Social media not place for news



The silly season — as in political — is well underway and it is already proving to be ugly. I am not talking so much about this year's elections. Being an odd year, our ballots will cover local officials and proposals. Pretty tame stuff — most of the time. Probably most impor-

tant is Grosse Pointe Public School System ballot requests seeking renewal of the sinking fund and hold harmless millages. It is difficult to gauge the mood of the electorate. Will voters easily approve the millage requests as they have in the past, or will there be lingering resentment over the post-bond enrollment numbers and school closings? I certainly hope not. Loss of these millages would be devastating to the school system. I will certainly be voting in favor of the school mill-

ages. We don't have children in the schools, but we consider supporting the schools an investment in the children and our community. The ugly political season I have in mind is the 2020 federal, state and county elections. The farther the elective office gets from home, the nastier it gets. Make no mistake, it has already begun. My wife, Terry, and other family members are already complaining about the "political stuff" that's bombarding them on Facebook. I, however, don't see anything politi-

cal on my FB feed. That is because years ago I began opting to hide anything political on Facebook, no matter if I agreed with it or not. Over time I seem to have inoculated myself from politics on Facebook. Avoiding political ads on television is more difficult, but not impossible. We are in the habit of recording the programs we usually watch. That way we can zip through the commercials. The drug and personal hygiene commercials are reason enough to encourage this practice. Politics make it mandatory.

For political news, I rely on "mainstream" newspapers and TV networks. They do a good job of covering the news fairly and accurately. Don't be fooled by "alt-news" sites that are purportedly telling people things that the mainstream media are "afraid of" or trying to "cover up." Having worked in newsrooms most of my adult career, I have to say we have never conspired to hide the truth or, for that matter, peddle an untruth. And don't confuse the opinion pieces with news

stories. Editorials and opinions should be clearly identified. Even "analysis" pieces are a step beyond straight news, so keep that in mind when reading them. Getting at the truth is hard enough without playing fast and loose with the facts. Mainstream newspapers and broadcast media strive to adhere to standards. Sure, we err, but we do acknowledge when we made a mistake. That is what sets us apart. That said, happy political season to you and yours!

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1944
75 years ago this week

WOODS INCENSED OVER EMACIATED GOAT: The good people of the Woods were highly incensed last week when they learned that a goat had been tied up on the Russo farm and left without food or water for several days. When the police found the creature it was so weak and emaciated it was unable to stand on its feet.

1969
50 years ago this week

LETTERS

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buyers of this 20-year fiber venture with a viable business model with detailed projections of future expenses and revenues. There is no updated agreement between Rocket Fiber and GPPSS for taxpayers to examine.

Residents should be asking board trustees these questions:

Why wouldn't Rocket Fiber pursue this venture in Grosse Pointe on its own? If the main ring build-out only costs \$1 million, why is GPPSS paying to build it for Rocket, which stands to reap the benefits of selling to residential and commercial markets?

Does GPPSS have ironclad performance guarantees? Are there stiff financial penalties on Rocket Fiber should it fail to deliver on its projected costs and revenues? Twenty years of basic maintenance will be provided by Rocket. Is there maintenance required beyond "basic"?

INJUNCTION HALTS ROOM RENTAL PLAN: Some 200 people filed into the gymnasium at South High School to hear the proposed contract between the Grosse Pointe Board of Education and Wayne County Community College.

The college administrators have requested 10 classrooms at North High School starting Sept. 6 through April between the hours of 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

However, at 6:30 p.m. that evening, the board received an injunction ordering the board be temporarily enjoined from permitting the use of any of the facilities of the school system to

WCCC pending a show cause hearing and until further court action.

CITY COUNCIL OKS INCREASE IN PARKING LOT RATES: Grosse Pointe City Manager Thomas Kressbach presented for the council's approval a comprehensive review of the parking system in the City, including a proposed long-range capital budget and revised parking rate structure.

For attendant lots-transient, Kressbach recommended an increase in rates for 0-30 minutes from 5 to 10 cents; and 30-60 minutes, an increase from 10 cents to 15 cents. The rate of 5 cents for each additional half hour would stay the same. The maximum all-

day rate would decrease to 75 cents from 90 cents.

For attendant lots-all employees, Kressbach recommend the rates be increased to 75 cents a day and \$7.50 monthly from the current 25 cents daily and \$5 monthly rates.

Obituaries: Ursa A. Carpenter, Calvin Goodloe, Geraldine Jeanguenat, Mary E. Lowe, Reginald S. Petch, Margaret Robertson, Marko V. Sjeklocha

1994
25 years ago this week

SEWAGE OVER-FLOWS ADD TO LAKE'S POLLUTION WOES: Water from two major thunderstorms two weekends ago resulted in

combined sewage overflows from the Pointes being discharged into Lake St. Clair, according to the Wayne County Health Department.

In the Farms, Park and Shores, storm water and sewage flow in the same lines to the Detroit treatment plant, which limits the amount of waste and water a municipality can send to the facility. During heavy rains, stormwater creates a greater flow than the Detroit plant can handle and the excess, both storm and waste water, is discharged into Lake St. Clair.

SHORES ASKS FOR STATE HELP IN CLEANING NOXIOUS SEA-WEED MESS: Will Gov. John Engler come through for the Shores to clean up the seaweed mess as he did in Macomb County? Only if it's an emergency. However, the decision could rest with Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara.

The two Pointe communities are awaiting a decision whether the seaweed problem in Lake St. Clair below Macomb County is declared an emergency. If so, the state will help clean up the area.

Obituaries: Marvin R. Anderson, Marshall Haines Boden, Gale Hitchcock, William Michael Ireland, John Emmet Kenealy, Helene Y. Kubitsky, Emil F. Peslar, Edna Howell Phillips,

Sylvester C. Shea, Jane Freese Smith

2009
10 years ago this week

TEENS MUGGED ON MACK: Two muggers armed with a gun and knife ambushed three male teenagers walking on eastbound Mack near Bournemouth a few minutes after midnight, Aug. 14.

One of the teens was punched to the ground and taunted. The victims, two 17-year-olds from Grosse Pointe Woods and a 16-year-old from Harper Woods, were otherwise uninjured.

The muggers took the boys' cell phones and an iPod.

SLIDING BY: Word spread quickly a car had gone into the lake just north of Moross, but it was not what it seemed. A Grosse Pointe Farms resident was cruising the lake in his 1963 Amphicar, a cross between a boat and a car, when it stalled. Fortunately he was near shore.

A tow-truck came to the rescue.

Obituaries: Elaine M. Almond, Corajane Bennett, Catherine McKinley Carey, F. Parker Colby, William Lefebvre Hurley, Geoffrey Lee Petz, Carolyn Jean Roberts, Theresa Wall

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Gone fishing

Jo Stanley caught a perch, but didn't want to go near it, so her sister, Mae, held it on the line for a photo during the annual Perch Derby in Grosse Pointe Woods Aug. 3. For more photos from the event, visit grossepointenews.com.

BAND:

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"He gets us and goes, 'I'm going to take you where nobody gets to go,'" Fraser said. "So we get up into the tundra of the Capitol, which is kind of the upper floor where the dome is. ... He says, 'This is what you're going to do, you're going to play. To my recollection I don't think there's ever been a pipe band that played in the Capitol, period.'" While the pipe and drum band is all volunteer and they perform at line-of-duty funerals free of charge, it costs around \$2,500 to \$3,000 for a single uniform. "The kilts alone, the material's right from Scotland," Fraser said.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DOUG FRASER

Members of the Metro Detroit Police & Fire Pipe & Drum band at an annual memorial in Lansing for the families of Michigan officers who died in the line-of-duty.

"The band has their own tartan. The tartan is just the design of the kilt ... and nobody else can have that tartan in the world." Anyone interested in donating can do so at the Metro Detroit Police & Fire Pipe & Drums website. Donations can be claimed on taxes. "Every little bit helps," Fraser said. "It's a lot to

keep these guys up and running." He said the biggest future goal of the band is "just to maintain and keep the services that we're able to do because that's really our sole mission, be there when the departments and families need us." Fraser said he will carry on with the band as long

as he can, while citing an experience at a funeral for a firefighter in the Lansing area a while back. "After the funeral was done, it was a hot summer day like today. We were in the parking lot and I was getting all the heavy stuff off and I remember the young firefighter's aunt came up to me and she goes, 'Hey, you know what you guys do is a really good thing. He would have really appreciated you guys coming out and doing what you did.' She gave me a big hug, she said thank you and she just walked away," Fraser said. "So now I realize why there's so much commitment. Because somewhere down the line, it's happened to almost every one of us."

RACING:

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and the responses these drivers get from them," he continued. "I see how happy the parents are when they see their kids smile for the first time. That's what keeps us going. We see things like that every year." Through the years, as the program expanded, so did the number of drivers willing to participate. Most IndyCar drivers have been on the Racing for Kids team, Wright said. They've easily gotten on board with the program's purpose — to give hope to sick children, take their minds off their health procedures and make them smile. "Then, 13 years ago, I was talking with Tom Buhl ... and Robbie Buhl, who my company represented during his racing career, and Ed Russell," Wright said. "I told them, 'We've got a great char-

ity; why don't we promote the causes we support?" The concept for Racing for Kids to the Hill was created in 2007; 90 people attended the first year, Wright said. "It's funny how these things happen," he added. "It just kept getting bigger and bigger. Now it's the single-most major social event in the community, especially toward the end of summer. People now mark it on their calendars. ... Once they saw where the money they were spending was going — to four area pediatric programs — they became very excited about it." Racing for Kids to the Hill supports the Pediatric Oncology Department at Ascension St. John Hospital; Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities at Henry Ford Health System—Cottage; Beaumont Hospital; Grosse Pointe's Neonatal

Oral Motor Feeding Therapy and Schroth Physical Therapy for Scoliosis; and the Home Heart Monitoring Program for High Risk Infants at Children's Hospital of Michigan. In addition to hospital visits, Racing For Kids, in partnership with Firestone Racing and other racing promoters, invites ambulatory chronically ill children to Kids-at-the-Track events. The outings include lunch, meeting drivers and watching them practice or qualify for an upcoming race. In 13 years, Racing for Kids to the Hill has raised more than \$1.2 million for healthcare, Wright said. "Kids come through

with their families," said Linda Finger, event co-coordinator. "People are coming and going all day." Select businesses offer prizes as part of a scavenger hunt for children (See page 7B). Kids go from station to station to collect a prize and get a stamp, then present the completed page to Racing for Kids to get one final special prize. "We gave out 1,000 gifts for kids last year," Finger said. The daytime event also includes sporting activities, a motorsports demonstration, food and, of course, cars. "Down the street there are all kinds of cars — Lamborghinis, souped-up coupes — all different cars people have worked hard on and are so proud of," Finger said. "Last year and this year, the Michigan National Guard brings trucks so kids can sit in them. "The National Coney Island food truck will be there all day and at night they bring a hotdog cart," she continued. "All the restaurants on The Hill are participating with food stations. And Fresh Farms (Market) brings pizza later."

Pennar and Matthew Nyenhuis. "They are darling children," Finger said. "They all have quite lengthy stories about what they've been through and how they managed to do it. It's amazing the strength they have to go through what no one should have to go through. We don't have honorary chairs at this event; the kids are our honorary chairs." Added Wright, "These are three kids from the area who have endured unbelievable medical challenges. They are tough. They are survivors. When you hear their stories, what they've gone through and they're still there smiling, you can't believe it." Each child is presented a trophy and shares their stories. It's an addition to the event that has been well received, Finger said. "The kids feel so important. And the looks on the parents' faces. These moms and dads have been through hell — hours bedside with their sick children, not knowing what's going to happen. ... But to see them at Racing for Kids, they're so upbeat. They really make me stop and count my blessings." For the first time this year, auction items are available for bid digitally. Nearly 150 items are part of the silent auction and the live auction includes 12. "There are some trips, some fun things to do," Finger said. "We try to vary it to make it interesting for everyone." This year's big items include a wine country package featuring two nights at the Refugio

Ranch Vineyard in Santa Barbara County, two nights at the Chumash Resort Casino and a six-course gourmet lunch at Roblar Winery. Another big-ticket item is the 24-month lease of a Ford Ranger Supercrew Lariat truck, donated by Crest Ford. Additionally, the dealership identically detailed a Power Wheels kiddie truck for the auction. "Kids go crazy over it," Finger said. "Blaser Design Group across the street puts the mini truck in their window for a week and a half before the event. ... I'm looking forward to seeing how that's going to go." Other major auction items include a fishing trip aboard Benson Ford's luxury fishing yacht in the Florida Keys, as well as fine jewelry from LaLonde Jewelers & Gemologists and Shinola watches courtesy of edmund t. AHEE jewelers. The live auction is performed by Bob DuMouchelle. The evening event attracts more than 600 people, Finger said. Tickets are \$150 and may be purchased by calling (313) 882-3403 or visiting racingforkids.org. "It is rewarding," Finger said. "How many jobs can you have where you're doing what you love to do, you're working with your best friends and you're doing something that helps people? I love my job; I love this charity. A lot of people work really hard to have this come off. ... We don't have a big staff. We rely on volunteers to do a lot. When big groups come to help, it makes my day. It's like a big family."

