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Shores Councilwoman
Sandra Cavataio

Cavataio appointed to council

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — After a two-month process and directly following the interviews of council candidates Sandra Cavataio and Sean Schotthoefer at a special council meeting Tuesday, Feb. 11, Cavataio was appointed to the vacant council seat during the council meeting Tuesday, Feb. 18.

“I think that you’re both outstanding candidates and we’re lucky to have either one of you to represent us through the council,” Councilwoman Danielle Gehlert said, before making the motion to appoint Cavataio.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Douglas Kucyk. Councilman John Seago abstained from the vote, which passed 5-1.

“I’m proud to represent (Shores residents) and I’m looking forward to doing the best possible job that I can do for them,” Cavataio said.

Cavataio has a bachelor’s degree in industrial engineering and a mas-

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Council officially bans off-leash dogs

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — In late December, following months of contention surrounding dogs being allowed off-leash in Osius Park, Shores Director of Public Safety John Schulte deemed the topic to be a public safety issue and determined dogs were to remain on-leash at all times, with the exception of the

city’s two geese-chasing dogs.

This was meant to be a temporary solution until council voted on the matter.

While not on the agenda for the Tuesday, Feb. 18, council meeting, Councilman John Seago brought up the issue and made a motion that all dogs must remain on-leash in the Shores, citing his interest in supporting Schulte.

“In light of the fact that the

council has never taken a formal vote and position, I move that we require all dogs to be on-leash when in the public park and on public property in Grosse Pointe Shores,” he said.

He clarified his position reporting Michigan law MCL 287.262, which says, “no dog owner shall allow his or her dog to stray unless held properly in a leash.

“In practice, this applies to

dogs that are not on the owner’s property,” he added. “The Michigan leash law is another way to prove negligence on the part of the dog owner for a dog bite or a dog attack.”

Mayor Ted Kedzierski mentioned his regret that a reasonable compromise could not be found.

“I see a couple people here

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Ice art

Frozen ice shards along the shore of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House show how cold Lake St. Clair is this time of year, though it doesn’t seem to bother the Canada geese.

City vies for Main Street selection in Lansing

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The culmination of hundreds of hours of work from business owners in The Village, city staff and elected officials took place Tuesday, Feb. 18, when the team traveled to the Michigan Economic Development Corp. headquarters in Lansing to make a 40-minute presentation as to why the City should be selected for the Michigan Main Street Program, which would aid in the revitalization of The Village.

The program helps communities with eco-



PHOTO BY LAUREL KRAUS

A team of business owners, city staff, elected officials and others associated with The Village, outside the Michigan Economic Development Corp. headquarters in Lansing Tuesday, Feb. 18.

economic development through organization, promotion, design and economic restructuring.

“Traditional retailers of all types are facing the challenge to remain relevant in a world where seemingly everything you need is just a mouse click away from being on your doorstep tomorrow,” Downtown Development Authority

Chairman Andy Martin said. “We as the DDA and the community as a whole have struggled to reach a consensus as to what to do to return The Village to the lively environment place it ought to be. We just need some help. That’s why we want and need to be a Michigan Main Street community.”

Two other districts — Corktown and North End, which is near Hamtramck — have applied for the Main Street Program, as well.

The program selects up to three Michigan communities each year,

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Park named national pilot city for traffic module

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Following the installment of a traffic technology device designed to improve safety at two local intersections, the Detroit company promoting the innovation announced the Park as its national pilot city.

NextEnergy, which specializes in measures to improve communities in areas including mobility and infrastructure, awarded a grant to the Park last year, enabling SmartCone’s activation at Kercheval and Nottingham. The second SmartCone was installed at St. Paul and Somerset in February.

Using traffic sensors that alert both pedestrians and drivers, and features that include audio and signage, the modular technology has been welcomed by city officials concerned about student safety near schools. The pending closure of Trombly Elementary School has increased concerns about traffic congestion and related issues resulting from the additional students and parents traveling around Defer Elementary and Pierce Middle schools.

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Lisa Santi
Home: Grosse Pointe Park
Longtime martial arts teacher celebrates 30 years of instruction in Grosse Pointe Park



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Pointer joins Bloomberg campaign in leadership role

Grosse Pointe resident Jill Alper recently was named a Michigan senior adviser, alongside several other political veterans, for presidential hopeful Mike Bloomberg’s campaign.

“Mike Bloomberg has taken on and won some of our country’s toughest fights — be it revitalizing New York’s economy after 9/11 or his work making communities across this country healthier and safer — and our effort to defeat Donald Trump in Michigan and across the country will be no different,” said Alper, a top strategist to seven previous presidential campaigns, former Gov. Jennifer Granholm and former Detroit Mayor Dave Bing, among others. “Michigan is a critical state as we look ahead to November and our team is building an organization that will help us win the primary and general election.”



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

New business

TL Esthetics, located in the My Salon Suite building, 16824 Kercheval, Ste. 205, in The Village, held a ribbon-cutting event with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce in December. TL Esthetics offers facials, chemical peels, waxing, lash and brow tinting and other spa services. Call (586) 871-6687 for more information.

Pictured from left are Jenny Boettcher, chamber president; Tara Larsen, owner; Sheila Tomkowiak, City of Grosse Pointe mayor; Linda Reid, chamber director of membership; and Regan Stolarski, chamber administrator.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE GROSSE POINTE CHAMBER

New salon

Volume Beauty Studio, 16824 Kercheval, Ste. 101, in The Village, is a full-service hair salon that specializes in color transformation and special occasion styling, including airbrush makeup. Owners Mary Kay McEachern and Alisa Rybski have worked together in Grosse Pointe more than 20 years. For an appointment, visit vagaro.com/volumebeautystudio.

Pictured at a recent Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting event are, from left, Linda Reid, chamber director of membership; Rybski; City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak; McEachern; Jenny Boettcher, chamber president; and Regan Stolarski, chamber administrator.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Open for business

The Word in Hair, 16824 Kercheval, Ste. 206, inside My Salon Suite in The Village, hosted a ribbon-cutting event with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce in December. Owner Rhonda Word is a hairstylist and color specialist.

Pictured from left are Regan Stolarski, chamber administrator; Jenny Boettcher, chamber president; Sheila Tomkowiak, City of Grosse Pointe mayor; Rhonda Word, owner; and Linda Reid, chamber director of membership.

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SCULPTURE, 1978, #7/8, H 36", W 37", "BIRD CLOWN"

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COLLECTION OF ETCHINGS AND DRYPOINTS, 9

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Planning for Mack improvement continues

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE CITY, FARMS AND DETROIT — As part of an ongoing zoning study focused between Cadieux and Moross, which is considered phase two of the Mack Avenue Improvement Plan, business owners, organizations and nearby residents gathered Wednesday, Feb. 19, for the interested parties to discuss the revitalization of the corridor led by community planning company McKenna.

Also present were officials from the affected cities including city managers, councilmembers and State Rep. Joe Tate.

“We want to hear your experiences, your concerns and your hopes for Mack Avenue,” said Julie Connochie, principal planner for McKenna.

Hopes noted by participants included creating no visible difference between the Detroit and Grosse Pointe sides, adding businesses to fill currently vacant spaces and bringing in specific businesses that would negate the need residents feel to go to the suburbs for certain shops.

“I have been pretty passionate about Mack Avenue,” City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said. “I was appointed to city council about three and a half

years ago and one of the things I’ve said from the beginning is I don’t like Mack as a dividing line. I think that we need to work to revitalize both sides of Mack.”

Participants then cataloged areas of concern and areas of opportunity in regard to the Mack Avenue Corridor.

Areas of concern identified were the median, particularly in the City; litter; the number of vacant buildings; the inconsistency of walk-up-to and drive-and-park businesses; the high expense of property for business owners; not being thought of as walkable and that not all of the Detroit side has side-

walks or is shoveled in the winter.

Areas of opportunity included increasing the perception of safety; placing marked crosswalks; creating consistent lighting, signage and benches; adding new property owners such as the City’s public safety building; and raising Detroit home values in the area by improving the section of Mack.

Toward the end of the meeting, participants were asked to rate, in terms of preference, pedestrian amenities such as bicycle racks, trash cans, street lights and benches; the area’s identity such as signage, street signs and public

art; greenery such as curbside plants, bushes and planters; and special features such as frontage, sidewalks and fencing.

McKenna representatives specified they were not looking for specific proposals, but simply general ideas.

Aside from Wednesday’s meeting, the project hosted a kickoff meeting, conducted a business survey and completed a physical conditions analysis for the study area, which is between I-94 and Kercheval and Cadieux and Moross.