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Parent group presents early childhood expansion plan

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Creators of a proposal to expand the Grosse Pointe Public School System’s early education offerings as satellite sites in the elementary school buildings say it meets a need for quality daycare in the Pointes, provides a source of revenue and draws potential new families to the school district.

There’s one catch, according to the group who did the research: it won’t work under the current plan to close two elementary schools. District administration has confirmed this.

“The proposal works best if all the buildings are open because space is actually at a premium,” said David Brumbaugh, who led the presentation to the GPPSS Board of Education at its regular meeting Aug. 12.

Brumbaugh, an intelligence analysis manager, created the early education expansion model along with Patrice Arend, an attorney and economist, Jenny Nazarko, a commercial banker with a background in commercial real estate, Wendy Relan, an architect, Katherine Sanpere, a construction project manager, Michele Lindsay, a former teacher and Allyson Hathaway, a former teacher with a background in human resources. All are current or former Trombly Elementary School parents.

“Many months ago we became familiar with the problems facing the district and saw the Blue Ribbon Committee was wrestling with some complex options, but almost all of these options involved closing buildings and few involved growing the district,” Brumbaugh said. “Because we knew there was a critical day-



care shortage ... in our community and the private centers can be wildly profitable, we asked: Why not here?

“We talked extensively with folks in the administration, several experts in nearby private centers and national consultants, members of the community and the board of trustees,” he continued. “... This proposal has benefited greatly from (all their) input and we’ve been wowed by the overwhelming community interest and positive response, as the community clearly sees this as a critical need.”

The current program offers full- and half-day programs serving approximately 180 children at Barnes Early Childhood Center and four elementary school satellite sites, with 29 staff members. While it aims to be cost neutral, it generated approximately \$80,000 in revenue in 2018-19, most of which will go back into the program.

Phase 1 of the proposal expands this to 278 full-time students and 59 staff members at six elementary sites for a projected net income of \$1.47 mil-

lion. An increase to 409 students and 96 staff members in Phase 2 generates \$1.98 million. In Phase 3, the program would expand to eight elementary sites and one high school site, with 590 students and 135 staff, generating \$3.04 million.

The advantage of a phased approach is it drives profitability while easing into increased capacity, with revenue from the program funding start-up costs for the next phase. According to the plan, even at 65 to 69 percent utilization, all phases break-even and build-out costs are recovered within one year.

“Satellite expansion has some impressive curriculum benefits,” Brumbaugh said. “It can integrate with the K-4 program to prepare students for success; better identify and intervene early if any issues are identified; share education resources and staff — administrative staff, gym, art, music, language — to improve staff and site efficiencies at the elementary host sites; and offer an unparalleled premium daycare experience by better utilizing some of



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Over the past three years the district’s tuition-based preschool program has more than doubled in size. Serving approximately 180 children, it offers a variety of options for full- and half-day childcare with one infant room, three toddler rooms and two preschool rooms at Barnes Early Childhood Center and satellite classrooms at Ferry, Monteith, Richard and Trombly elementary schools.

these underutilized district resources.

“It also creates a pipeline for students from infant to K-12 and attracts new families to the district,” he added. “Maybe we can’t change the new reality of declining birth rates — we accept that — but we can attract families to our community and encourage those families to grow.”

Brumbaugh urged the board to make a decision quickly, as the first step to implementing expansion by the target date of fall 2020 is building a leadership team.

He emphasized the district’s administration and current early childhood staff would not be expected to take on the role of leading the effort.

“We believe by fall 2020 that the system can be profitable and effective on a large scale if we tweak the business model and add senior staff with private daycare experience, such as recruiting, enrollment, marketing and more,” he said.

Board members expressed concern about undertaking a business enterprise that was not

part of the district’s core mission, investing K-12 money in a for-profit entity, increasing the cost to existing families — the plan proposes a 10 percent tuition increase — and offering less flexibility under the new full-time, full-year model.

Moreover, the early childhood expansion doesn’t address the educational issues for K-4 students caused by declining enrollment, Board Secretary Kathleen Abke pointed out.

“Getting K-5 kids in higher numbers into buildings ... is why we started the process in the first place,” she said.

“This asks us as a board, it seems to me, to undo our June 24 decision, which was that our school district simply cannot afford to have nine elementary schools,” said Board Vice President Margaret Weertz. “One of my questions is, where does the \$1 million investment come from? If it comes from the school district initially and it does not come to fruition, we have a lot of explaining to do. ... I’ve got to tell my neighbors (we’ve) gone out on a busi-

ness venture that is not core to our mission.”

Part of the risk involves spending bond money on schools that might ultimately close if the program doesn’t yield the projected results, Weertz added.

“I feel like we’re doing this to save schools, not because we’ve always intended to do this” as part of the strategic plan, she said.

“I absolutely agree it doesn’t make sense to do this if the reason to keep schools open is for nostalgic reasons,” Brumbaugh said. “... The question is, do we need and can we use this space? Not just from a community perspective, but from a financial perspective. ... We looked at the numbers and we’re happy to see it does work out and it does generate revenue for the district.”

Brumbaugh added moving fifth grade from elementary to middle school frees space for “four-packs” at each satellite building — an infant, toddler, preschool and pre-K room — capturing families at their earliest need while providing continuity of care up to kindergarten.

“Once we get students into the district, we keep them,” Brumbaugh said. “... Our proposal positions us to attract families in a way that closures don’t. It’s the most practical and lowest risk way to grow the ECC program and meet that critical need in our community.”

According to the group’s research, similar programs have met with success in peer districts and, along with corporate daycare centers, are not only profitable, but have waitlists.

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Off and out of sight

Middle school students put their cell phones away

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

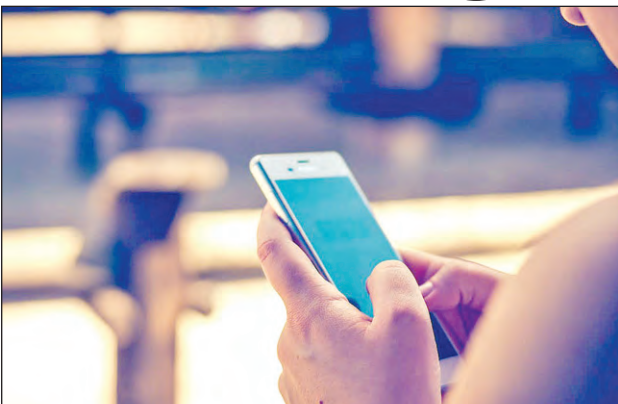
Cell phones at the three Grosse Pointe Public School System middle schools should be neither seen nor heard next year, according to the district’s new “off and out of sight” policy. From the first bell to dismissal, students need to turn their devices off and keep them stored in their lockers or a shoe-string bag provided for this purpose.

“We’re looking to build happier, healthier relationships,” said Chris Stanley, director of instructional technology. “The average teenager is spending nine-plus hours a day on their phones. This is really an opportunity for us to say, Time to put it away, folks.”

Stanley, Director of Secondary Instruction Maureen Bur and the three middle school principals researched the impact of technology on teenagers and sound educational practices, arriving at a policy they believe strikes a balance.

The district’s bring your own device program allows appropriate use of technology in the classroom, while students, no longer distracted by their phones during lunch, recess or passing time in the hallway, have more opportunity for social interaction.

“We are a learning organization,” said Bur. “We want to make sure we’re



providing meaningful and purposeful activities with devices like we have with our BYOD extension for sixth-through eighth grade, but we also want to make sure students are not ... using devices during what should be social time.”

“We really want to be purposeful in the use of technology devices,” said Stanley. “How can it enhance the learning goals? ... It really shouldn’t be that you’re facing a screen at all times.”

According to a March 2019 study in the Journal of Abnormal Psychology, the number of young people experiencing mental health disorders such as anxiety, stress, depression and suicidal thoughts has risen significantly over the past decade, with no corresponding increase in older adults. These results suggest increased digital media use may play a role in these mood disorders and related outcomes.

According to this study, there has been a 56 percent increase in adolescents age 12 to 17 who said “they are so hyper-focused on what is on social media or what may be on their phone that it’s become a dependency of sorts,” Bur said. “... It’s not

just the phone or social media, but (the article) made a correlation between the amount of time per day that our students, in the range 12 to 17 years, are spending on those devices or on that social media” with a negative impact on sleep patterns, ability to concentrate and academic performance.

The policy is not meant to be punitive, Bur added.

“The main point of this is helping them develop healthy habits. There’s education that goes along with that. This is not meant to be a ‘gotcha’ or (result in) a disciplinary (action). ... This is meant to be a conversation about making better choices going forward, not detention.”

Bur noted adults in the middle schools would be expected to model this new “off and out of sight” behavior as well and admitted she was working on her own tendency to be “hyper-focused on my cell phone.”

Parents were notified about the change in an email Aug. 13, after the policy was announced at the regular meeting of the Board of Education Aug. 12. The email included a graphic highlighting benefits of eliminating cell

phone use during the school day and links to resources with information about cell phone use and its impact.

The letter reminded parents if they choose to send their child to school with a cell phone for before or after school access, it was the student’s responsibility to ensure their phones remained off and out of sight “from first bell to dismissal.”

Should parents need to reach their children during the school day, “They can go old school and call the school office,” Bur said.

“I am overjoyed to hear this,” said Board Vice President Margaret Weertz. “I think this is bold and wonderful. I totally endorse it.”

Said President Brian Summerfield, “On behalf of my sixth-grade daughter I object to this plan, but I actually support it.”

At the two high schools, cell phones are “off and out of sight” except during lunch and passing times and in classrooms for instructional use at the teacher’s discretion. Classroom doors indicate with a red or green symbol whether cell phones may be on.

“As we roll out our BYOD program to the high school, we need to evaluate input,” said Bur. “We have to have those conversations with our high school staff what cell phone use will look like.”

Students are not allowed to use cell phones in the elementary schools, she added.

“While they’re not allowed, kids are kids and sometimes they do have access to them. Those are conversations going on at the elementary school level.”



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Pictured at a restaurant July 23, during a reunion in Minnesota are, from left, Jim Green, Nancy Green, Anne Franco and Ed Franco.

A belated thank you

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

It started off as a fun exercise on Facebook. The prompt was “Name five former teachers that had a significant impact on you.” As Nancy (Ivanso) Green listed her favorites, she realized she had never told most of them how much they were appreciated, according to her husband, Jim Green.

Nancy and Jim Green graduated from Grosse Pointe High School — known as “The High” before it became Grosse Pointe South High School — in 1965. The two shared the same Spanish II instructor, Ed Franco.

“Through the magic tools of the internet, (Nancy) found that (Ed) and his wife Anne had recently moved from Grosse Pointe to Minneapolis,” Jim Green wrote in an email.

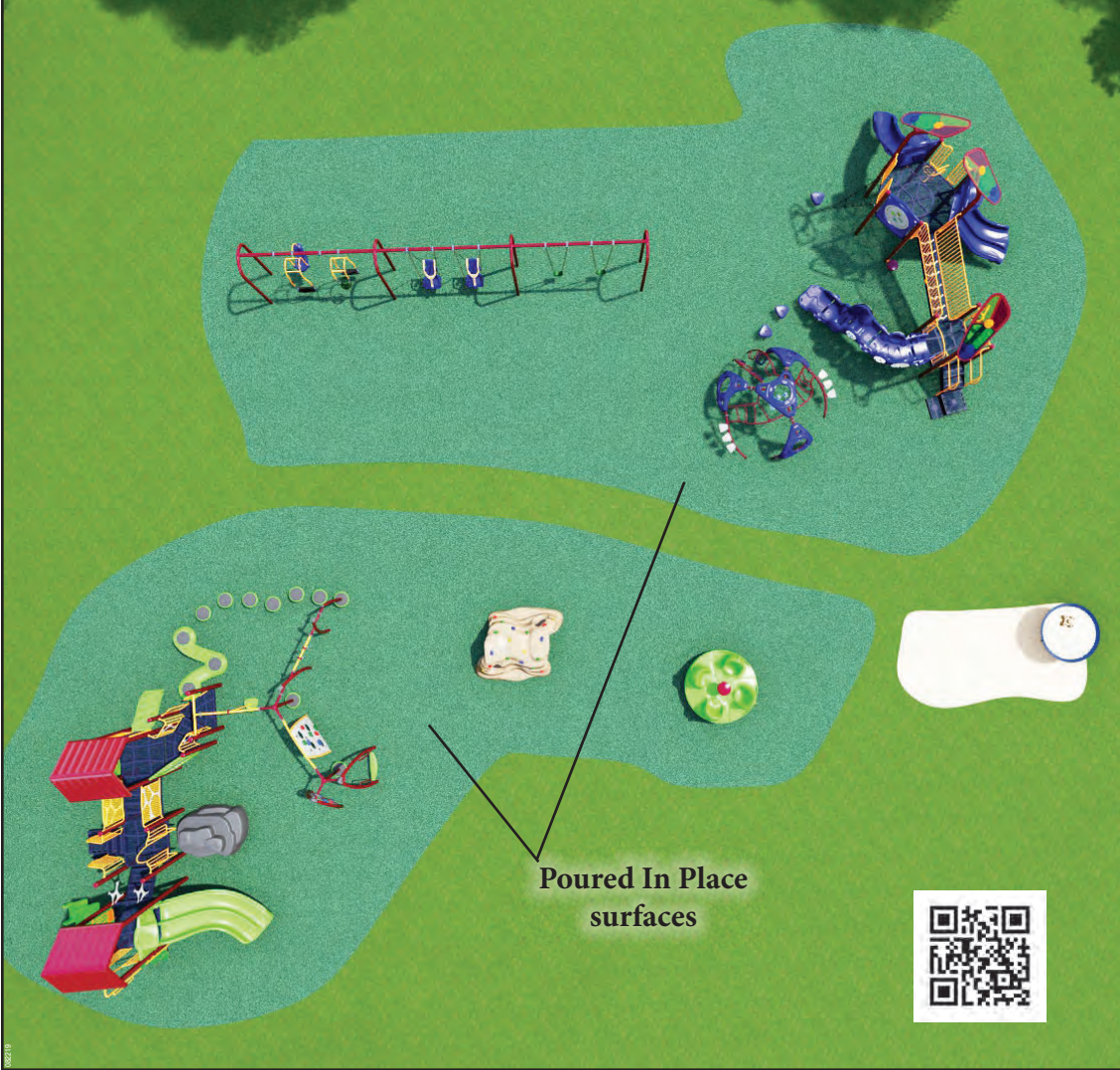
His wife located an Ed Franco listed on Whitepages.com in Minneapolis — “and it was indeed our former GPHS teacher,” Green continued.

After several email exchanges, they set up a date in July and drove four hours from their home in Iowa for the visit.

“Ed was so surprised to hear from the Greens,” wrote Anne Franco in an email. “Evidently they had started dating while sophomores in his class. That was also early in our marriage and the birth of our first child happened that spring. That stirred up those young teenagers to take up a collection for the new baby — \$18.75 in a pink piggy bank, so that we could buy a bond for her! That was 56 years ago. ... Of course Ed remembered them (he remembers all — most — of his students).

“More power to Jim and Nancy for actually following through on wishing they could thank some of their former teachers,” she added.

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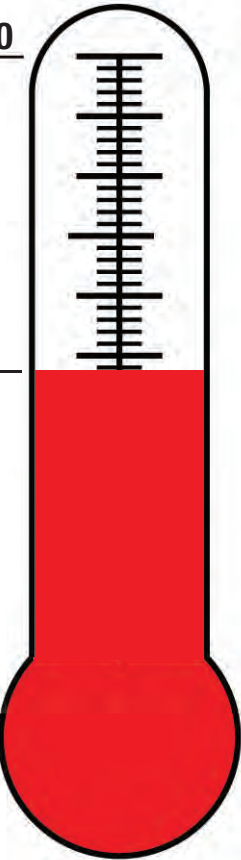
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Local AAUW branch sponsors robotics team

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Defer Elementary School is building a foundation in robotics for students that now, thanks to the American Association of University Women – Grosse Pointe, will continue to grow at Pierce Middle School and feed into the high school program.

For the past three years, the AAUW Grosse Pointe branch, whose mission is to advance equity for women and girl through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research, has sponsored an all-girls' robotics team, Dynamic Girlz, at Defer. The team competes in the FIRST LEGO League.

Each season, the league releases a new challenge based on a real-world scientific topic. The challenge has three parts: the robot game, the innovation project and core values. Teams of up to 10 children, with at least two adult coaches, participate by programming an autonomous robot to score points on a themed playing field and developing a solution to a problem they have identified, all guided by the core values. Teams may then attend an official tournament hosted by FIRST LEGO League Partners.

Since beginning competition in 2016-17, Dynamic Girlz showed improvement each year, completing the competition the first year, earning eighth place overall in 2017-18 and moving up to fifth-place last November.

According to Judy Florian, AAUW – Grosse Pointe finance officer, the



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In early stages of building their robots are Defer students Payton Filiccia and Caitlin Lowe.

competition is a culminating event bringing together all the skills the students learned and providing an opportunity for them to demonstrate their abilities to work as a team, use their knowledge in science, technology and math to engineer solutions to complex problems and explain their reasoning and processing.

"We started this project in hopes that we might help fill a void in our country — a void identified in a 2014 report that said by 2018, Michigan alone would need 274,000 STEM-trained workers, and in that STEM workforce at the time of the report, only 28.8 percent of the workforce across the country were women," Florian wrote in an email. "These are high paying jobs. As women we want pay equity. We want women in high paying STEM careers."

Focusing their energies and funding on helping young girls be more involved with STEM content is a national interest

for AAUW, with many branches sponsoring the education of girls in those areas, according to Sandy Stanley, AAUW – Grosse Pointe secretary and STEM liaison.

"We decided that we wanted to do that and we wanted to start with young girls in elementary school," Stanley said. "We chose the project because we knew that at (Grosse Pointe) North and (Grosse Pointe) South high schools, they have (a combined) robotics team — the Gearheads robotics team. So we wanted to be able to feed into that program."

A gap existed at the middle school level, so next year AAUW – Grosse Pointe is sponsoring a robotics team at Pierce to capitalize on the experience incoming middle schoolers will have gained from their time at Defer.

In addition to covering expenses for the 10-member girls' robotics team at Defer, including registration fees and start-up

costs, the organization also paid for five of the girls to attend a week-long robotics summer camp at The Robot Garage, with The Robot Garage funding the other five students through a grant from Ford Motor Co., according to Stanley.

Even though The Robot Garage relocated from Grosse Pointe Park to Birmingham, eight Defer students and their families attended this year's camp July 29 to Aug. 2, and the AAUW continued to sponsor the girls' attendance with support from The Robot Garage.

Stanley said the five-year plan is to expand to each elementary school and all three middle schools in Grosse Pointe with the ultimate goal of supporting the high school program.

"We are moving along on that trajectory and each one of the teams has a liaison person from the AAUW who keeps us informed of what is going on and is also able to talk with the coach and the principal at the school so we have a communication chain and we can keep in touch with what's going on with each one of the teams," Stanley said.

As part of their expansion initiative, the hope is to gain corporate sponsorships, Stanley added. Interested parties should contact Stanley at sandstanley@gmail.com or

Ellen Chapin, STEM liaison, at ellenchapin@sbcglobal.net.

According to Principal Lisa Rheume, Defer added a coed team last year.

"I think it's an outstanding opportunity for the girls — and the boys and girls now," Rheume said. "I see the students taking on so much leadership, not only with the robotics work they're doing, but they're presenting and they're collaborating and doing so many of the skills we're talking about."

The students' excitement and commitment outside of school hours "is amazing to see," she added.

Rheume is grateful for support from both the AAUW Grosse Pointe and The Robot Garage, which also provides training for the team's coaches.

"They are doing amazing work," she said. "I think the more we can continue to have programs like this for kids, the more beneficial it can be for them in school today, but also in their future."

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Barnes). All the Pointes. Twelve infants. That's it," Brumbaugh said.

Addressing concerns about increased cost and lack of flexibility, Brumbaugh said the current model includes a 20 percent discount for 10 percent of families. Discounts could be offered to district employees or based on income or other special needs. Partial year options also could be explored.

President Brian Summerfield praised the expansion proposal for being well researched and benefiting the K-12 program by providing financial support, creating a pipeline, attracting families and preparing students to enter K-12.

"The reason I couldn't get behind pre-K expansion before is because it was losing money for many years and it's

finally breaking even or making a profit now," he said. "... This is the first plan I've seen that actually has a real benefit financially that can help us with our K-12 program. It's important to note we've taken one important step to do this, which is going to K-4."

Assuming demand is there, the biggest challenge is funding, he said.

"We really can't take K-12 money and invest it in a pre-K system. ... We would need someone willing to donate money. ... If we could get that funding from someone — or many people — from the community, I see this as a very positive thing."

To further explore the topic, the board scheduled a work session at 5 p.m. prior to the next regular meeting of the board 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 26. Both meetings are in Brownell Middle School's multipurpose room, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.



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Safe on the streets Coalition working to promote bike safety, route riding

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Some drivers may be surprised to learn the rules of the road are no different for motorists and bicyclists. Some motorists view cyclists as obstructing traffic when the truth is, they are traffic.

“I can’t get through a ride without someone getting visibly agitated,” said Brian Rumohr, avid cyclist and ride leader with Grosse Pointe Pedalers. “Even some of the kindest motorists out there don’t realize this is not a joke. Local police have been wonderfully supportive, but I don’t know if all police officers are aware of what the uniform code is for cyclists.”

Safety is a concern not only for cyclists, but for members of Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods, who have decided, in discussions about the health and wellness of the community, that bike lanes and bike safety are paramount.

“We’d really like to see bike lanes, bike safety, safe bike routes to schools,” said Becky Caulfield, a coalition member who also works at the Neighborhood Club. “I have kids who ride their bikes down the middle of the road or on sidewalks. People don’t know the rules of the road, so it’s important for safety having bike paths.”

A list of dangerous behaviors for cyclists and motorists is listed in the



Grosse Pointe Pedalers members take a break during a ride.

League of Michigan Bicyclists’ “What Every Michigan Bicyclist Must Know.” Dangerous behaviors for bicyclists include riding against the direction of traffic, failing to yield when required, running stop signs or red lights, riding at night in dark clothing, riding unpredictably, hugging the curb or riding on sidewalks and riding while distracted or intoxicated.

For motorists, such behaviors include failing to yield to a bicyclist when required, passing a cyclist too closely, turning immediately in front of a bicyclist, driving too fast for conditions, opening the driver-side door into a bicyclist’s path, driving while distracted or intoxicated and blasting the horn or harassing bicyclists in other ways.

One of the offenses Rumohr most often sees is drivers passing too close. Motorists are supposed to allow three feet between the cyclist and a

vehicle.

“If a driver does not give a cyclist three feet to pass, it’s a ticketable offense,” Rumohr said. “If you can’t give a three-foot easement (because of passing traffic), you’re supposed to wait.”

Bike lanes, Rumohr said, would improve safety. Members of Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods agree.

“We hope to pull in different partners who want to be bike friendly, who have resources they’d like to share, and then share that information with the community,” said Suzy Berschback, who heads the coalition. “Pointe Pedalers is one of them.”

Coalition members have met with Detroit Greenways Coalition Executive Director Todd Scott, who was responsible for developing bike lanes in Detroit, as well as Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen and Rumohr.

“Communities that want to grow need to accept changes in infra-



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Grosse Pointe Pedalers in Grosse Pointe Park.

structure,” Rumohr said. “More and more people are choosing to ride bikes. It’s faster, more convenient. It’s easier and they’re seeing the benefits.”

“Plus, people are just overall more health conscious,” he said.

Rumohr discussed the county’s past attempts at bringing bike lanes into Grosse Pointe.

According to an August 2018 Grosse Pointe News article, “There was a push 2010 to 2012 to create a bike route throughout Macomb County. In 2010, Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen secured \$70,000 from the Wayne County Parks and Recreation

Department to establish a bike route in Grosse Pointe.”

The story goes on to say efforts were spearheaded by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce’s Live Well in Grosse Pointe initiative and city managers, who proposed a looped route connecting the Pointes’ parks and schools.

“It omitted Lakeshore/East Jefferson because of concerns with traffic flow and lane width,” the story reads. “The Grosse Pointes were given two years to spend the money, but the plan, ‘just kind of bogged down and petered out,’ Killeen said. Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, the engineer-

ing firm retained to conduct a bike route study in 2011, found other than Moross and Grosse Pointe Boulevard, none of the roads in the proposal met minimum standards to establish a signed bike route.”

Minimum requirements and recommendations from Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick to ensure a higher level of safety included improving road surfaces and widths and adjusting traffic signal timing, as well as reducing on-street parking in areas where a road is too narrow.

Despite the project’s failure, avid cyclists hope to resurrect and accomplish the addition of bike lanes.

“I’d like to see it broken down into phases,” Rumohr said. “Make it a three-phase project. Start somewhere that would have the most impact for the least amount of money: Kercheval.”

“Ideally, I’d like to see bike lanes to connect all the Grosse Pointes,” he continued. “I want to see a youngster get on their bike in the Park and ride

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The Pedalers check out the Scott Fountain on Belle Isle.



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Patrick Arsenault on the trail.

Woods resident taking on 23rd DALMAC tour

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

In 1971, then-State Rep. Dick Allen decided he wanted to develop an event that promoted a bicycle-friendly environment in Michigan and demonstrate how bicycles and other vehicles can safely share state roads.

The Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinaw bicycle tour, or DALMAC, started as a grassroots effort and has grown considerably through the years. This year’s tour, which kicks off Aug. 28 and 29 at Michigan State University in East Lansing, is expected to draw more than 1,200 riders. Among them is Grosse Pointe Woods res-

ident Patrick Arsenault, who is riding in his 23rd such tour.

“I started in 1994,” the 64-year-old said. “The first one I did was with my father-in-law, who had been doing DALMAC for years. People who do DALMAC tend to come back and do it again and again and again. ... My father-in-law got me into biking and this was my chance to ride with him.”

That first year almost didn’t happen, Arsenault recalled, because his father-in-law was told he needed bypass surgery.

“But he got the doctor to postpone it so he could ride with me,” Arsenault said. “He’d been doing DALMAC for years. And for a number of years, he was one of the oldest

guys doing it. He rode well into his 70s.”

That first ride was enough to hook Arsenault, who specifically trains each summer for DALMAC. He tries to get 1,000 miles in before the tour — 200 in June, 500 in July and 300 in August. The tour, open to any capable and interested bicyclist, ends Sept. 1 in Mackinaw City.