The population in this area is 21,424 with a total of 8,809 housing units

and a median household income of \$76,347.

The physical conditions study found that 50 percent of the property on Mack is highly pedestrian-oriented, while 22 percent is auto-oriented, and 7 percent is vacant.

The third public workshop is at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at St. Philomena’s Catholic Parish, 4281 Marseilles Street, Detroit.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for refreshments.

Future project milestones also include a complete market analysis and development of the corridor improvement objectives and strategies.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Julie Baumer hands Bee Grant her raffle prize — a handmade bracelet made by Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Citizens Coordinator Kathy Norris.

Feeling the love

Grosse Pointe Woods hosted its first Senior Valentine Social for around 100 guests. Attendees were treated to lunch, music and a raffle with prizes like Kroger gift cards, chocolates and homemade gifts of artwork and jewelry made by Woods Senior Citizens Coordinator Kathy Norris. Above, from left, Noreen Szymborski, Catherine Kosanke, Charles Kosanke and Mary Lou Duncan listen to the music of The Boogie Woogie Kid.



Bob Kocian scored a box of Nitro golf balls in the raffle.



Mary Lou Duncan displays the necklace she won in the raffle.

The Week Ahead

- MONDAY, MARCH 2**
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.
- TUESDAY, MARCH 3**
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Election Commission Public Accuracy Test, 2 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4**
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Community Tree Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.
 - ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Ethics Committee meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 795 Lakeshore.
 - ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m. at city hall, 25225 E. Jefferson.

COUNCIL:

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ter’s degree in industrial engineering with concentrations in finance and manufacturing.

“My area of expertise is efficiency and making sure that the whole entire system works together, so I’m looking forward to seeing what I can do in that respect,” she said.

Cavataio has worked for General Motors and Martin Marietta Aerospace, but currently works for PHCN, facilitating workshops for productivity and cost savings through her consulting company, STC Global Services Inc.

“You have a very impressive background in financial modeling and projections and related work,” Mayor Ted Kedzierski said.

Filling former councilman Bruce Bisballe’s seat, Cavataio also will take his place on the finance committee.

“I love numbers,” she said. “Being an engineer, I’ve always been involved with numbers and I have

past experience of being involved with committees, as well as when I worked with nonprofits ... so I’m excited about the prospects of working on that committee.”

Councilmen Bob Barrette and Doug Kucyk also are on the finance committee.

“They have a great team in place right now, so it would be very nice to work with them,” Cavataio added.

Additionally, she noted communications as another area of interest.

Council recently created a communications committee with Gehlert at the head to look at new and improved ways to use the city’s television station.

“I’ve been talking to Danielle and we’ve been discussing with a different councilman on how to engage the community more, so that they can participate and voice their opinion,” Cavataio said, “and that would be another area of interest.”

She noted her team-building approach as a quality she will bring to the position.

“They have a very good team in place right now on the council and I’m just looking forward to working with them,” Cavataio said.

Schotthoefer, the other applicant for Bisballe’s seat, will be on the infrastructure committee and was encouraged to apply during the next election.



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4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

Martial arts teacher celebrates 30 years

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

Lisa Santi remembers browsing the pages of “TV Guide” as a child, but she was fascinated by something besides the schedule of shows.

Toward the center of the publication, she found martial arts advertisements, complete with action photos of a man executing a kick.

“I came from an Italian background and martial arts were not something my family had even heard of,” Santi said.

But, stoked by her curiosity about the discipline, she began training in Tang Soo Do at age 19. Her curiosity became a journey into adulthood and a career training others in martial arts. Now a grandmother, Santi has taught multiple generations of Grosse Pointe Park families. In March she’ll celebrate the 30th anniversary of Turn of the Tides Martial Arts Program at Lavins Activity Center.

“I love teaching. I love being with the kids and seeing them succeed and push through barriers,” she said.

First held at Tompkins Community Center in 1990, Turn of the Tides always has catered to youth. Santi inherited the



Santi instructs her sword students.

instructor position when she was a young black belt, after her own teacher recruited her to launch satellite schools in communities like the Park.

When Turn of the Tides began, she was one of few women instructors, which are still less common in martial arts. She found support through the National Women’s Martial Arts Federation, where she interacted with fellow students and teachers from throughout the world.

Santi found a receptive base of Grosse Pointe Park neighbors, teaching classes twice weekly. The program also was highlighted during events at Windmill Pointe Park,

where her students held outdoor demonstrations.

As Turn of the Tides’ popularity grew, the program expanded to 10 classes a week and found a new home at Lavins, where it has been a main attraction, said Mary Beth Hathaway, center manager.

“Lisa teaches the values, skills and discipline of the martial arts with a genuine interest in each individual child,” Hathaway said. “She knows her students and their families well, and promotes community involvement and service by involving them in programs such as the Gleaners Food Drive and Kids Kicking Cancer. She also has a scholarship program that enables children who can’t afford the karate classes to participate. So not only does she teach her students values, skills and discipline, she also teaches them compassion.”

Turn of the Tides instructs students as young as 4. Santi’s classes have included the children and grandchildren of Park residents ranging from clergy to city council. She has tried offering adult and parent-youth classes, but parents often prefer to use the Lavins Center’s gym equipment while



COURTESY PHOTOS

Lisa Santi and students of her sword class.

their kids learn martial arts, Santi said. Noteworthy exceptions were two moms who earned black belts through Turn of the Tides last year. Santi was proud of the women, but nothing beats the thrill of watching children overcome barriers, such as when they learn to break boards with their bare hands, she added.

“You see them smile when the wood snaps and it goes ‘pop,’ and they can’t believe they just did that,” Santi said.

A common misconception is that martial arts only teaches fighting, but awareness skills and confidence promoted through her program help youth develop emotionally, Santi said.

Aside from the joy of teaching other youth, she counts three grandchildren among current stu-

dents. Santi’s passion for instructing extends to her son, Marino Santi and daughter, Francesca Ruggirello, who teaches the “Pink Power” class for girls.

Other attractions of the program include field trips, the Black Belt Club and the annual Karate Olympics, which hosts two other Detroit-area schools to participate in exercises before youth stand on a podium to receive medals.

Turn of the Tides’ 30th anniversary will be celebrated with black-belt testing, followed by music, pizza and visits by program alumni Friday, March 27. Parent Demonstration Day at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at Lavins,

will be open to the public.

While sharing knowledge has been a 30-year passion, Santi said teaching comes with benefits.

“I learn from my students,” she said. “Maybe that’s why I like teaching so much. You can learn a lot from kids.”



Santi and her grandchildren, who also are her current students.

TRAFFIC:

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SmartCone emerged as the winner of NextEnergy’s “NextChallenge: Smart Cities” competition and later was recommended to the Park by resident and former NextEnergy employee, Melissa Smith. The Detroit-based company calls the contest beneficial to the public’s use.

“Through the management of the competition and by leveraging our experience in developing and managing public, private partnerships, our goals for NextChallenge:



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

A SmartCone was installed earlier this month at this intersection of Somerset and St. Paul, near Pierce Middle School.

SmartCities are being met with SmartCone and the city of Grosse Pointe Park,” said Jim Saber,

NextEnergy president and CEO.

Using real-time automation, SmartCone

alerts drivers and pedestrians, including the visually impaired, to speed and other factors and can be customized to collect numbers about the density of traffic. Grosse Pointe Park’s pilot city status affords the community multiple

advantages that support its ongoing efforts to improve neighborhood safety, said Tenille Houston, CEO of AutoGuardian by SmartCone, which designed the device.

“As part of this pilot, the city has traffic data and insights, including the speed of vehicles and the amount of people and activations utilizing these two crosswalks,” Houston said, “while simultaneously using artificial intelligence to detect pedestrians entering a zone and automatically sending a signal to set off rapid flashing beacons, bringing immediate attention and visibility to oncoming motorists that the crosswalk is in use. Working with NextEnergy and forward-thinking cities like Grosse Pointe Park to put their citizens first

and collaborate on new solutions to create safer roads for all is exciting and rewarding.”

Nick Sizeland, Park city manager, and Public Safety Director Stephen Poloni have examined travel patterns at Kercheval and Nottingham, and St. Paul and Somerset, to help identify ways in which parents delivering and retrieving children can benefit from SmartCone’s features.

“When NextEnergy approached us as a possible pilot location and we learned more about the potential of the AutoGuardian solution,” Sizeland said, “we felt that this was not only a step towards fulfilling that promise, but a chance to demonstrate the smart city technologies of the future right here.”