“DALMAC is always the last week in August, the weekend before Labor Day,” he said. “Some years, we finish DALMAC and we’ll do the Bridge Walk Monday morning.”

“The route I’m going on is five days,” he continued. “Every day, you’re riding 60, 70 miles. It’s a great way to see the state

of Michigan. You go through towns you wouldn’t normally go through.”

A variety of routes is available, including the century ride — 100 miles a day for four days — that Arsenault used to take.

“I had to work on getting in shape for that,” he said. “DALMAC is not an easy ride. ... I’ve been dialing it down the last couple years.”

Throughout the ride, DALMAC trucks move personal belongings from point to point.

“You stay in high schools and use their facilities,” Arsenault said. “You’re on your own to get from the beginning to the end each day. You

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Nominations needed

Nominations are sought for the Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods Spirit of Community Award. This new award will recognize two individuals or entities who have implemented exceptional programs or policies that have demonstrated measurable improvements in the health and wellness of the Grosse Pointes or Harper Woods.

The inaugural award will be presented at the October Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods meeting. Deadline for submission is Sunday, Sept. 1.

One Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods Spirit of the Community Award will be given for each category — Leadership Champion and Community Champion. Nominators should submit a narrative no more than 500 words describing why the nominee should win the award. Narratives should include a description of the nominee’s personal and leadership attributes that qualify them for this award, with reference to HGPHW’s values — collaboration, equity, excellence, innovation and integrity. Other items to be covered in the narrative include:

Leadership Champion — Recognizing an individual in a leadership position who has championed policies that have elevated their organization’s community health practices and promoted health equality.

Describe how the nominee has developed and/or implemented policies or strategies that have facilitated continual improvement of the community they serve, particularly regarding at-risk populations.

What was the impetus for developing this strategy?

What communities/populations were impacted by this policy/strategy?

How was data collected and used to identify measurable outcomes?

How have the efforts of the individual contributed to the success of the policy/strategy?

How are community partners engaged?

Community Champion — Recognizing an individual working in the community health field with a demonstrated commitment to implementing programs benefiting at-risk populations and promoting health equality.

Describe how the nominee led the program implementation and has facilitated improvement for the health of the community they serve, particularly in regard to at-risk populations.

What are the project goals? How has it evolved? What barriers and successes have been experienced?

What are the unique elements of this program that set it apart or contribute most to its success?

What scorecards, dashboards or results were used in the program’s implementation?

What elements of the project could be replicated by other individuals and/or organizations?

Nominees must meet the following requirements:

Open to all, including Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods members; and

Their organization’s mission aligns with Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods’ values (listed above).

Winners will receive a press release with photo, blog and website recognition and award presentation with special gift at the October community coalition meeting.

Send nominations to suzanne.berschback@beaumont.org.

Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods is a Beaumont Health initiative that targets the priority health needs in the community that were derived from a Community Health Needs Assessment. For more information, contact Suzy Berschback at suzanne.berschback@beaumont.org. The mental health and substance abuse task forces are led by MaryJo Harris, community organizer for CARE of Southeastern Michigan, mharris@careofsem.com. Connect on Facebook at Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods or at healthygphw.org.



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Show of support

On Aug. 15, the GP Runners club hosted a send-off for Mrs. America candidate Rachel Adenaas of the City of Grosse Pointe as she heads to the national pageant in Las Vegas. The group met in front of Starbucks in The Village for an early morning run to show their support of the reigning Mrs. Michigan.

Camera Club

The Grosse Pointe Camera Club hosts a display of members’ photography through Sunday, Aug. 25, in the lower-level gallery at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. Hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday or by appointment.

NAACP

The Grosse Pointes & Harper Woods NAACP chapter meets at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Alicia Jones, CEO of Harmony Point Information Technology Center in Detroit, speaks about marching as a child with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., as well as other civil rights engagements and her passion for equal rights.

BNI

The Business Network International Pipeline Chapter meets at 7 a.m. Friday, Aug. 23, 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, Aug. 28, at St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Beth at (313) 690-5723.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 26, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305

Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men’s Club meets at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Laura Burton of Forgotten Harvest speaks.

The Helm

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

Full Circle Garden Growers farmers market, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays through September.

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GPT announces Clarence Award winners

Grosse Pointe Theatre recently announced the winners of its 2018-19 Clarence Awards, the organization’s production awards, which are voted on by members and presented at the end of each season. This year’s award winners are:

- ◆ Props — Richard Pfaff and Ray Semczak, “Annie.”
- ◆ Sounds — Paul Gonzalez, “Annie.”
- ◆ Non-featured Female — Claire Zimmeth, “Annie.”
- ◆ Makeup — Julia Faba Chateau and Jacquelyne Pfaff, “Shrek.”
- ◆ Non-featured Male — Jared Bugbee, “Legally Blonde.”
- ◆ Lighting — Eric Leszczynski, “Shrek.”
- ◆ Featured Female — Erin Getzin, “Legally Blonde.”
- ◆ Set Dressing — Kathy Conlon, “Arsenic and Old Lace.”
- ◆ Featured Male — Zack Coates, “Legally Blonde.”
- ◆ Costumes — Anna Chrisman and Erin Getzin, “Shrek.”
- ◆ Supporting Female — Sarah Seely, “Legally Blonde.”
- ◆ Set Design — Don Bischoff and Tracy McCallister Bischoff, “Shrek.”
- ◆ Choreography — Rachel Settlege, “Legally Blonde.”
- ◆ Supporting Male — Jay Callahan, “Shrek.”
- ◆ Musical Director — Connor Reinman, “Annie.”
- ◆ Vocal Director — Eric Miller, “Camelot.”



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Grosse Pointe Theatre Clarence Award winners.

- ◆ Tech Director — Gordon Richardson, “Annie.”
- ◆ Producer — Chris Kaiser, “Annie.”
- ◆ Lead Female — Kimberly Elliott, “Legally Blonde.”
- ◆ Stage Manager — Mickie Pizzimenti, “Annie.”
- ◆ Lead Male — Panayiotis Varlamos, “Shrek.”
- ◆ Director — Nick Marinello, “Shrek.”
- ◆ Favorite Show — “Shrek, The Musical”
- ◆ Hubbard Worker of the Year, Female — Theresa Vogler
- ◆ Hubbard Worker of the Year, Male — Gordon Richardson

Grosse Pointe Theatre is proud of its volunteer members who devote their time and talent to bring community theater to the community each season. For information about upcoming shows or to volunteer, visit gpt.org or call (313) 881-4004.

St. John Guild golf outing Sept. 9

The 14th annual Ascension St. John Hospital Guild golf outing takes place Monday, Sept. 9, at Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods.

To date, the golf outing has raised more than a half million dollars to benefit the hospital.

Proceeds from this year’s event go toward the purchase of a neonatal transporter for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Ascension St. John Hospital. The equipment ensures safe transport of the unit’s most vulnerable patients to critical areas of the hospital.

The event includes morning and afternoon tee times, as well as raffles, a live auction and prizes.

“This is an opportunity to play at Lochmoor Club, enjoy a great event with physicians and help support St. John Hospital,” chairman Anthony Kallabat said.

A buffet breakfast is available 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and a buffet lunch is available 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Following the outing, cocktails are served 5:30 p.m., followed by a steak or fish dinner at 7 p.m.

Trophies are awarded for medical staff and non-medical staff champions. Closest to the pin and longest drive contests also are included.

Visit stjohnguild.org/product/annual-golf-outing to make a reservation.

Cost is \$300 per golfer, or \$100 for dinner-only tickets. A variety of sponsorship opportunities are available as well.

For information, call (313) 343-3674 or email kathleen.mcdonald1@ascension.org.

— Jody McVeigh

Circle of Love: May the force be with her and Full Circle

By Theodore G. Coutilish
Guest Writer

When Full Circle Foundation volunteers want Julia Ansell to perform a task, they involve “Star Wars.”

Ansell, 19, is a “Star Wars” expert and enthusiast.

“She’s all over it,” said Sue Banner, administrative coordinator, Full Circle. “She reacts in a much more positive way if she knows ‘Star Wars’ is mentioned.”

Ansell, who has autism, gives each staff member a “Star Wars” nickname. Banner is Luke Skywalker.

Full Circle founder Mary Fodell is a storm trooper.

Full Circle volunteer Mary Allemon is Princess Leia.

“She’s honest, caring, fun loving, funny and



PHOTO COURTESY OF FULL CIRCLE

Julia Ansell at the Edible Garden.

gets jokes,” Fodell said. “She’s more open to new things and new adventures, like yoga, or as we call it ‘Star Wars Spin.’”

Ansell is the daughter of Rich and Evie Ansell of Grosse Pointe Park and a 2017 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

She is a team leader for Full Circle’s Edible Garden during the sum-

mer months. She helps others learn how to plant, remove weeds and pick vegetables for sale.

“Star Wars” is not her only passion.

She loves writing and she loves dogs.

Writing about dogs is her favorite thing to do. She writes about them on her blog, Paw Blog.

“My goal is to be a writer and write my own books,” she said. “Maybe an adventure with swamp creatures and Luke Skywalker and we’d be walking on an unknown planet surrounded by vicious plants and plant creatures. We’d have to use teamwork, Luke and I.”

“I blog about all sorts of things,” she continued. “It helps to express deep emotions and feelings. I write every day. I write about different plots. I like creating characters and their traits.”

“People comment on it all the time. It’s awesome.”

Inspired by the Full Circle Foundation, “Circle of Love” is dedicated to people with special needs living in the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods communities and those who love and support them. For more information, visit fullcirclefdn.org.

Helm invites participants to *stretch* into aging

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, invites the community to stretch their brain, body and boundaries of expectations during its Aging Mastery Program, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Americans are living longer than ever. Navigating the gift of longevity is a new and good challenge to have. AMP offers an innovative approach to guide individuals through this phase of life. This engaging educational program teaches participants how to improve health, financial well-being, social connectedness and overall quality of life.

One hundred percent of participants in The Helm’s first AMP workshop rated the workshop good to excellent; 70 percent rated it excellent. One hundred percent of participants would recommend AMP to a friend. Comments from participants included, “I’ve improved my sleeping, eating and exercising habits,” “I have become more aware of interpersonal interactions,” “I’ve reconsidered safety in my home,” “I’m paying better attention to fitness” and “All of the

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EVENTS:

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- ◆ Skin Cancer Screening Clinic, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28, with Nora Kachaturoff M.D.
- ◆ Ask the Physical Therapist, 9:15 to 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3, with facilitator Jessica Malfa of David Gilboe & Associates.
- ◆ Master Gardener series, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 3 and 10, with East Side Master Gardeners.
- ◆ Aging Mastery Program, 12:30 to 2 p.m. twice a week Sept. 3 to 26. The core curriculum kits cost \$55 per person, \$75 per couple. Lunch at 11:45 a.m. is included. Registration is required for all of these programs. Call (313) 882-9600.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Bud and Sue Ozar with Friends of Kenyan Orphans speak. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

Woods Community Center

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza, offers a trip to the Dow Gardens in Midland on Thursday, Sept. 5. Cost is \$40 for residents, \$45 for non-residents, and includes bus transportation, a tour of Whiting Forest, lunch at the Midland Center for the Arts and more.

Reservations are required by Thursday, Aug. 29.

Outing

The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors 29th annual golf outing takes place Monday, Sept. 9, at Gowanie Golf Club, 24770 S. River, Harrison Township. Registration

begins at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon and a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Cocktails, dinner and a raffle begin at 5:45 p.m. Early-bird prices are \$125 for the day or \$50 for cocktails and dinner only, before Sunday, Sept. 1. Call (313) 882-800, Ext. 2.

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OBITUARIES

Obituary notices are purchased and often prewritten by family or friends. While we try to run obituaries as submitted, we nevertheless reserve the right to edit for accuracy, style and length.

Richard Carter Mertz Jr.

Richard Carter Mertz Jr., 80, passed away Friday, Aug. 9, 2019, from complications following a stroke.

He was born May 15, 1939, to Jane and Richard Mertz Sr., the eldest of four boys. He spoke fondly of his youth, including his Lakeshore Drive paper route, building a race boat in the basement with his father and brothers and spending summers on the family boat.

Richard graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and attended the University of Michigan's undergraduate and medical schools. Following his internship at Henry Ford Hospital, he entered the Navy as a lieutenant and medical officer and served one year with a Marine Sea-Bee unit in Chu Lai, Vietnam. Upon his return, he married his college sweetheart, Alyssa, and together they moved to California where he completed his second year of service at the San Diego Military Hospital.

After returning to Michigan in 1969, he completed a residency in ophthalmology at Henry Ford Hospital and moved back to his beloved Grosse Pointe Shores to work and raise a family. Always invested in his community, he served the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores on the planning commission, as a village trustee and mayor pro-tem.

In 1983, he designed and built the Metropolitan Eye Center and Out Patient Surgery Center in St. Clair Shores. He enjoyed going to work each day because of the love and respect he had for his patients and staff. Passionate about patient care, he also spoke before Congress on the value of outpatient surgery centers.

His "work hard, play hard" ethic allowed him to follow his lifelong passions for flying and boating. He enjoyed taking his family and friends on jaunts by air having earned his multi-engine, Air Transport Pilot rating and, eventually, his Eclipse Jet rating. By sea, Dick was a 40-year member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and a Power Squadron instructor, obtained a U.S. Coast Guard Master's License and enjoyed the camaraderie of fellow boaters. For 40 consecutive summers, he and Alyssa cruised northern Michigan waters and the Canadian North Channel and chaired several remote rendezvous. As his crowning nautical achievement, he cruised in all five Great Lakes in one summer.

When his children were younger, Richard's changing array of boats were docked behind the family cottage on Harsens Island. Accompanied by the family dog, Mitzi, Richard led expeditions to water ski, jet ski, fish and, of course, get ice cream.

When summer ended, U of M football became his passion. For 50 years,

Dick and family attended the games in the Big House in Ann Arbor. He loved to tailgate and endlessly analyze the team's winning and losing years. Dick's favorite greeting was, "GO BLUE."

Richard is survived by his wife of 50 years, Alyssa, and his adored children, Julee (Paul Webster) and Jeff (Dr. Jennifer). He was a loving "Papa" to grandchildren, Charlotte and Amelia Mertz and Elliott and Carter Webster. He enjoyed spending time with his brothers, John Mertz (Sharon), Stephen Mertz and Dr. Thomas Mertz (Anne); sister-in-law, Susan Sovel (the late Robert Sovel) and the many nieces and nephews he admired. He was deeply loved by his in-laws, the late Kopel and Estelle Kahn and their entire clan.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the near future.

Donations may be made to Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs Inc., 3251 NE 180th Ave., Williston, FL 32696 or at <https://tinyurl.com/GAMSDMertz>.

Tracey Lynn Walker

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Tracey Lynn Walker, 50, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2019. Surrounded by family and a caring medical team at Karmanos Cancer Center in Detroit, Tracey peacefully succumbed to her battle with breast cancer.

Born Jan. 16, 1969, to Sally A. (nee Thorn) and William S. Walker II of Grosse Pointe Park, Tracey attended elementary school at St. Matthew in Detroit and graduated from Our Lady Star of the Sea High School in Grosse Pointe Woods. A natural athlete, Tracey was a three-sport athlete who played basketball, soccer and volleyball.

Tracey will be remembered for her easy smile, light-hearted manner and quick sense of humor. She enjoyed art, music and photography and was especially talented at capturing unique images of downtown Detroit. Tracey loved the natural world, riding her bicycle and shopping for vintage items. Her many friends will remember her as a compassionate soul who embraced the simple joys of life.

Tracey is survived by her mother, Sally A. Walker McIntosh; brothers, William S. Walker III (Donna), Aengus McIntosh (Shasta) and Cameron McIntosh; sisters, Kelly A. Walker (Vicki) and Elizabeth Dalziel (Jeff); nieces and nephews, Chloe, William, Elanore and Amelia Walker, Mannon, Callum, Havanna, Vaidden and Durggen McIntosh and Michael McIntosh and aunts, Mary Thorn, Joan Garvey, Jane Bisak, Jane Meade and Nina MacDonald.

Tracey was predeceased by her father, William S. Walker II in 1979; stepfather, James S. McIntosh in 2018 and stepbrother, Douglas

McIntosh in 2006.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 6021 Whittier, Detroit. A reception celebrating Tracey will immediately follow the service. Visit verheyden.org for updated details.

Daniel R. Beck

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Daniel R. Beck, 90, died peacefully Monday, Aug. 12, 2019, after living a long, productive, fun-filled, adventurous life.

Born April 14, 1929, in New York City, to Martha Ryan and Daniel L. Beck, Dan was a Grosse Pointe resident more than 75 years and a standout football and track athlete at Grosse Pointe High School, Class of 1947. He graduated from Michigan Normal College, now Eastern Michigan University, where he was captain of the track team, and earned a master's degree from the University of Michigan. Upon graduation from Michigan Normal, Dan married Ruth Jacqueline Marshall June 26, 1952, at Central Woodward Christian Church in Detroit, and started a 42-year career with Copper & Brass Sales, from which he retired as vice president of sales and marketing.

Dan sat on several industry boards and served as president of the Copper & Brass Service Center Association and National Association of Aluminum Distributors. He believed strongly in community service and was a trustee in the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores 19 years. He served as board chairman of The War Memorial, a member of the board of directors of Services for Older Citizens, now The Helm, president of the Senior Men's Club and Men's Garden Club of Grosse Pointe. Dan enjoyed membership in a number of other clubs and organizations including the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Bayview Yacht Club, the Witenagemots, Woodworkers and The Circumnavigators Club.

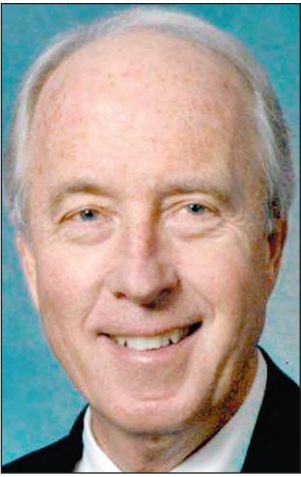
Dan is survived by his wife, Jacqueline; five of his six children, Katherine, Mary Martha, Daniel (Kimberly), Jane (Craig Winkelman) and Carole (Bob Durgy); 16 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his parents; brother, Arthur; daughter, Kristin Beck Pogue; grandson, Daniel Arthur Pogue and his loyal lab, Prince (by just one day).

Dan will be remembered as an agile foredeck man, skilled tree climber, avid reader, wonderful storyteller, enthusiastic swimming meet announcer, loving husband and father and friend to many.

A family celebration of Dan's life will be held at a future date.

Donations may be made to The Helm, 158 Ridge Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236;



Richard Carter Mertz Jr.



Tracey Lynn Walker



Daniel R. Beck

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

John A. Carnaghi

John A. Carnaghi, 95, passed away peacefully Sunday, Aug. 11, 2019. He was an original founder of Our Lady Star of the Sea parish, an active member and an usher for 65 years.

In his life as in his work, John provided his family, church and community a sound, supportive foundation from which to grow and prosper. The solid underpinnings of such familiar structures that grace Detroit such as Cobo Hall, Mariner's Church, Pontchartrain, Penobscot, Ford Auditorium, Veteran's Memorial Building, Wayne State University, Detroit Public Library, Detroit Institute of Arts, plus hospitals, auto plants, banks, freeways and projects too numerous to mention that spread into the suburbs, are the result of the Joseph P. Carnaghi Excavation Co. established in 1911.

The ninth of 13 children born to Margaret (nee Oldani) and Joseph P. Carnaghi, John was a student and altar boy at St. Clare of Montefalco, where his father prepared the groundwork for the church, school and a variety of additions. John matriculated to the University of Detroit and briefly attended the University of Illinois. During World War II, he was a staff sergeant in the Army, stationed in France and Germany, where as a gunnery, he received a field artillery award. He helped the reconstruction of Germany after the war by hunting deer for the local villagers and distributing supplies. He was awarded an appointment to Annapolis Naval Academy, but due to his father's failing health, John returned to Grosse Pointe to help manage the business.

In 1948, John worked on the Stroh Brewery building where he met, then married, John Stroh's secretary, Zena, in 1949. Together they raised funds for the orig-



John A. Carnaghi

inal construction of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church and school, later attended by their three children.

When not on the job site, John made a habit of being outdoors, doing his own yard work, snow shoveling and home maintenance, including, much to his family's consternation, walking the roof to clean the gutters, well into his 80s. John was blessed with excellent health until his final months of life and always looked younger than his years.

After 55 years of enjoying the game of golf, John shot a hole-in-one during a tournament in 2004. It was witnessed and celebrated by his son and commemorated with a trophy from Oak Ridge Golf Course. He loved and played the game until he was 90.

John was a former president of the Association of Underground Contractors and a member of the Construction Association of Michigan, Knights of Columbus and the Servite League.

John was a generous man, well-respected and loved by his employees. His honor, integrity and intelligence were evident in all he did. Though things went wrong in life and work, John always showed great restraint, remained uncomplaining and never used profanity.

Strong, reliable and immutable like the concrete foundations he poured, John was a gentleman, a role model and one of the greatest of the greatest generation.

John is survived by Zena, his loving wife of 70 years; children, Joseph, Janeen Nicholl (Doug) and Mary Lynn Martin; grandchildren, Robert Max Martin (Edienny Edward), Dr. Carnaghi Van Martin (Tawny Brown) and John



George William Auch III

Edward Carnaghi; great-grandchildren, Evan Zade and Evy Lee Martin; sisters, Lorraine Einheuser and Joanne Russette; brother, James Carnaghi and many nieces and nephews.

John will be interred at St Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

Donations may be made to Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

George William Auch III

Grosse Pointe Shores resident George William Auch, 94, passed away Saturday, Aug. 10, 2019.

Born Nov. 27, 1924, in Detroit, Bill graduated in 1942 from Grosse Pointe High School, then served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. A member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, he graduated from the University of Michigan with a civil engineering degree in 1949.

After graduation, Bill joined the family construction business. In the following years, he and his brother, Fred, assumed ownership and shared leadership of the company.

Bill enjoyed spending time with family and friends, traveling, gardening, time with the beloved family dogs and was a lifelong U of M football fan.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, W. Sue Auch; son, George W. Auch IV and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by siblings Walter, Betty (Parr) and Tom.

Funeral services are pending.

Donations may be made to Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307-3115 or a charity of the donor's choice.

G.P. a visible presence at state LWV event

By Margaret Freundl

Guest Writer

The League of Women Voters of Michigan last month opened its convention in Livonia with the reading of a tribute from the state of Michigan for its 100th anniversary celebration, "Building on the First 100 Years." The Grosse Pointe chapter was represented by nine delegates and guests who attended workshops and

speaker presentations and participated in organization business. Four chapter members received Belle Ringer awards for their outstanding contributions: Sue Acton, voter services; Wilhelmina Giblin, membership; George McMullen, strategic planning and Jan Wells, advocacy. Chapter member Vicki Granger was elected to state office as director.

Attendees received a thorough update on the status of the gerrymandering lawsuit, in which LWVMI served as a plaintiff. The U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals struck down the challenged districts in April 2018, and ordered remedial maps be drawn. That decision was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, where a stay recently was granted

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PASTOR’S CORNER By the Rev. Ben Van Arragon

Working your way up to heaven

The following is one of a series of meditations on the relationship between faith and work.

The film “Chariots of Fire” tells the story of two Olympians: Eric Liddell and Harold Abrahams. In one scene, Abrahams says, “I ... look down that corridor; 4 feet wide, with 10 lonely seconds to justify my whole existence.” Sometimes our work takes on this desperate quality. Our academic and professional pursuits easily go from opportunities to enrich ourselves and invest our talents to arenas in which to prove our worth.

According to the Book of Genesis, God created human beings to reflect God’s glory — that is, to embody God’s truest and best qualities. God also created human beings to share God’s work on earth — that is, to create new things and support the full flourishing of all living things. Psalm 8 declares that in the beginning we were “just a little lower than the heavenly beings” (Psalms 8:5). Ever since our fall into sin, we have used work to try to recapture the goodness and glory we had in the beginning.

The confounding story of the Tower

of Babel, found in Genesis 11, really is about humanity’s desire to recover lost glory. The community at Babel believes they can work their way back to heaven. So much of our work is driven by the need to justify our existence — to prove our worth to each other and God. We still, deep down, believe if we are good enough students, partners, parents or professionals, we will be good enough to get God’s attention. In Genesis 11, the people of Babel are never able to work their way to heaven. When we use work to justify our existence and prove our worth, we find the work is never done.

In the person of Jesus Christ, God offers redemption for fallen humanity and relief from the relentless pursuit of self-justification. Jesus brings the grace and abundance of heaven to earth, thus confirming our worth to God. And Jesus accomplishes for us the work we could not complete on our own: securing God’s eternal affection and approval.

Van Arragon is pastor at the First Christian Reformed Church of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Park; firstcrcdetroit.org.

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Rachel Charette

- ◆ **Title:** Youth Services Librarian
- ◆ **Job:** Developing programs for children of all ages from babies through elementary school. Miss Rachel hosts story times at the Woods branch and is very involved in summer reading.
- ◆ **Hobbies:** Miss Rachel spends a lot of time with her family. She enjoys traveling and impromptu dance parties with her family.
- ◆ **Favorite Book:** From the days when she was an adult services librarian, Miss Rachel says her favorite book is “Destiny of the Republic,” by Candice Millard. The

from Wayne State University. Before joining the Grosse Pointe Public Library, she worked at libraries in Canada, Lansing and Livonia.

“It’s a great feeling to work in my home community,” she said.

“I used to run marathons,” but with a preschooler and a soon-to-be high-schooler, she doesn’t have time to train for marathons anymore. And, of course, she loves to read.

“I enjoy helping patrons find what they need,” she said. This summer the library has done a lot of outreach to the local parks. “Keeping the kids engaged and reading throughout the summer to eliminate the summer slide (is important). It’s a win-win. The kids really enjoy it.”

While getting her undergraduate degree at DePaul University in Chicago, Miss Rachel began working in the library. She received her Master of Library Science degree



Rachel Charette

book is about President Garfield and the dawn-ing of modern medicine. Her favorite children’s author is Jon Agee.

“I met him,” she said. “Children and adults can enjoy his stories. They’re humorous, clever and make you think.”