CITY OF HARPER WOODS CITY CLERK’S OFFICE WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN OFFICIAL ELECTION NOTICE

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President of the United States (1)

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#6	Poupard School	20655 Lennon

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS
LESLIE M. FRANK
City Clerk

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City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 2020 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Grosse Pointe Park will be conducting the 2020 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Hall at 15115 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

Organizational Meeting
March 10, 2020 1:00 PM

Appeal Hearings
March 10, 2020 1:30 PM to 9:00 PM
March 24, 2020 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2020 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Assessor’s Office, prior to your appointment. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is by Tuesday, March 24, 2020.

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Grosse Pointe Farms

Email scam

In early December, a 79-year-old Farms woman received an email from someone she thought was a friend, saying she had fallen on hard times and requesting money for Christmas gifts.

The woman purchased three \$100 iTunes cards and sent pictures of them to the email address before realizing it was a scam when the person requested \$400 more the next day.

Shoe theft

When a 12-year-old Farms boy set his \$200 shoes near bleachers at an area school while he and his friends played football at 2:51 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, an unknown young adult man grabbed them and ran to a car, which quickly drove away.

Just doing my job

A 42-year-old Farms man called public safety to report trespassing when an AT&T worker tried to gain access to the rear yard of his Hendrie Lane residence at 9:18 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, citing previous lawsuits about the company being on his property when he has no AT&T service.

Late to work

Officers were called to the 18000 block of Mack

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Avenue for reports of a domestic violence situation in progress within a vehicle at 5:11 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, and arrived to find a 19-year-old Harper Woods man soaked in water with minor cuts on his face.

His 19-year-old St. Clair Shores girlfriend admitted to being upset that he was late bringing her to work and that she threw water at him and yelled.

She was arrested for assault and battery.

Insurance forgery

At 6:03 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, a 22-year-old Detroit man was pulled over at Mack Avenue and Huntington Boulevard because his vehicle was completely missing the rear bumper. He was arrested for forging his insurance and a misdemeanor arrest warrant.

Wrong way

A vehicle traveling eastbound in the west-bound lanes on Mack Avenue at 1:47 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, almost caused a head-on accident before being pulled over at Mack and Moross Road.

The 43-year-old Detroit man had slow and slurred speech and kept repeating he was out getting a

coffee, which he attempted to show the officer and spilled on his lap.

A preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content at .38 percent and he was arrested for operating while intoxicated and driving while license suspended.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores Possible heist

A 68-year-old Shores woman discovered a perfectly shaped circle 12 inches in diameter cut into the pane of one of the windows on her Lakeshore Lane residence at 1:11 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17.

Officers were unable to find any signs of entry into the home, but the woman determined between midnight and 3:30 a.m. the security cameras had gone offline.

Disappearing funds

When a 58-year-old Shores man attempted to use a \$315 Visa Reward Debit Card Friday, Feb. 21, the transaction was declined due to insuffi-

cient funds. The man said the card has been in his possession and no one else has had access to it.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Larceny and trespassing

An 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Park resident was arrested around 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, in the 1000 block of Nottingham after allegedly trespassing and taking items from her father's home. The woman was discovered leaving with the stolen belongings.

— *Eddie B. Allen Jr.*
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety, (313) 822-7400.

Copper theft

A two-foot, solid copper rod was stolen from a location in the 1300 block of Bishop, between Monday, Jan. 20, and Thursday, Feb. 20. The rod had been partially buried near a garage.

Larceny from vehicle

A book bag containing an Apple MacBook Pro laptop and an Android tablet were stolen from a

vehicle in the 900 block of Harcourt between Tuesday, Feb. 18, around 6 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 20, at 9:45 a.m. The 2013 Porsche Cayenne had been left unlocked.

Fair warning

A 26-year-old man was arrested at Charlevoix and Wayburn for operating while intoxicated around 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, despite an officer's warning.

The Detroit resident was visibly intoxicated, police said, when a public safety officer told him to walk home and return to get his car the next morning.

The patrol officer later observed the suspect enter the vehicle and drive away before the suspect was detained.

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

The boys were riding bicycles when they said the car's operator purposely tried to strike them while aiming a cell phone in their direction, possibly to video-record the encounter.

The vehicle, which left the scene, was described as an older gray Chevrolet, possibly an SUV.

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

City of Grosse Pointe Driving while license suspended

A 32-year-old Detroit woman pulled over at St. Clair and Waterloo for not coming to a complete stop at a stop sign at 9:42 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, was found to not have a license.

A LEIN check showed her to have 23 current suspensions, as well as warrants from other jurisdictions. She was arrested for driving while license suspended.

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

LANSING:

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which has left the City essentially competing against itself, Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak noted.

"Grosse Pointe is great now," Councilman Terence Thomas said. "It can be greater. I think the Main Street Program is something that has really galvanized our community. There's great support. The framework that the pro-

gram provides is outstanding."

While representatives for various parties associated with The Village, such as the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, attended the meeting to show support, the presenters were Tomkowiak, Martin, Thomas, DDA member Jim Bellanca — who also manages 80,000 square feet of frontage in The Village — and DDA member and owner of Small Favors, Kasey Malley.

"I see Main Street as an

opportunity for Grosse Pointe to initiate the kind of marketing which will attract those young urban pioneers that have caused the resurgence of downtown Detroit and has brought it to its former glory, for their shopping and dining pleasure now and in the future as they look to raise some kids and find a community to have dogs and cats around," Bellanca said. "I see the Main Street Program as having a major part in suggesting that those urban pioneers

look east, not just north to Royal Oak, Birmingham and Ferndale, as they seek out schools, public parks and family-oriented housing."

State Rep. Joe Tate was unable to attend the presentation, but sent his support for the City's acceptance to the Main Street Program.

The results on whether the City has been selected into the program are expected to be announced in early March.

"Just working through the application process

itself was absolutely transformational and now, with your support, we hope that's just the beginning," Tomkowiak said.

If selected, an executive director to oversee

the program likely will be hired to start July 1.

"We're definitely falling short of our potential and we realize that," Malley said. "We need Main Street to take us to the next level."

DOGS:

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today that are also very passionate about having their dogs and having maybe an area that they could run, but as a lawyer I know that Michigan used to have a one bite rule," he explained. "Common law in Michigan was every dog got one free bite. The first bite was free, the second bite cost you. And then that changed about 20 years ago. ... Now the dogs don't get a free bite. There is no free bite. You bite somebody, you hurt somebody, there's liability.

"That was also a concern with our underwriters for insurance purposes," he added. "Does that increase the exposure of the city?"

Councilwoman Danielle Gehlert seconded the motion, noting this has been her public stance on the topic since she ran for election in November.

"The last meeting I believe there were a couple people," she said, " ... they were on the opposite end of the issue and had something unpleasant (to say) to basically blame a frightened woman or parents that aren't watching their children, that that would be their fault that the dogs are an issue. Like if the parents would monitor their children, then they wouldn't approach a dog that's unleashed. And I found that unfortunate."

Councilman Bob Barrette suggested adding an exception to the motion for geese-chasing

dogs, but this was not done.

"It's not our intention to have them this year," said Matt Seely, councilman and chairman of the parks committee. "We have a different plan."

This plan has yet to be publicly announced.

"If we do have an accommodation for the geese, if that happens in the future, then we'll have to revote this," Kedzierski said.

Seely was the only councilmember to oppose the motion, which passed 6-1.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

for reviewing the 2020 Assessment Roll. Appointments to appeal to the Board of Review may be made beginning March 2, 2020, by calling the Assessing Department at (313) 343-9956. Resident taxpayers must appear in person or send an agent to appeal their assessment.

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OUR VIEW

Park project looking good

While good questions have been raised by city council members and residents regarding the scope and practicality of the proposed performing arts/art gallery facility on East Jefferson in Grosse Pointe Park, we believe forthcoming answers will justify the project — especially in light of planned development in the Jefferson-Chalmers business district.

A key concern is who will pay for the building’s upkeep and staffing should revenue fall short. But the benefactors plan to create an endowment to cover unexpected shortfalls.

With that assurance — one that needs to be in place before final approval — Park residents can feel much more comfortable giving the project their support.

It is widely expected that the theater will become the performance home for Grosse Pointe Theatre, which currently is rotating its productions among school stages and a church. Indeed, the performance space is expected to be tailored to the group’s needs.

Early estimates suggest the theater group alone can keep the center busy for nearly half the weekends every year.

The project is more formally known as the Schaap Center for the Performing Arts and the Manoogian Art Gallery, after its lead donors, A. Paul and Carol A. Schaap and Richard and Jane Manoogian.

It is an extraordinary potential asset for the community, at an estimated cost of \$25 million. It has drawn questions mostly because, other than a sign at the corner of Jefferson and Maryland, so much remains under wraps as fundraising continues.

Some of the skepticism may center on whether a location so close to the Detroit border offers the proper milieu.

But all that can change, perhaps more rapidly than anyone might expect. The vision is coming closer to reality for a bustling East Jefferson Avenue, reaching from the edge of Grosse Pointe Park through the Jefferson-Chalmers neighborhood.

Potentially coming in Detroit: rehabbed housing and apartment buildings, another restaurant to accompany the recently opened and popular Norma G’s Caribbean and a new, mixed-use development that would include a grocery store and apartments.

The improvements, outlined in a recent edition of Crain’s Detroit Business, are planned through the city’s Strategic Neighborhood Fund. Fundraising remains underway, but requests for proposals for some of the projects are expected to go out this spring.

The project is to include streetscape upgrades and work at the neighborhood’s three riverfront parks, which are mostly contiguous but known separately as Mariner, Lakewood East and Alfred Brush Ford.

The Grosse Pointe Park-Detroit border often gets pointed out as one of the places where the divide between city and suburb shows most starkly. But that’s always been a bit of a mystery, given the assets of the Jefferson-Chalmers stretch: riverfront parks, canals and intriguing commercial architecture that includes buildings such as the Vanity Ballroom.

With the construction of a major events space in the Park, the prospects seem even brighter for both sides of the border — a jewel of a venue, with restaurants nearby in both the Park and Detroit and a pleasant, walkable boulevard that entices pedestrians.

While unknowns remain about the arts center, of course, residents should be included in the planning as soon as practical. Their input is valuable for issues such as everyday parking and traffic and aspirational as to what type of activities take place there.

The Grosse Pointes are blessed with civic-minded donors and residents who care a great deal about maintaining a strong community. As in most communities, there’s also some aversion to — or at least skepticism about — any change that seems too abrupt.

But the hurdles here seem to involve communication as much or more than the proposed change for what is now a vacant, muddy lot on an important thoroughfare. The sooner everyone’s aspirations become part of the public conversation, the better.



Pure Grosse Pointe

Grosse Pointe expat Josh Moulton sent us a photo of the above painting he completed recently. It is a rendition of a photo he took while visiting mother, Amy Moulton, and sister, Lisa Moulton Mahrle, last summer. He attended K-12 at University Liggett School and graduated in 1996. He opened his own gallery, Josh Moulton Fine Art Gallery, in the Lincoln Park area of Chicago nine years ago. More of his paintings of Grosse Pointe scenes can be found on Flickr.

OUR VIEW

How high’s the water, mama?

We’re beginning to feel like we are living the Johnny Cash song, “Five Feet High and Rising.” Like virtually every other shoreline community along the Great Lakes, the Grosse Pointes continue the battle against rising water levels.

Lake St. Clair has started 2020 well above year-earlier levels. As of Feb. 21, the lake was 14 inches higher than it was at the same point in 2019. That’s a couple inches shy of its all-time record for February, but a level that still poses a severe threat, especially in the face of potential storms with east-northeast winds.

Moreover, this is the time of year when the Great Lakes typically begin their seasonal rise. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers expects an increase of five inches over the next month; if typical patterns hold, all the lakes except Ontario will be flirting with their monthly records through July, which generally marks the annual peak water level.

For 2019, the July level set not just a new monthly high, but an all-time record. That exceeded the previous one set in 1986.

Among the groups taking decisive action, the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club is in the midst of extensive projects, including raising docks or adding risers to keep them above water, and putting in more dewatering equipment and backup power systems. Docks already have ice eaters to prevent winter damage.

“The GPYC is taking aggressive action to protect our clubhouse and ensure we have a fully functional harbor this summer,” Commodore Gary Gonzalez noted in a press release this month.

While most of the attention falls on shoreline problems during this high-water period, Michiganders have to pay increasing attention to

inland problems as well. High lake levels mean the water table below their feet also has risen, leaving less space for water to sink in. Continuing development also leaves fewer places where rain and snowmelt can actually go into the soil instead of running off to the nearest storm drain or waterway.

Almost any place in Michigan can experience flooding under these conditions, as the soil gets saturated and the usual drainage systems get overwhelmed during prolonged rainstorms or unusually fast snowmelt. That means inland residents, be they a few blocks from one of the lakes or in the center of the state, have reasons to watch lake levels with extreme wariness. The water has to go somewhere and too often that includes basements.

“We’re multiple months ahead (of schedule) in terms of how much water is actually in our rivers, in the ground,” an Eaton County official told the Lansing State Journal this month. For central Michigan, that affects farmers, who may not be able to plant properly if their fields are flooded, as well as filling rivers to overflowing and causing basement backups.

Here in the Pointes, residents can see the visible evidence in the crumbling seawall along Lakeshore Road in the Farms and Shores. The investment in pumps, marina fixes and other shoreline protections is growing.

Meanwhile, a century or so of recorded history suggests the lakes will cycle back eventually into a low-water period. But climate change throws a wild card into the equation. And aquifers and wetlands, which normally help store water and release it back slowly, are apparently full or — in the case of wetlands — gone in the face of development.

No one’s predicting an era when houses need stilts, but it’s never too soon to inventory the basement and get anything that’s valuable upstairs.

LETTERS

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

‘Innocence lost’ answered

To the Editor:

We feel a response is needed to the letter to the editor last week. (“Innocence lost: The collateral damage of reconfiguration.”)

Here are the simple facts.

The district was built for 12,000 students and we currently have 7,400. We have steadily lost 1,000 in the last 10 years and not to private and parochial schools. There are simply fewer chil-

dren living within the district boundaries.

Projections show a continued downward trend for the next decade as our friends and neighbors live longer in their homes.

We have chosen to deal with these realities. We made difficult decisions to close schools in order to preserve the quality of our resources for our children with smaller class sizes, and better programs, in fewer buildings.

Our current board chose to address the

declining enrollment problem and the needs of our beloved but aging buildings. We have made difficult and informed decisions to keep our students safe, warm, dry and connected. Our engaged and politically active community has supported these efforts.

One of our trustees, Dr. Chris Lee, has discussed reconfiguration options at length with our country’s leading education guru (Dr. Kim Marshall) who feels strongly that no one configuration is better than any other. He says the main ingredient that matters is TEACHERS. Grosse Pointe has the No. 1 rated teaching staff in the state of Michigan.

Our board keeps funding focused on children, not buildings. Our decisions preserve a bright future for our community and provide today’s students what they need to prepare for their future.

For example, we had 850 parents go to the

recent middle school information nights. We shared information about fifth grade hallways and entrances, about Safe Routes to School, about special education services, about improved foreign language instruction, about enhanced access to physical education and our plan for recess. Our teachers — the best in the state — are working hand in hand with parents, administrators and board members to answer questions, not stoke fears.

“This is the way we’ve always done it” isn’t the way to stay competitive. We will come out of this a stronger educational community if we use our talents and abilities to move forward. We can always do better for our students.

PS. Our board gets discipline reports weekly.
MARGARET WEERTZ
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GPPSS Board
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I SAY By Laurel Kraus

Crime doesn’t pay, but it can be funny



For the vast majority of humans living in the 21st century, “Monday” is a dirty word. Whether it means going back to school or work, the two days prior never feel long enough, and even thinking of the word makes us feel exhausted and leaves a bitter aftertaste in our mouths. For some of us, this feeling is so strong that a bit of it even spills over into Sundays — a holy day to those who attend church, but either way

typically a day of relaxation — simply because of its proximity to the dreaded first day of the work week. I’m one of the lucky ones who genuinely enjoys going to work most days, but as deadline day, Monday certainly still brings the stress here at the Grosse Pointe News. Monday also brings the weekly trip to three of the Pointe’s public safety stations where I’ll spend a few hours reading through the most current crime reports and then formatting them and attaching a witty headline for our Public Safety Reports section. The main takeaway week after week? You can’t say we aren’t blessed here in Grosse Pointe.