◆ **Best part of the job:** “I love my job. It’s meaningful. To foster children’s love of reading and show them reading can be fun.”

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church hosts

its parish picnic 4 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, at Pier Park, 350

Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. An outdoor Mass begins at 3 p.m. Tickets are available at the event. Patrons should bring a dish to pass. For information, call (313) 885-8855.

St. Paul on the Lake

Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, again presents “Fresh Start: A Healing Ministry for the Divorced, Separated & Civilly Remarried.” This free 12-week journey involves sharing experi-

ences and dialogue with others in a confidential group setting. A video series is included and child care is provided. Meetings take place 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the school’s faculty lounge the following Fridays: Sept. 13

and 27, Oct. 11 and 25, Nov. 15, Dec. 12, Jan. 10 and 24, Feb. 7 and 21 and March 14 and 28. To register, contact Deacon Bill Jamieson at bjamieson@stpaulonthelake.org or (313) 885-8855, Ext. 145.

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pending appeal. Newly passed state legislation will alter the process for assigning state and congressional voting districts with the 2020 census. Public Act 608, passed as a lame duck legislative action in 2018, and setting limitations on signature requirements for state constitutional amendments, initiatives and referendums will be appealed in a forthcoming lawsuit, which also will involve LWVMI.

Sharon Dolante, ACLU Michigan, spoke on voting rights in Michigan and outcomes from the approval of Proposition 3 in the 2018 fall state election. Several components are implemented so far:

ability to register to vote through election day; no reason for absentee voter request; same-day voter registration; elimination of the Michigan vote in-person requirement and return of straight-party voting. This summer, we should expect to see implementation of online voter registration and automatic voter registration. Dolante spoke to activities that can help local clerks, including offers of assistance. She will speak at the Grosse Pointe chapter’s kickoff meeting this September.

Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib from Michigan’s 13th Congressional District addressed the convention, sharing stories on growing up in Southwest Detroit and perceptions of her role in Congress.

“It’s about serving others in a very powerful way,” she said.

She noted a sense of urgency among the women in Congress today and encouraged the sharing of stories, like a woman losing her daughter due to the cost of insulin.

League of Women Voters of the United States President Chris Carson participated in an interview concerning the redesign of the national association, several national positions concerning election security, healthcare for all, the 2020 national census and term limits. She challenged the convention, “We need to look like the communities where we are: equity, diversity and inclusion.” The state leagues, she noted, are

becoming the linchpin of LWV activities.

During day two of the convention, participants selected from simultaneous education sessions on water quality, the U.S. Census, voter services, engaging members and developing leaders and local league best practices. One session was on the Equal Rights Amendment. Laura Carter Callow from Michigan described her own experiences in the history and current state of the ERA. The proposed amendment is a simple statement: “Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.” Many present assumed this constitutional language had died because of insufficient

numbers of states ratifying it; no state legislatures ratified the ERA after 1979. Then, Nevada ratified in 2017, followed by Illinois in 2018, leaving one more state needed. Carter Callow showed a video explaining the importance of ratifying this amendment. She reported there are active campaigns in Virginia, North Carolina, Florida and Arizona. She predicted, “... it will rise; it’s a matter of simple justice.”

The Saturday evening banquet speaker was Elaine Weiss, author of “The Woman’s Hour: The great fight to win the vote.” She recognized Michigan’s work to secure women’s right to vote in 1919, followed by the creation of the League of Women Voters in

Michigan. Michigan was the third state to ratify the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which in 1920 granted women the right to vote.

A core function of the League is its study and adoption of positions consistent with the organization’s mission to encourage informed and active participation in government, increase understanding of major public policy issues and influence public policy through education and advocacy. As an order of business, Michigan League positions were reviewed and retained. A study of the ramifications of lame-duck sessions will be pursued. Positions of the Michigan League are posted online at lwvmi.org/positions.html.

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Why bike lanes?

Bicycle lanes can provide multiple benefits:

- ◆ Establish order in the roadway by providing a designated place for bicyclists and motorists, enhancing safety for everyone.
- ◆ Improve travel behavior and predictability on roadways.
- ◆ Further the development of Complete Streets as promoted by state law and State Transportation Commission policy.
- ◆ Improve safety for bicyclists.

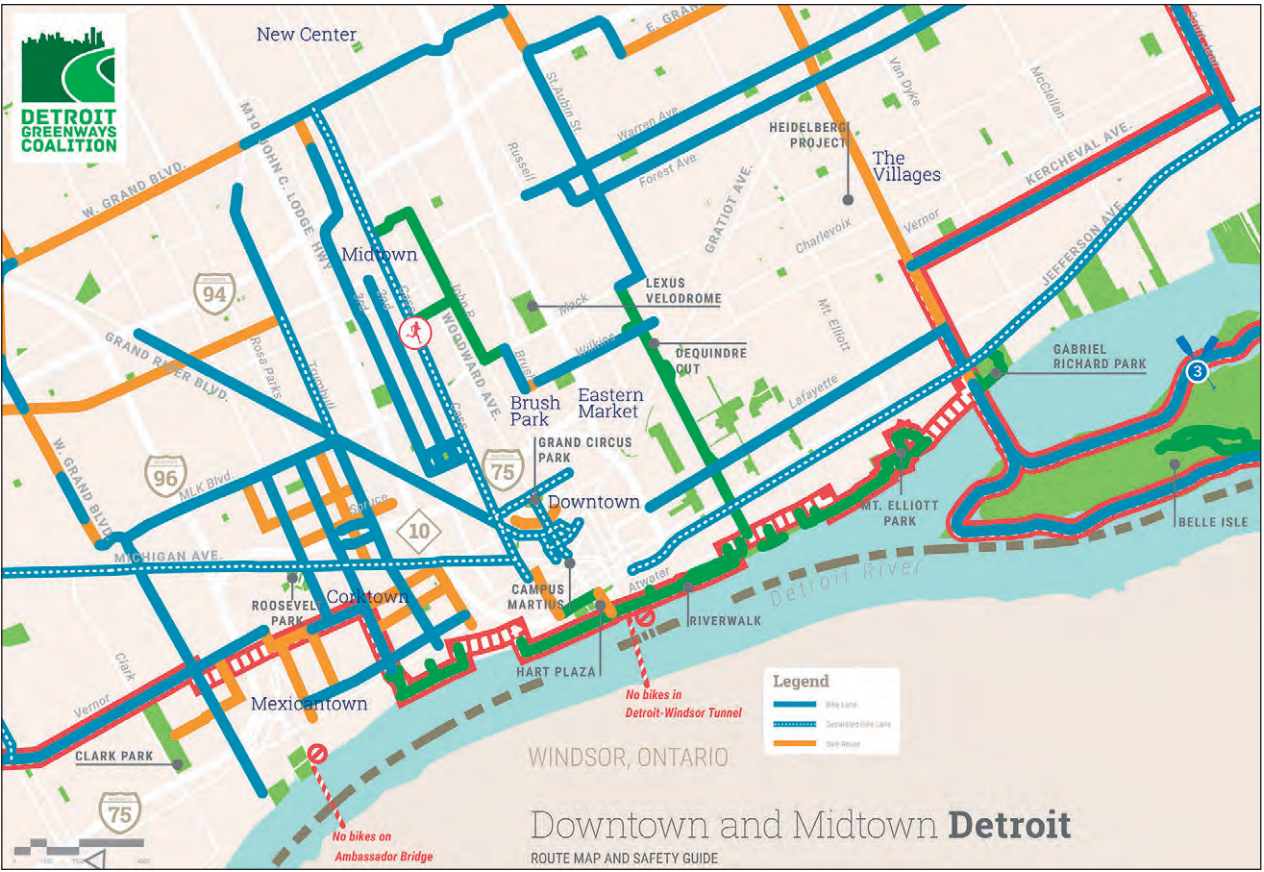
Driver reminders:

- ◆ Don't drive or park in a bicycle lane; it is illegal.
- ◆ Always look for bicyclists before opening your car door.
- ◆ Bicyclists have all the rights and duties applicable to the motorist.
- ◆ Bicyclists are not required to use a bicycle lane and may leave a bicycle lane to turn left or avoid hazards.
- ◆ Bicyclists are permitted on all roadways unless specifically prohibited, like limited access highways.
- ◆ Drivers must avoid distractions and be aware at all times. Driving the speed limit decreases the chances of a fatality.
- ◆ Drivers should pass bicyclists at a safe distance and always yield to them before turning.

Tips for bicyclists:

- ◆ Bicyclists are reminded to use hand signals to inform others of their intent.
- ◆ Bicyclists are encouraged to wear bright colors so they are visible.
- ◆ It is illegal to ride a bicycle without a headlight or rear reflector when it is dark.
- ◆ Always ride with traffic.

From the Michigan Department of Transportation's "What every Michigan driver should know about bicycle lanes." Learn more at michigan.gov/mdot-biking.



A route map and safety guide produced by Detroit Greenways Coalition.

STREETS:

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all the way up to a friend's house in Grosse Pointe Woods — and stop along the way at the library, or to get groceries or ice cream. Going through city centers would have the best effect. Kercheval is where we need to start. And Grosse Pointe Boulevard would be another great one. Just one section to help people see the light on this, so when a bigger project comes along, like Jefferson, they feel comfortable with moving forward."

Rumohr noted a few cities — one in New York, as well as Ferndale — that installed bike lanes and saw growth in business and pedestrian traf-



The Pedalers make a stop on The Hill.

fic as a result. One reason bike lanes have taken off in other areas is the safety they provide. Painted bike lanes force people to acknowledge there is a lane and the need to slow down, Rumohr said. "People's visual recognition of a cyclist on the road improves when there's a bike lane," Rumohr said. "Visual recognition comes in 7 or

8 seconds when there is no lane. It comes 30 seconds earlier when there's a bike lane. It gives you as a driver a better situational awareness. You're not noticing a cyclist from a block away; you're noticing them from three or four blocks away." Caulfield also is hopeful to get the ball rolling. "I want to make this a bicycle-friendly commu-

nity," she said. "There's so much going on in the cycling community. ... The feedback we've been getting, people are excited. This is something they want to see." Added Rumohr, "This needs to be something brought to the forefront. It's not going to go away. We are not going to get a trophy for being the last community to get a bike lane."

In the know

The League of Michigan Bicyclists' booklet "What Every Michigan Bicyclist Must Know," offers tips about road and lane placement.

Motorists who don't share the road endanger bicyclists. They often "don't see" cyclists or understand the road hazards and conditions bicyclists face. Cyclists can protect themselves by riding smart and following all traffic laws.

- ◆ Ride predictably, consistently and attentively.
- ◆ Stay to the right, but don't hug the curb.
- ◆ While you are not required to use them, bike lanes and shoulders often are the safest place to ride, especially where motor vehicle speeds exceed 45 mph or heavy traffic is present.
- ◆ When these are not present, properly engineered, maintained or if traffic conditions warrant, "take the lane."
- ◆ To take the lane, position yourself as if you were a car by riding in the right wheel track of motorized traffic. This places you within the motorists' field of vision and properly positions you to make left turns or pass other road users.
- ◆ When riding two abreast, be mindful of the other roadway users and single up when it is safe for others to pass. You may never ride more than two abreast. Remember, sharing the road is a two-way street.
- ◆ Never ride against traffic. You may, however, ride with traffic in the far left lane on one-way streets.
- ◆ When stopping for a rest or emergency, move completely off the road and into the shoulder.
- ◆ At intersections, make eye contact with drivers. A simple head nod can help ensure they acknowledge your presence.
- ◆ When moving into the travel lane, look behind you first and signal your move to the left when clear.

For more tips on safely sharing the road, visit lmb.org or shareMroads.org.

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LifeBUILDERS named only Michigan nonprofit as a finalist for \$25,000 grant

LifeBUILDERS, in collaboration with Soar Detroit, is looking to make a huge impact in the lives of students in the Regent Park neighborhood on Detroit's east side. With the help of the community at large, LifeBUILDERS seeks public votes to secure a \$25,000 grant from State Farm Neighborhood Assist to bring a unique, proven model of literacy tutoring to more than 100 second-grade students at Fisher Magnet Lower Academy in Regent Park. Out of an original pool of 2,000 submissions, the nonprofit organization working to reclaim, empower and revitalize the Regent Park neighborhood is the only Michigan nonprofit of 200 organizations nationwide that remains in the running for funds.

Ultimately, a total of 40 causes across the U.S. will be awarded \$25,000 grants to fund neighborhood education, safety and community development projects. Individuals can cast their vote for LifeBUILDERS up to 10 times a day, now through Aug. 23, at neighborhoodassist.com/entry/2024881. Only 14 percent of Detroit's third-graders can read at grade level and both LifeBUILDERS and Soar Detroit want to change that. Among other projects, grant funds would go toward program materials, tutors and transportation for a full school year covering children from Fisher Magnet Lower Academy, with the goal of expanding the program to other schools in the neighborhood.

"This is an opportunity to give an entire grade of students the chance to increase their reading grade levels and thrive in school and life," said Executive Director Larry Johnson, who co-founded LifeBUILDERS with his wife, Marilyn. "The successful implementation of this grant will help to increase graduation rates, move our youth beyond entry-level employment opportunities, increase college and skilled-training applications. We believe that this will lead to a long-term reduction in crime rates, lower unemployment rates and a general increase in the quality of life here in Regent Park." Since the program began, State Farm has awarded \$7 million to more than 250 organizations.