The vast majority of reports boil down to driving while intoxicated, driving while license suspended and other traffic violations, while what one might label “serious crimes” are incredibly few and far between. In fact, it might seem strange to say, but there have been many a Monday where I have had to stifle a laugh while reading crime reports. Most recently, there was the dish soap thief who, being chased by officers, took the time to turn and yell “No!” when they called for him to stop. The prior week, a young man who stole a rented dumpster trailer thought ahead enough to file down the VIN number and rip off the company sign. Unfortunately

for him, the officer who showed up at his home when he posted the dumpster on Facebook Marketplace was diligent enough to climb the trailer and look inside ... where the sign was lying. However, I’m delighted to say the funniest crime-related anecdote in my arsenal is actually an act I witnessed firsthand. Just last month, I was minding my own business typing up a report in one of our area public safety stations, when a young man walked in and up to the dispatch window. While not paying complete attention, I registered him explaining to the officer at the window that he was a 19-year-old college student who was interested in going on a ride-along to see if being

an officer is a path he would like to pursue. The officer explained she was not sure and asked him for his information — including his license and phone number — so she could inquire with the public safety director and get back to him. It was when the young man turned red and began sputtering incomplete sentences that I abandoned my keyboard and gave the situation my full attention. Finally, he spit out a coherent thought. “That license is incorrect.” He was pointing at the one he had passed under the dispatch window, while holding another in his hand. The officer paused for a moment and then incred-

ulously asked, “Did you just hand me a fake ID?” The young man must have uttered 10 apologies before the officer simply said, “You probably shouldn’t bring a fake ID to a police station.” I couldn’t properly see from my vantage point, but I imagine she confiscated the ID. Honestly, the horror of the situation on his end was probably punishment enough. He walked out likely wondering just as much as I was whether a ride-along was in any way in the cards. I called my best friend the instant I got in my car and relayed the same story to a coworker when I headed back to the office, laughing to myself the rest of the day. Yeah, that was not a bad Monday at all.

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1945

75 years ago this week

CHILDREN FIND DROPPED LOOT: Four small youngsters playing in a vacant field within three blocks of their homes on Bedford on Saturday morning, Feb. 24, were instrumental in completing the recovery of the last of the jewelry, silverware and clothing stolen from the Henrietta Anderson home the night of Jan. 14. The children, ranging in age from 5 to 8, espied a dirty looking linen bag which turned out to be a pillowcase which had been revealed by the melting snow of the last day or two. **SAFETY GROUP ELECTS FORD:** Henry

Ford II of Provencal Road was elected chairman of the board of directors of the Traffic Safety Association of Detroit at the association’s annual meeting. *Obituaries: Theresa Mueller*

1970

50 years ago this week

POLICE HAVE KIND WORDS FOR TEENERS: The Pointe’s teenage population and their parents — seemingly innocent targets of recent articles appearing in Detroit’s two major daily newspapers — have come in for a good deal of praise and official defense from two local police officials. Dan

Healy, president of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 102, and Detective Martin Trombley, a Grosse Pointe Woods school liaison officer, combined to slam the derogatory remarks make by the dailies and spoke out on behalf of the majority of Pointe teens and their parents. “I’m sick and tired of reading stories, rapping residents as a bunch of permissive, drug-approving persons,” Healy said. “Our youth have been unjustly identified as drug-taking snobs. Nothing could be further from the truth.” **10 SEEK COUNCIL SEATS:** The upcoming April 6 election in the city of Grosse Pointe Woods promises to be one of the most hotly contested races in the history of that city. Some 10 per-

sons have filed nominating petitions for the three council seats. Two persons have filed for the judgeship. *Obituaries: James A. Hill, James Blaine Ogden, May Mary Elizabeth Primo, Harold H. Baker*

1995

25 years ago this week

SHORES SEEKS \$2.7 MILLION BONDS FOR SEWAGE PROJECT: Grosse Pointe Shores residents who want to make an even greater investment in their community may be able to do so if voters pass a \$2.7 million bond issue to finance the separation of the village’s combined sewage system. The Shores village council unanimously approved a proposition that would

put the bond issue before voters on the May 16 municipal election ballot. **ROUND TWO IN LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER:** Despite opposition from a neighboring church, the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council and state liquor control commission, Arbor Drugs is continuing its efforts to get a Class C liquor license transferred to its store at 20460 Mack. The commission cited a state law that makes it illegal for any liquor store to operate within 500 feet of a church or school building. The commission document pointed out that Arbor on Mack is closer than 500 feet to Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack. *Obituaries: Donna Mae Socia, Louise M. Hoyt, Victor J. Cugliari, Kenneth Frederick Bergmann, Robert A.*

Wright Sr., David Edward Tapert, William E. Kennedy, Kim Nelson Elliot, Carl A. Roesch, Edwin S. English, Lewis Miller Slater

2010

10 years ago this week

RECALL VOTE MAY 4: Signatures calling for the recall of Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor Dr. James Cooper, Councilwoman Victoria Boyce and Councilman Robert Graziani have received their final count and certification. As a result, a recall election will be held in the Shores May 4. *Obituaries: Janet VanStone Huthwaite, Bette D. Matthews, Dale G. Johnson, Douglas Fergusson Roby Jr., Judith Ann Pesto Quatrine, Laura W. Spurr*

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TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020
From 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
and
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
and
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020
From 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
and
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236.

Hearings will be scheduled by appointment. Please contact City of Grosse Pointe Farms at (313) 640-1618. You may also petition the Board in writing through the mail if you cannot make the hearing dates. These letters HAVE TO BE IN THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 13th.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020

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TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF GROSSE POINTE PARK, GROSSE POINTE CITY, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY, AND HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Woods and the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City, Wayne County & Macomb County, Michigan and the City of Harper Woods that a Public Accuracy Test will be conducted at your City Clerk’s Office on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020 AT 2:00 P.M., for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulating equipment and programs which will be used to tabulate voted ballots for the PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION to be held on TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020.

Interested parties are invited to attend.

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Ferry PTO approves purchases

After a successful year of fundraising — with more than \$20,000 from the 2019 Fun Run alone — Ferry Elementary School’s PTO approved \$13,000 in purchases for use this school year. These purchases were in response to requests from teachers, staff and parents, who were queried about their needs in January.

“We want to be sure that the PTO is always putting the teachers, staff and students first in any spending we do,” PTO President Leslie Genest said. “It’s always our priority to invite the teachers to the

table and ask them to tell us what the needs in the building look like and how we can best support their work.”

Approved purchases include a new Chromebook cart with 30 devices; a new sound system for the gym; playground core board; 40 new handheld radios for the building; flexible classroom furniture; and 60 new titles in the first-grade classroom book collection specifically chosen to introduce students to a more diverse range of stories and characters.

In addition to new items on the wish list

were replacements for old or non-functioning equipment.

“We are incredibly fortunate to have a school community that comes together throughout the year for our students and staff,” Principal Jodie Randazzo said. “Teachers at Ferry know best the additional resources that support students during the school day. Our PTO works very hard to include all stakeholders and we are so appreciative of their generosity. It’s a win-win for everyone at our school.”

— Mary Anne Brush



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Stayin’ afloat

Twenty-six boats took to the pool during Grosse Pointe North High School’s 10th annual cardboard boat regatta January 28. Teams of students tested principles of buoyancy, water placement and force learned in physics class with Don Pata and Jaime Hainer, first making model boats in the classroom before refining designs for full-scale boats made of cardboard and duct tape. The challenge was to design boats strong enough to bear the weight of designated rowers and make it from one end of the pool and back again. In addition to testing their design and engineering skills, students got creative with nautical names for their boats inspired by pop culture, from Lil Yachty to ‘N-SINK.

Pictured, Ecoryon Spencer takes a solo voyage in Mr. Car Boat.

South choir on international tour

When Christopher Pratt took the helm of Grosse Pointe South High School’s choir eight years ago, he continued the biennial tradition of taking a group of interested South choir students as an ambassador choir to Europe during winter break. This year Pratt and South choreographer Andy Haines traveled with 24 students to Krakow, Poland and Vienna, Austria to represent their community abroad.

“I am always so impressed that our students, ages 16 to 18, come to Europe and represent South High School, the communities of the Pointes and the state of Michigan with such poise, kindness and just plain joy,” Pratt said. “It comes through when they perform and the audiences recognize the sincerity and they respond to it.”

The students performed



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South choir students performed a classical concert in St. Peter’s Cathedral in Vienna, where Mozart once performed.

a classical concert to a standing-room-only audience in St. Peter’s Cathedral in the heart of Vienna.

Haines said, “As (the students) began to sing, I was moved to a wonderful sense of emotion that reached my soul. To imagine these lovely voices

making beautiful music in a place where Mozart once performed was pure joy.”

The students also shared their show choir style of song and dance with three European musical groups: Krakofonia, a community group of college-age sing-

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Teacher of THE WEEK

Christy Davenport

School: Pierce Middle School
Years at Pierce: 5 (16 at Poupard, 1 at Trombly)
Grade/Subject: Sixth- and seventh-grade English language arts
Nominated by: Sara Dirkse, principal
Principal’s quote: “Mrs. Christy Davenport returned to Pierce after spending time in elementary for a few years. Since her return — celebrated by staff — she has involved herself in the planning and implementation of Pierce’s advisory program, P2 — Pierce Pride. Christy has helped to make this time meaningful for Pierce students by creating lessons rooted in strengthening our school community and providing opportunities for social and emotional learning.”

“Mrs. Davenport continually looks for ways to improve her craft to best meet the needs of students. She regularly seeks out opportunities for feedback from peers as well as opportunities for professional development both in and outside the district.

“When you walk into Christy’s classroom, you immediately sense it’s a place where students feel comfortable and engaged in learning. She routinely

meets individually with students to get to know them as learners and work to meet their individual needs. When asked what they like about her class, students tell me, ‘She helps me understand.’”

What motivated you to become a teacher?

My mom motivated me to become a teacher. She owned a preschool and I always saw her love for teaching and working with children. Growing up, I would volunteer at her preschool during the summer and help out at her camps, which impacted me greatly. Making connections with some of her students truly inspired me. I knew I wanted to be a teacher at a young age because of those experiences. I wanted to make a difference in childrens’ lives like my mom did.

Who are some of your inspirations?

My two sons and husband inspire me. Being a mother has allowed me to connect with families even more. I truly understand how much the parents of my students love their children. Every student is someone else’s pride and joy. My students also inspire me. I want to always be the best I can for each and



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every one of them. I absolutely love my job because of the amazing students I get to spend my days with. I feel very lucky.

What advice would you give a new teacher?

Be yourself! Your student will love getting to know who you are. Make connections with your students. Get to know their strengths and weaknesses inside of the classroom, as well as what inspires them outside of the classroom. You are destined to make a difference. Walk into your classroom each day with a smile and continue to show your students they are cared for and safe.

Favorite quote:

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

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proven to be more effective, Bronk said.

“There’s tons of research now that suggests that in a given subject, after the 30th minute of sustained homework, the learning impact goes down. We have this historical notion that lots of homework minutes equals lots of rigor. But what it amounts to is lots of busy work and lots of sacrifice. It’s really quality minutes of homework that matter.”

Disappearing exam

In Bronk’s view, a progressive philosophy in instruction needed to correspond with a progressive philosophy in assessments.

“We had this week in the middle of January where everything stopped and we created these huge chunks of time,” he said. “Why are we stopping learning for these giant cumulative midterms? We know from research that almost none of that material is retained long-term. A cumulative midterm will create a moment of memorization and a moment of regurgitation of material and then it is gone. It is not committed to long-term memory.”

Last year the school piloted no midterms in



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A middle school student uses the Newline Interactive Board to design an obstacle course for her Sphero Bolt.

January while retaining final exams at the end of the year. This year, it has eliminated all end-of-semester exams unless a teacher requests one.

The result has been more project-based, collaborative types of assessments, such as long-form writing or creating a podcast, Bronk said, providing more student engagement and longer-lasting impact than a “fact check, fill-in-the-blank or bubble the answer” type test.

“Those are just acts of memorization,” he said. “Memorization is no longer a valuable skill in the world because we have all the information you could ever want at a moment’s notice. For us, it’s how can

we create an assessment that has meaning beyond the learning itself? What feedback is it giving to the learner? What feedback is it giving to the teacher?”

At the same time, he added, students are prepared with the skills to excel in high-stakes testing like the ACT and SAT. “There’s plenty of research that suggests if you know how to study for one thing, you can study for anything,” he said. “As long as we’re excited about,” he said. “Our survey results show we have very happy families, which we’re excited about,” he said. “We’re at our highest enrollment since 2005.”

The response from students, faculty and parents to these changes has been overwhelmingly positive, Bronk said.

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This year’s enrollment of 627, compared to around 500 in 2008, represents more than a 20 percent increase over 12 years.

“We’re doing that against a demographic trend,” Bronk said. “... I believe the reason we’ve been growing is because families respond to our approach and our willingness to do what we believe is right for kids to create an educational environment that is really dynamic and exciting.”

Impact in the classroom

Upper school science teacher Liz Dann attests to the difference scheduling changes have made in the classroom, from morning classes where students are “alert, they’re ready, they’ve slept,” to longer blocks of time for sustained learning.

“Looking for deeper engagement, the block schedule of a 75-minute class allows for a number of movements within a class,” Dann said. “You’re not running around with your track shoes on having to reconcile everything in 45 minutes.”

Early on, she and her colleagues learned an unintended consequence of the schedule change and were able to adjust.

“Faculty have discovered that between two classes, students will lose some of what they acquired or understood in a previous class,” Dann said. “Their mind has been in a thousand different places between those two classes.”

Their response is to begin class with a formative exercise to help students bring the learning from the class before and “position them to jump right back in.”

With the longer block of time, there’s time for this review before moving

on to not only design and execute a lab, but analyze and reflect on it as well, which research shows is when the most important learning occurs, she said.

“In the shorter periods, you would send a child off and then they would graph (the lab), but you weren’t really discussing the analysis until days later and that always fell short on having students fully understand the principles you were exploring in that lab,” Dann said. “... We now have time for reflection within a class period. I think that’s most critical. I think that’s the gem.”

Nicholas Provenzano, technology coordinator and makerspace director for the middle school, agrees.

“With a 75-minute block, you have so much more time to go in-depth,” he said. “We want to go with depth rather than breadth, rather than throwing spaghetti on the wall and seeing what sticks.”

“When you have 75 minutes, it opens up possibilities for an instruction approach,” he added. Rather than “standing and lecturing because that’s what you have time for” in a 45-minute class,

“we’re going to dive more deeply into this text. We’re going to set up a lab (and) walk the students through the multiple steps. ... That’s how you engrain more understanding.”

Provenzano has noticed an increased use of the makerspace in the middle school, with longer classes allowing students time to visit and explore a physical space where they can “design and build and show what they know.”

One of the new electives added this year with the new schedule is an innovation and design class, part of a three-year plan Provenzano and Head of Middle School Rob Butler devised to increase the focus on design thinking and problem-solving. Every sixth grader takes the class one trimester in the year and Provenzano said he’s creating a second class for students who want to take their STEM experience to the next level.

“I think all of these things combined are creating a learning experience that is going to create adults that have a different skill set that’s going to prepare them for a very different world than the one we grew up in and our parents grew up in,” he said.

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ers from Krakow; JDC Dance, a Krakow dance center with students ranging in age from 12 to 19; and the Vienna Performing Center Dancers, a performing arts college in

Austria. At each location, South students spent hours rehearsing and socializing with their European counterparts and then shared the stage to perform sold-out evening concerts open to the community.

According to South Principal Moussa

Hamka, who accompanied the students as a chaperone, “One of the most rewarding aspects of the trip was witnessing students building bridges and making connections with fellow performers at our joint performances. Our students have grown from this global experience

and have acquired a broader lens through which to view the world.”

In addition to performing and meeting new students, the ambassador choir enjoyed guided tours through the historic cities and spent a somber educational day at the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp.

On their final day, the students traveled to Melk, Austria to visit the famous Abbey. While touring the baroque-style cathedral, they were invited to sing and Pratt led them in an impromptu *a cappella* version of “Sing Praises,

Sing Praises” by Lloyd Pfautsch.

“In both Krakow and Vienna, these students have done outstanding work, experienced amazing sights and built memories that they and others will carry for a lifetime,” Pratt said. “I couldn’t be more proud of them.”

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Lucky No. 315

Rotary recruiting hands-on help for Tot Lot project

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

When the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club turns 83 this summer, it will have an extra special reason to celebrate. By then, the organization will have completed the largest single project in its history — but it will need a hand.

There are 315 slots available for volunteers to participate in re-imagining the Rotary Tot Lot, located at St. Clair and Waterloo in the City of Grosse Pointe. The community already has stepped up, helping raise more than \$250,000 for the project. Play park items have been purchased and Rotarians are now waiting for the winter chill to subside before taking next steps.

“In less than 120 days, we raised over a quarter-million dollars,” said Michael Carmody, who is spearheading the project with fellow Rotarians Peter Stroh and Bob

Lucas. “Now we need 315 volunteers.”