AMP:

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information was terrific. Now it's just a matter of following the tips and tricks." Classes are twice weekly through Thursday, Sept. 26. Each session begins with a free lunch at 11:45 a.m. followed by class at 12:30 p.m. A complete list of dates and times will be provided the first day of class. Designed by the National Council on Aging, AMP consists of 10 sessions covering topics such as exercise, sleep, healthy eating, financial fitness, advance planning, healthy relationships, medication management, community engagement and falls prevention. Each session consists of

interactive learning, action planning, implementation and mastery of the topics in a combination of discussion, peer-to-peer interaction, DVDs and more. There also will be a presentation from a subject matter expert at each session. Research shows program participants significantly increased their social connectedness, physical activity levels, healthy eating habits, use of advanced planning and adoption of other healthy behaviors. AMP costs \$55 for an individual, \$75 for a couple living in the same residence. The cost of the class covers all program materials, a tote bag, exercise DVD and more. To register, call (313) 882-9600 or stop by The Helm. Space is limited; early registration is recommended.

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Lochmoor tops the state in Evans Scholars alumni

By A.J. Hakim
Guest Writer

After tying its own state record with five more recipients in 2018-19, Lochmoor Club now ranks among the top private clubs in Michigan with regard to the Western Golf Association's Evans

Scholars Foundation program. This year's honorees included caddies Kaitlyn Steeves, a senior at St. Clair Shores Lake Shore; Brianna Harris, a senior at Clinton Township Chippewa Valley; Thomas Jarecki, a freshman at Michigan State University;

and Joseph Rheume and Samuel Plieth, both seniors at Grosse Pointe North High School. Along with Jarecki, who currently attends Michigan State, the other four scholars also will attend the university in the fall. "It's an extreme honor," Steeves said of being

named an Evans Scholar. "The number of Evans Scholars that have gone on to do such amazing things for the world is remarkable. It's a diverse field, but we're all connected through caddying. We all started as little caddies, holding golf clubs all across the country, and that's the coolest thing to me."

The scholarship, through the Evans Scholars Foundation, awards full tuition and housing college scholarships to high-achieving caddies with limited financial needs. Scholarships are valued at an estimated \$120,000 over four years. To apply, all candidates participate in an extensive process that starts with an exemplary caddy record, outstanding academics and test scores, extensive community service, an essay and letters of recommendation. Those who meet the criteria and are considered among the finalists conclude the process by interviewing at the annual meeting, presenting in front of WGA directors from around the state.

As Evans Scholars, this year's five recipients join Lochmoor's growing list of 140 alumni — tops in the state — from the program and 12 scholars — also tops in the state — who currently attend the University of Michigan or Michigan State University. This year, Lochmoor recipients accounted for more than 20 percent of all Evans Scholars awarded in Michigan. Over the years, those awarded this scholarship have benefited from nearly \$20 million in WGA Evans scholarships support throughout the club's 60-plus-year partnership with the program.

In a written statement from WGA co-directors Blake Johnson, Lochmoor member and caddie chairman, and Mike Pannuto, past president of Lochmoor, the two discussed the club's impact with the scholarship program.

"Lochmoor has become the 'Gold Standard' for

junior caddie and Evans Scholarship programs in Michigan and measures up with the top clubs nationally. When you take a step back and look at Lochmoor's history with the Evans program, the statistics are staggering. This success is only made possible by the hard work of Lochmoor's incredible golf staff and the unwavering and generous support of Lochmoor's membership.

"Mike and I have the great fortune to represent Lochmoor as WGA directors and we are extremely proud of our program."

The club's continued success with the Evans Scholars program is part of its rich, 102-year history, which dates back to 1917, the year the United States entered World War I, and has been ingrained in the Grosse Pointe community since its inception, which began with a veritable who's who of Grosse Pointe families as its founding members. The likes of Edsel Ford; the Dodge brothers, John and Horace; Eddie Rickenbacker; and the Fisher brothers, Fred, Charlie, Bill, Larry, Ed and Al, were all part of Lochmoor's beginnings socially.

"Today, Lochmoor is still home to many prominent Grosse Pointe families," said John Vitale, Lochmoor's current president. "Lochmoor families have enjoyed passing memberships from generation to generation."

William Beaupre, of another prominent Grosse Pointe family, handled the physical aspect of the club, supervising the 135-acre course's construction, led by John H. Sweeney, who worked from a design developed by Travis Beaupre and Walter Travis, the latter renowned in golf as the first three-time U.S. Amateur Golf Champion and first non-Brit to win the British Amateur Championship. Travis' designs are featured throughout the country and, like that of Lochmoor, adopt British-style layouts

that require golfers to think and play strategically, avoiding difficulty with well-planned and executed shots.

"I caddied and worked at Lochmoor for a decade," said Zach Kowalczyk, former Lochmoor caddie, Evans Scholar alumnus and 2014 University of Michigan graduate. "During this time, I gained tremendous respect for the course. It is a classic-style country club that is immaculately maintained with beautiful tree-lined fairways and lightning-fast greens. We often see guests from other clubs arrive confident in their games and leave a little beat up by the challenge Lochmoor presents."

Throughout the ensuing years, Lochmoor's board and club members have worked to maintain its form, both physically and socially, from rebuilding its clubhouse following a fire in 1924 to expanding its offerings — pools, fitness rooms, lounges, locker rooms, tennis courts and more. Currently, the club has raised nearly \$1.4 million in its capital campaign to further improve the course and clubhouse, all in an effort to continue its standing among the premier private golf clubs in the state, a club that appeals to its members and also has provided its caddies with opportunities for growth and success through programs like the Evans Scholarship.

"The current capital campaign at Lochmoor will allow improvements to the golf course and clubhouse for current members and position Lochmoor for future generations of members," Vitale said. "Golf course improvements will continue to respect the historical design of the course and improve playability."

Those interested in making a donation to the WGA Evans Scholarship program or who would like additional information about the program can contact Pannuto or Johnson at Lochmoor Club.

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Beaumont outing raises \$320,000

Celebrating its 30th anniversary, the 2019 Beaumont Children's Miracle Classic raised \$320,000 for Beaumont Children's, A Children's Miracle Network Hospital. The event hosted 250 golfers at the Detroit Golf Club on July 29.

In addition to golf, guests of the fundraiser enjoyed dinner, a short program, awards ceremony and auction, the latter of which raised \$14,750 for the organization.

Funds will support programs of Beaumont Children's, provide life-

saving services, purchase vital pediatric equipment and fund patient scholarships for families unable to afford needed care.

Co-chairmen of the event were Sam Yamin of Bloomfield Hills, Ken Noonan of Troy and Brian Berman M.D. of Birmingham.

DALMAC:

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have to start the day with what you need."

What started for Arsenault as a great way to stay in shape turned into a great way to meet new people. Bikers, he said, are a friendly bunch.

"Riders come from all over Michigan to do this ride," he said. "You can stay with one group of riders and talk for hours. It's fun to see the state of Michigan that way, too, especially when you get out to Petoskey, Traverse City — it's beautiful to see on a bike."

While Arsenault has yet to recruit his children for the tour — "They say I ride too fast." — he's

gotten a couple friends to join him. He also participates in the MS 150 charity ride to benefit multiple sclerosis research and education.

DALMAC is not a fundraiser; riders don't have to collect pledges to participate. But there is a fee to ride, a portion of which is used to fund bicycling-related organizations and causes. Since 1975, proceeds from the tour have allowed The DALMAC Fund to grant more than \$1.3 million toward numerous bike trail and public safety projects, as well as extending bicycling opportunities to those with disabilities.

"Biking is great exercise, a great way to socialize," Arsenault

said, noting local bicycling groups like Slow Roll and Grosse Pointe Pedalers. "It's important to get out with people you know and have some fun."

"Grosse Pointe is safe to bike in, but I think we could take a lesson from Detroit with all the bike lanes they've put in," he continued. "That's something Grosse Pointe could take a page from — a bike lane on Kercheval."

Moving forward, Arsenault said he'd like to participate in DALMAC as many years as he can.

"I want to see how far I can go," he said. "It's a great motivator to stay in shape and stay on the bike."

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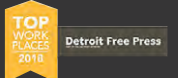
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Swimming

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Summer ends at MICSA meet

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

A trio of clubs finished in the top seven of 14 teams in the season-ending Michigan Inter-club Swimming Association meet held at the end of July at the Country Club of Detroit.

Great Oaks Country Club won the title with 897.5 points, followed by Lochmoor Club with 874, Birmingham Athletic Club with 835.5, Country Club of Detroit with 652, Oakland Hills Country Club with 518, Detroit Golf Club with 490 and Grosse Pointe Yacht Club with 475.

Below is a list with the top finisher among the top 12 of each of the three clubs in each event. Lochmoor Club is LC, Country Club of Detroit is CCD and Grosse Pointe Yacht Club is GPYC.

- Event 1 — mixed 8U relay**
2. LC — James Wesley, Grayson Graskewicz, Drew Gwinnell, Cole Kallabat, 1:15.79.
8. GPYC — Eleanor Early, Charles O'Connor, Liam Zvirbulis, Anthony Simon, 1:25.22.
9. CCD — Emily Roth, Christopher Damman, Taylor Rivers, BeBe Vanecek, 1:25.88.
- Event 2 — girls 200 free relay**
2. CCD — Hayden Barry, Kate Ricci, Hannah Didio, Olivia Yoo, 1:58.07.
6. GPYC — Gabriella Mannino, Katherine Bsharah, Avery Beal, Sophie Schuetze, 2:02.03.
9. LC — Steph Karoutsos, Nicole McEnroe, Sophia Dragich, Grace Wesley, 2:03.26.
- Event 3 — boys 200 free relay**
3. LC — Nadeem Haurani, Tommy Moreland, P.K. Nugent, Ian Donahue, 1:54.11.
8. CCD — Mason Melegari, J.T. Ricci, Alexander Rothis, Ryan English, 2:02.02.
9. GPYC — Vincent Maribao, Luke Loeffler, Stanton Kapla, Vincent Sceglio, 2:05.92.

- Event 4 — girls 8U breaststroke**
5. GPYC — Katie DeGrazia, 24.85.
- Event 5 — boys 8U breaststroke**
2. LC — Owen Delisle, 23.44.
6. GPYC — Liam Zvirbulis, 25.98.
- Event 6 — girls 9-10U breaststroke**
3. LC — Sarah Dragich, 43.73.
4. GPYC — Lila Loeffler, 44.19.
12. CCD — Rachel Farago, 51.54.
- Event 7 — boys 9-10U breaststroke**
2. LC — Christian Azoury, 44.78.
9. GPYC — Ryder Legwand, 52.03.
- Event 8 — girls 11-12U breaststroke**
1. GPYC — Avery Beal, 36.64.
3. LC — Naya Azoury, 38.34.
5. CCD — Allie Roth, 40.11.
- Event 9 — boys 11-12U breaststroke**
1. LC — Jack Howe, 34.80.
5. GPYC — Stanton Kapla, 41.41.
7. CCD — Bobby Crane, 43.33.
- Event 10 — girls 13-14U breaststroke**
1. CCD — Ginger McMahon, 32.46.
7. GPYC — Sophia Kapla, 36.29.
- Event 11 — boys 13-14U breaststroke**
4. GPYC — Asher Fuchs, 37.13.



The 2019 Country Club of Detroit summer swim team enjoyed success in the MICSA meet in its home pool.

11. CCD — Myles Melegari, 41.37.
- Event 12 — girls 17-18U breaststroke**
5. LC — Alyssa Carlino, 35.33.
- Event 13 — boys 17-18U breaststroke**
3. CCD — Alejandro Borrego, 31.19.
4. LC — P.K. Nugent, 31.96.
10. GPYC — Nicholas Borrego, 33.91.
- Event 14 — girls 8U freestyle**
1. LC — Ella Hafner, 34.58.
6. CCD — Marjorie Traynham, 43.41.
12. GPYC — Evelyn Kraydich, 54.47.
- Event 15 — boys 8U freestyle**
1. LC — Jacob Rabbani, 36.52.
5. GPYC — Ronan Zvirbulis, 45.70.
- Event 16 — girls 9-10U freestyle**
1. LC — Clare Hafner, 1:07.11.
7. GPYC — Gabriella Mannino, 1:17.89.
- Event 17 — boys 9-10U freestyle**
3. CCD — Pete O'Donnell, 1:17.77.
4. LC — Nadeem Haurani, 1:18.39.
8. GPYC — Jack Ropke, 1:29.72.
- Event 18 — girls 11-12U freestyle**
4. CCD — Hannah Didio, 1:05.94.
10. GPYC — Annabel Klaasen, 1:11.58.
12. LC — Anna Wesley, 1:12.92.