Installed in 1973, Rotary Tot Lot received its first and only overhaul in 1997-98. The new renovations will bring the Tot Lot into the 21st century, making the play park compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, as well as better serving children with physical and emotional challenges. The all-inclusive park will provide a learning development environment for children ages 2 to 5 in all five of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

Rotarian Phil MacKethan designed a website — gptotlot.org — where volunteers can learn more about what help is needed and sign up for a particular day, or days, of work.

“People can volunteer for more than one slot,” Carmody said. “With this website, we will be able to have each individual understand each category we’re looking for;

qualifications for each one are different.”

Volunteers are needed in various capacities, from hospitality — signing in volunteers, distributing water, passing out T-shirts, etc. — to physically digging holes and assembling equipment.

Carmody said apart from adult volunteers he hopes high school students, from Interact Club members to student-athletes, sign up and pitch in.

The project begins with moving day, Thursday, May 7. Volunteers are needed to move equipment from storage at Stroh River Place in Detroit onto a semi-trailer, then unload the materials once they get to the Tot Lot.

The second day will involve placing footing boards in two-foot holes throughout the Tot Lot.

“On day two, for the post hole digging, we’ll need eight volunteers — strapping, agile, strong volunteers,” Carmody

said. “Once we get past the post holes, we’ll have three days of assembly and construction. We need a minimum of 36 volunteers (each day) who are tool-capable individuals, are able to lift 50 pounds and are relatively agile.”

But not every helping hand has to assemble equipment, Lucas said.

“On equipment assembly days, not everyone needs to be tool-capable. Someone who’s not tool-capable can help hold equipment in place.”

Added Stroh, “Go to the website for sign-up. We will communicate with volunteers on a day-to-day basis. ... There are physical requirements. The website does a very good job of explaining all the jobs — what’s required and what’s provided.”

To be clear, this is not a family project. No one younger than 16 is allowed at the job site at any time.

“We are not allowing children on the site,” Stroh said. “We’re not encouraging families to bring their children to the site.”

Professional supervisors from Sinclair Recreation will be on hand to provide assistance throughout the project, which requires volunteer help through May 12.

After that, the remainder of the project will be handled by professionals, who will lay concrete and crushed stone, as well as install the poured-in-place safety surface — “the magic of the Tot Lot,” Carmody said, noting the environment will go from sand and wood chips to the flexible, rubberized, three-inch-deep pour-in-place surface.

“It protects any tots playing at any height if they fall,” Stroh said.

Regardless of the job, all volunteers must sign a waiver to participate. Once the waiver is signed, the worker receives a project T-shirt, which not only identifies them as having signed the waiver, but also is their ticket for lunch.

“The website does not show shifts,” Carmody said, “but offline we’ll try to accommodate people

who can’t be there the whole day.”

Added Stroh, “These are essentially nine-hour days.”

The schedule is dependent on weather; it does not accommodate for rain days, Stroh said.

“The weather sits above us,” Carmody said. “If it’s a light rain or mist, we’ll work. If it’s serious rain, we’ll have to postpone.”

Should rain delay any of the work days, handling the schedules of volunteers should be easy.

“We can look to the people who signed up to volunteer and instantly communicate with them,” Carmody said.

A number of local contractors have already donated their services to the project. The engineering firm AEW performed a topographical elevation study for the purpose of drainage. Excavation work will be done by Paul Kirby in April. Todd Wire will provide concrete services and a crew. Joe Allemon will landscape and resand the Tot Lot. Ara Howrani will provide photography services during the grand opening.

Former City Mayor Christopher Boettcher is donating all new signage.

“The arch at the Tot Lot with the Rotary wheel, the Rotary wheel is beaten up,” Carmody said. “Chris has made a new Rotary wheel.”

Added Lucas, “And he got permission for us to use colors.”

Letters on the new archway will be gold. Signage also will grace each of the Tot Lot’s gates. Little Blue Book designed the Tot Lot logo that will appear on the signage and main gateway.

All banners promoting the project were donated by Tom Coughlin and Sir Speedy, Lucas said, and Robert Tolnai of Pointe Painting Co., is completely redoing the structure of the arch and painting the letters. Rotarian Dave Colton is talking to area businesses about providing food.

Currently, the Tot Lot is closed while the City of

Grosse Pointe deconstructs and moves some equipment to the trash; other items will be temporarily relocated, then reinstalled at the park. The city also is providing a dumpster, which it will empty daily. Director of Parks and Recreation Chris Hardenbrook has been “working his tail off,” Carmody said.

“We just finished an engineering study required and now the real work begins,” he added. “It will come and go in spurts based on weather. They are preparing now for some demolition work to be conducted while the ground is frozen. (They’re) also repairing some water lines and some electrical work. The lot should be reopened by June 1 or so.”

In the interim, families are invited to use the play structures at their residential parks on warmer days.

“The elephant in the room is the weather,” Carmody said. “Very significant construction work will continue over the coming months. There will be periods when nothing is happening, but the site will not be safe for people to be on site.”

Rotary also plans on having 24-7 security in place for the duration of the more than two-week project.

“Starting sometime between April 10 and April 30, Paul Kirby will be excavating,” Carmody said. “The minute that happens, there’s a security concern at the Tot Lot. There’s a concern that people will get in and hurt themselves. Then beginning May 7, there’s a concern with all the pieces and parts laying there. ... One removed piece could mess up everything going on in the park. So we will have 24-7 security. It’s important to have. We just don’t know what that will look like yet.”

Whether working with public safety, installing temporary security cameras or organizing 24-7 volunteer patrols, the plan still is in the works.

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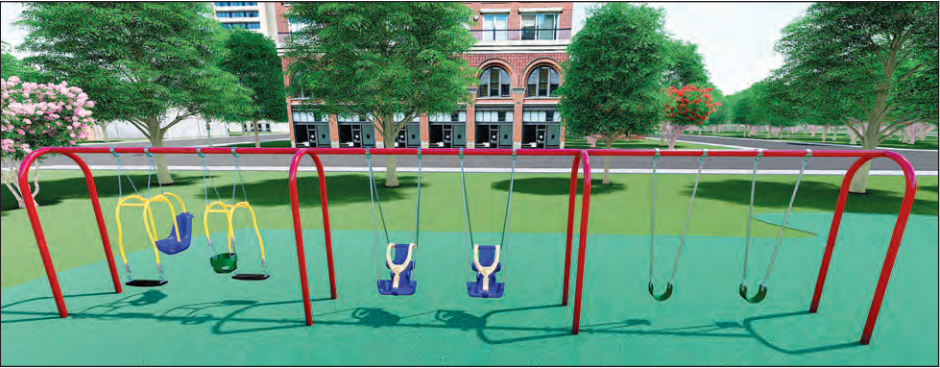
What’s in store

The Rotary Tot Lot re-imagining begins with two play structures designed for ages 2 to 5. Both designs deliver different challenges with each connecting element.

Second, the three-bay swing-set framing will be replaced. The new ADA-compliant swings will allow adult and child to face each other and swing together.

Spread out across the Tot Lot will be new freestanding play modules — a spinning Merry-Go-All; a Discover Cave in which to hide, crawl through or climb over; an in-ground and elevated wheelchair accessible sandbox and a wheelchair-friendly picnic table.

In addition, many of the “old favorites” in the Tot Lot will be retained and refurbished.



A new swingset will be installed this spring. It includes swings that allow parent and child to face each other while swinging together.



More than 300 volunteers are needed to help assemble equipment like this during the Rotary’s spring assembly project.

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For more information, call (313) 881-4004.

Grosse Pointe Dems organize events as elections near

At its first general membership meeting of the year Wednesday, March 4, the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club will provide its membership with a calendar of events for the first half of the year, a document that already has been rolled out and is available online. This calendar of events portrays a voter engagement-heavy strategy to not just turn Grosse Pointe blue, but also help deliver a statewide win for whomever the Democratic presidential nominee may be. Later this year, a similar calendar of events will be created and distributed for the second half of 2020.

“The club will continue to connect with the community with informative events and speakers and work collectively to elect Democratic candidates this November,” said Grosse Pointe Democratic Club President Gary Bresnehan. “The club’s engagement plan will facilitate the hard work necessary for Dems to win big this year and we invite activists of all kinds to help us in our efforts.”

Also at the March 4 meeting, which takes place at 7 p.m. at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, it is expected that State Reps. Tenisha Yancey and Joe Tate, of Districts 1 and 2, respectively, will provide a legislative update to attendees about policy-making happenings in Lansing.

Democratic activists, organizers and elected officials of various levels are expected to attend. The public is welcome to attend all Grosse Pointe Democratic Club events, but membership is required to vote on official club matters. Additional information about the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club and this event in particular may be found at gpdems.org and on Facebook.