- Event 19 — boys 11-12U freestyle**
1. LC — Tommy Moreland, 1:03.28.
11. GPYC — Marco Morreale, 1:20.57.
- Event 20 — girls 13-14U freestyle**
2. CCD — Olivia Yoo, 58.85.
3. GPYC — Sophie Schuetze, 1:00.12.
10. LC — Sophia Dragich, 1:08.60.
- Event 21 — boys 13-14U freestyle**
1. LC — Gianni Carlino, 55.88.
6. CCD — Mason Melegari, 1:02.67.
7. GPYC — Vincent Sceglio, 1:02.33.
- Event 22 — girls 15-17U freestyle**
5. CCD — Hayden Barry, 1:01.70.
9. LC — Katie Flynn, 1:04.77.
10. GPYC — Katherine Bsharah, 1:04.84.
- Event 23 — boys 15-17U freestyle**
7. CCD — Ryan English, 55.36.
10. LC — Josh Dixon, 59.25.
- Event 24 — girls 8U backstroke**
1. CCD — Quinn Ryan, 19.70.
8. GPYC — Hadley Beal, 24.82.
- Event 25 — boys 8U backstroke**
1. LC — Jacob Rabbani, 20.05.

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Basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Dixon transfers to NC State

North Carolina State has earned a commitment from grad transfer Danny Dixon, a Grosse Pointe South graduate. The former George Mason and University of Missouri — Kansas City forward will join the Wolfpack for his final season of eligibility in 2019-20.

Dixon comes to NC State after spending last year in Kansas City and starting 16 games. The 6-foot-10, 230-pound big man averaged 7.5 points and 3.6 rebounds with UMKC in 2018-19 before deciding to transfer.

“The biggest thing for me is I’ve always wanted a chance to play in the NCAA Tournament,” Dixon said. “After meeting with Coach Keatts and the rest of the staff,

I feel like we have a real shot to do that this season. I couldn’t pass up that opportunity.”

Dixon played two seasons with George Mason prior to transferring to UMKC and sitting out one season to play one year in Kansas City. With a scholarship coming open following Wyatt Walker’s transfer, Dixon came to Raleigh on an official visit on May 2 — just before Atticus Taylor arrived on campus.

Though Dixon took an official visit to California immediately after, he canceled an official visit to Pittsburgh to commit to the Pack.

“I knew right away that NC State was where I needed to be,” Dixon said. “Right after I left

Cal-Berkeley I realized I wanted to be in Raleigh. The fit just made sense for me.”

One of the biggest assets Dixon hopes to bring to NC State is not only being a player in the post, but showed he could shoot from outside at times last season. After working on his perimeter shooting during his season off in Kansas City, Dixon said he wants to prove he can help stretch the floor as a big man as well.

“Yeah, I really feel like I can shoot more from outside than I’ve been able to show in the past,” Dixon said. “Coach Keatts lets his players play their game, and I feel like I can do a lot more than just play under the basket with NC State.”



Grosse Pointe South alumnus Danny Dixon, right, plays his final year of college basketball for head coach Kevin Keatts, left.

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- 3. GPYC — Ronan Zvirbulis, 22.76.
- 12. CCD — Cooper Osten, 27.07.
- Event 26 — girls 9-10U backstroke**
- 2. LC — Nicole McEnroe, 37.78.
- 8. GPYC — Gabriella Mannino, 41.24.
- 11. CCD — Camilla O'Reilly, 44.18.
- Event 27 — boys 9-10U backstroke**
- 4. CCD — J.T. Ricci, 42.71.
- 5. LC — Brady Bond, 42.83.
- 11. GPYC — Jack Griffin, 49.24.
- Event 28 — girls 11-12U backstroke**
- 3. LC — Maggie McSkimming, 34.28.
- 8. CCD — Fay Robb, 38.31.
- 11. GPYC — Annabel Klaasen, 38.93.
- Event 29 — boys 11-12U backstroke**
- 2. LC — Dane Lezotte, 33.32.
- 4. CCD — Alex Hurley, 36.70.
- 12. GPYC — Marco Morreale, 43.99.
- Event 30 — girls 13-14U backstroke**
- 2. LC — Brooke Lezotte, 30.64.
- 5. GPYC — Genevieve Boutrous, 33.01.
- 8. CCD — Elle Ottaway, 34.56.
- Event 31 — boys 13-14U backstroke**
- 3. CCD — Drew Rullison, 33.07.
- 7. LC — Luke Dixon, 34.18.
- 9. GPYC — Mason Andrus, 36.61.
- Event 32 — girls 15-17U backstroke**
- 2. LC — Grace Wesley, 32.06.
- Event 33 — boys 15-17U backstroke**
- 7. CCD — Thaddeus MacKrell, 29.54.
- 10. LC — Aidan Lezotte, 30.82.
- Event 34 — girls 8U butterfly**
- 1. LC — Ella Hafner, 16.78.
- 3. CCD — Brooklyn Ricci, 18.76.
- 8. GPYC — Eleanor Early, 25.64.
- Event 35 — boys 8U butterfly**
- 2. LC — Cole Kallabat, 20.19.
- 3. CCD — Martin Krall, 21.44.
- 4. GPYC — Johnny Sceglio, 23.07.
- Event 36 — girls 9-10U butterfly**
- 1. CCD — Kate Ricci, 15.82.
- Event 37 — boys 9-10U butterfly**
- 1. LC — Tyler Collins, 16.27.
- 3. CCD — Pete O'Donnell, 16.58.
- 5. GPYC — Luke Loeffler, 17.83.
- Event 38 — girls 11-12U butterfly**
- 3. CCD — Hannah Didio, 32.37.
- 5. LC — Kate Dixon, 34.38.
- 12. GPYC — Betsy Ropke, 38.03.
- Event 39 — boys 11-12U butterfly**
- 3. LC — Dane Lezotte, 31.63.
- 6. CCD — Alex Hurley, 36.69.
- Event 40 — girls 13-14U butterfly**
- 1. CCD — Olivia Yoo, 28.91.
- 2. GPYC — Sophie Schuetze, 29.65.
- Event 41 — boys 13-14U butterfly**



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The 2019 Lochmoor Club summer swim team won a regular season title.

- 1. LC — Ian Donahue, 26.84.
- 4. CCD — Drew Rulison, 31.95.
- Event 42 — girls 15-17U butterfly**
- 4. LC — Alyssa Carlino, 30.80.
- 6. GPYC — Morgan Palace, 31.38.
- 11. CCD — Jennifer Crowley, 32.81.
- Event 43 — boys 15-17U butterfly**
- 9. LC — P.K. Nugent, 28.54.
- 10. CCD — Eric Howell, 28.57.
- 11. GPYC — Charlie Schuetze, 29.37.
- Event 44 — girls 8U freestyle**
- 3. CCD — Quinn Ryan, 17.31.
- 7. GPYC — Katie DeGrazia, 19.21.
- Event 45 — boys 8U freestyle**
- 2. CCD — Martin Krall, 17.24.
- 5. LC — James Wesley, 18.12.
- 6. GPYC — Johnny Sceglio, 18.18.
- Event 46 — girls 9-10U freestyle**
- 1. LC — Nicole McEnroe, 32.03.
- 2. CCD — Kate Ricci, 32.69.
- 11. GPYC — Campbell Shore, 38.00.
- Event 47 — boys 9-10U freestyle**
- 3. LC — Tyler Collins, 33.49.
- 7. CCD — J.T. Ricci, 36.28.
- 12. GPYC — Jack Ropke, 39.86.

Event 48 — girls 11-12U freestyle

- 6. LC — Steph Karoutsos, 32.12.
- 7. CCD — Allie Roth, 31.60.

Event 49 — boys 11-12U freestyle

- 3. LC — Tommy Moreland, 29.83.
- 5. CCD — Alexander Rothis, 32.97.

Event 50 — girls 13-14U freestyle

- 9. LC — Sophia Dragich, 32.24.

Event 51 — boys 13-14U freestyle

- 1. LC — Ian Donahue, 25.02.
- 3. CCD — Mason Melegari, 27.08.
- 4. GPYC — Vincent Sceglio, 28.16.

Event 52 — girls 15-17U freestyle

- 8. GPYC — Katherine Bsharah, 28.96.
- 10. CCD — Hayden Barry, 29.08.

Event 53 — boys 15-17U freestyle

- 8. CCD — Ryan English, 25.97.

12. GPYC — Vincent Maribao, 27.90.

Event 54 — girls 9-10U IM

- 1. LC — Clare Hafner, 1:16.76.
- 8. GPYC — Lila Loeffler, 1:32.14.

Event 55 — boys 9-10U IM

- 6. GPYC — Luke Loeffler, 1:33.17.
- 7. LC — Christian Azoury, 1:30.37.

Event 56 — girls 11-12U IM

- 3. GPYC — Avery Beal, 1:14.47.
- 5. LC — Maggie McSkimming, 1:19.36.
- 7. CCD — Whitney Handwork, 1:20.76.

Event 57 — boys 11-12U IM

- 2. LC — Jack Howe, 1:11.82.
- 4. GPYC — Stanton Kapla, 1:22.65.

Event 58 — girls 13-14U IM

- 1. CCD — Ginger McMahon, 1:05.19.
- 3. LC — Brooke Lezotte, 1:07.68.
- 4. GPYC — Sophia Kapla, 1:10.16.

Event 59 — boys 13-14U IM

- 1. LC — Gianni Carlino, 1:04.09.
- 7. GPYC — Asher Fuchs, 1:18.18.

Event 60 — girls 15-17U IM

- 1. LC — Grace Wesley, 1:07.57.
- 6. GPYC — Morgan Palace, 1:14.22.

Event 61 — boys 15-17U IM

- 6. CCD — Thaddeus MacKrell, 1:05.28.

Event 62 — mixed 8U medley relay

- 1. LC — Vanessa Haladjian, Owen Delisle, Ella Hafner, Jacob Rabbani, 1:23.58.
- 2. CCD — Quinn Ryan, Martin Krall, Brooklyn Ricci, Marjorie Traynham, 1:28.07.
- 5. GPYC — Ronan Zvirbulis, Katie DeGrazia, Johnny Sceglio, Hadley Beal, 1:36.31.

Event 63 — girls medley relay

- 2. LC — Brooke Lezotte, Alyssa Carlino, Kate Dixon, Clare Hafner, 2:09.54.
- 5. CCD — Fay Robb, Ginger McMahon, Jennifer Crowley, Audrey Didio, 2:21.01.
- 7. GPYC — Annabel Klaasen, Sophia Kapla, Morgan Palace, Lila Loeffler, 2:23.75.

Event 64 — boys medley relay

- 2. LC — Aidan Lezotte, Jack Howe, Gianni Carlino, Tyler Collins, 2:04.98.
- 4. CCD — Alex Hurley, Alejandro Borrego, Drew Rulison, Pete O'Donnell, 2:13.21.
- 7. GPYC — Marco Morreale, Asher Fuchs, Charlie Schuetze, Jack Ropke, 2:26.81.

Regular season

During the dual meet season, Lochmoor and Grosse Pointe Yacht Club won their respective division titles.

The Yacht Club finished 6-0 in the White Division, winning its six meets by an average score of 720-435.

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SWIMMING

Correction

Elliana Orlando was omitted from event No. 27, the girls 10U backstroke, in the Aug. 1 article titled, "Park edges Woods to earn title."

Orlando was the third-place finisher who posted a time of 19.54. Amelia MacGillis won and Sophia Laurenceau was second in the event at the annual Lakefront Swimming Association Championships held Tuesday and Wednesday, July 23 and 24.

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Therefore, the required public hearing will be held on Monday, August 26, 2019 at 6:45 p.m., as a part of the regular meeting of the Board of Education. The meeting will be held at the Brownell Multi-Purpose Room, 260 Chalfonte Ave, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. All parents, students and other interested citizens are welcome to attend.

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Solution for
last week's
puzzle 8/15/19

ACROSS

land

1 Bygone

41 Any minute

5 Decibel incre-
aser, for short

42 Obdurate

8 Jewels

47 "Zounds!"

12 Greenhouse
structures

48 Cook on a grill

14 On

49 Novelist Jaffe

15 Caviar provider

50 "This tastes
awful!"

16 Volcanic out-
flow

51 Leftovers reci-
pe

17 "Eureka!"

DOWN

1 "Monty Python"
opener

18 Not as short

2 Seine

20 Dishes

3 French vine-
yard

23 Ratio phrase

4 Immoderate

24 Little one in the
litter

5 Neighborhood

25 Tough puzzle

6 "O Sole —"

28 Affirmative

7 Woman's two-
piece?

29 Diarist Nin

8 Fast gait

30 — Beta Kappa

9 And others
(Abbr.)

32 Learner

10 Relocate

34 Adolescent

11 Practice box-
ing

35 Prod

13 Turkish title

36 Cause, as
havoc

40 Hawaiian gar-

12 Greenhouse
structures

14 On

15 Caviar provider

16 Volcanic out-
flow

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FLOSS IRONS
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OIL SER
WARP IVE ISMS
ACE ASIF ZOOM
IRE THOU ESAU
LED MALL SONG

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12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22

23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33

34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44

45 46 47 48 49 50 51

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Solution Time: 21 minutes

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Solution for
last weeks
puzzle 8/15/19

4	6	3	8	1	7	2	9	5
1	2	7	3	9	5	4	6	8
9	8	5	6	4	2	1	7	3
5	4	9	1	7	8	3	2	6
8	3	2	4	5	6	7	1	9
6	7	1	2	3	9	5	8	4
2	5	6	7	8	4	9	3	1
3	9	8	5	2	1	6	4	7
7	1	4	9	6	3	8	5	2

1

9

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2

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way
that each row across, each column down and
each small 9-box square contains all of the
numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦♦♦ Moderate ♦♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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