AREA ACTIVITIES

The Helm

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

- ◆ Tax Preparation, through Thursday, April 9. AARP Tax-Aide prepares taxes and answers tax-related questions free of charge for taxpayers. Appointments are necessary.
- ◆ The movie “The Art of Racing in the Rain,” 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28. Cost for members is \$2 for snacks and the movie, \$5 for lunch

and the movie. Cost for non-members is \$3 for snacks and the movie, \$7 for lunch and the movie.

- ◆ Michigan Craft Beer Lecture and Tasting, 7 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, with facilitator Bill Rapai. Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members.
- ◆ Rowing for Fun & Fitness, noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, March 11 to April 3. Cost is \$40 for members, \$50 for non-members.
- ◆ Creating Confident Caregivers, 1 to 3 p.m. Thursdays, March 12 to April 16, with facilitator Carolyn Van Dorn of Nursing Unlimited.
- ◆ Thursday Afternoon Classic Book Club, 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, March 12, featuring “Beloved” by Toni Morrison.

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the work of 36 artists, is on display through Sunday, March 8.

- ◆ “One-Day Workshop: Encaustic Monotypes with Candace Law,” 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 29.
- ◆ “Gouache Painting Workshop with Cathy Huntoon,” 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 14 and 15.

NAACP

Master storyteller Ivory D. Williams demonstrates storytelling in the oral tradition at the Thursday, Feb. 27 meeting of the Grosse Pointes & Harper Woods NAACP. In this interactive, entertaining and educational presentation in celebration of Black History Month, Williams interweaves his stories with humor, wit and fun to engage audiences, spread positive messages and promote and perpetuate this ancient art of African and African American storytelling. The meeting takes place 6 to 7 p.m. at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

GPAA

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

- ◆ “Ode to Our Planet,” an exhibition featuring

BNI

The Business Network International Pipeline Chapter meets at 7 a.m. Friday, Feb. 28, 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, March 4, at St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Beth at (313) 690-5723.

Libraries

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- ◆ Wreck This Journal, 2:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 29, for ages 11 to 13.
- ◆ Tween After Hours, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday,

March 6.

- ◆ Conversation Cafe, 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 7.
- Ewald — 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, (313) 821-8830**
- ◆ Reader Dog Drop-in, 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 29.
- ◆ Drop-in Story Time, 1 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 3.
- Woods — 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, (313) 343-2072**
- ◆ Sensory Friendly Movie, “A Dog’s Way Home,” 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 29.
- ◆ March is Reading Month Celebration with Baffling Bill the Magician, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 2.
- ◆ Reader Dog Drop-in, 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 7.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Eastside meets at 7 p.m. Monday, March 2, at Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

Assumption

Assumption Cultural Center’s Travel Group hosts a travel information night at 7 p.m. Monday, March 2, for its upcoming trip to Nashville, April 27 to May 1. The trip includes motorcoach transportation, performances at the Grand Ole Opry and Texas Troubadour Theater, a guided tour of Nashville with stops at the Parthenon and Upper Room Chapel, a ride on Delta Flatboats, a visit to the Country Music Hall of Fame, self-guided tour of Ryman Auditorium, tour of RCA Studio B, four nights lodging, several meals and more. For more details, call (586) 779-6111.

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BIRTHS

Robert Donald Frost
Claire and Jordan Frost of Lisle, Ill., announce the birth of their son, Robert Donald Frost, Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020. Maternal grandparents are Richard and Nancy Eckert of Grosse Pointe Park. Paternal grandparents are Darryl and Michelle Frost of Saginaw Township.



Robert Donald Frost

ENGAGEMENTS

Hilu — Iverson

Dr. John and Roseann Hilu of Grosse Pointe Woods announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Hilu, to Christopher Iverson, the son of Dr. Ronald and Patricia Iverson of Dubuque, Iowa. Dr. Hilu earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Movement Science from the University of Michigan in 2013, and a Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Northwestern University in 2017. She is a pediatric physical therapist. Dr. Iverson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Science-Business from the University of Notre Dame in 2012, as well as Master of Business Administration and Doctor of Medicine degrees from the University of Iowa in 2016. He is a physician. An August 2020 wedding is planned.



Sarah Hilu and Christopher Iverson



Mitch Barnett and Ellie Farber



Nathan Steinwascher and Catherine Murray

Steinwascher of Macomb. Miss Murray graduated from Regina High School in 2011 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Central Michigan University in 2015. She is a project manager for Centene Corp., formerly Meridian Health. Mr. Steinwascher earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting in 2015, as well as an MBA from the University of Detroit-Mercy. He is a certified public accountant with the accounting firm Lotito & Lazzara, P.C. He also plays professional soccer as a member of the Detroit City Football Club. A September 2020 wedding is planned.

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Farber — Barnett

Margo and Jim Farber of Grosse Pointe Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Ellie Farber, to Mitch Barnett, the son of Lisa and Bill Barnett of Farmington Hills. Miss Farber earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in international and Jewish studies from the University of Michigan. She is an administrator and Hebrew teacher at Temple Shir Shalom in West Bloomfield. Mr. Barnett earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications from Western Michigan University. He is a digital content coordinator with the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. An August 2020 wedding is planned.



Patrick Lane and Jessica Gabel

Gabel — Lane

Charles and Lisa Gabel of Grosse Pointe Woods announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Lynn Gabel, to Patrick Mackenzie Lane, the son of Bryan and Kim Lane of Grosse Pointe Shores. Miss Gabel earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Michigan State University and currently is completing a master’s degree in pediatric nursing at Wayne State University. She is a registered nurse at Children’s Hospital of Michigan in Detroit. Mr. Lane earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance from Michigan State University. He is a senior associate in the Economic & Valuation Services group for KPMG in Detroit.

A June 2021 wedding is planned.

Murray — Steinwascher

Debora and E. Patrick

Murray of Grosse Pointe Shores announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine Martin Murray, to Nathan Enrique Steinwascher, the son of Deanna and Eric

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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.

Gene Pluhar

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident and former teacher Gene Pluhar died Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020, at age 76, surrounded by his wife of 52 years, Gabriele, and daughters, Erika (Trey Palmer) and Jessica (Ryan Daniels). Additionally, he is lovingly remembered by his grandchildren, Sebastian, Gabriel, Rowan and Larkin; sister, Camille Pluhar; nieces, Linda Marshall, Loretta Wilke, Becky Crabbie and Lara Burnett; nephews, Glenn Pluhar, George Pluhar and Jason Ecclestone; and extended family.

Gene earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Northern Michigan University and a Master of Fine Arts degree from Wayne State University. He taught in the Grosse Pointe school system 35 years and touched the lives of countless students.

He was active in the Detroit arts community as an accomplished potter, sculptor and woodworker. Upon his retirement, he continued to pursue his artistic interests, especially building furniture, and enjoyed the outdoors on Bois Blanc Island. Gene also volunteered as a mentor for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit and helped restore antique automobiles at The Henry Ford Museum.

The family appreciates and is grateful for the kind and loving support of the community. A Celebration of Life takes place 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 20, in the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park Community Building. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Nature Conservancy in Michigan, nature.org; or WDET, Detroit's NPR Station, wdet.org.

Raymond A. Mabarak

Retired Chief Warrant Officer Raymond A. Mabarak, 98, passed away peacefully Monday, Feb. 17, 2020, surrounded by family and friends.

A resident of the City of Grosse Pointe, Raymond was the beloved husband of Delores for 66 years; loving father of Karen Linder (Gerald), Alan Mabarak (Luann) and Lynn Freeman (Richard); dearest grandfather to Ryan, Gabrielle and David; dear brother of the late Joseph, Seymond and Ernest Mabarak; loving uncle of Marlene David and Kenneth Mabarak; and a cherished friend to all who knew him.

A World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a proud recipient of the Bronze Star and French Legion of Honor, Raymond retired from the Michigan National Guard. He was a member of the National Guard Association of Michigan, National Guard Association of the United States, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Reserve

Officers Association of Michigan and International Armed Forces Council.

He was proud to be employed in the insurance and financial planning industry more than 60 years and owned an employee benefit company.

Raymond was a member of The Order of St. Sharbel and recipient of the prestigious Massabki Award and the Order of St. Gregory Award for his dedication and service to the church and community.

Visitation takes place 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, with prayers at 7 p.m. at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

Funeral services take place Friday, Feb. 28, at St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church, 11466 Kercheval, Detroit. Instate is from 10 a.m. until the service at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Maron Church, St. Sharbel Church or the St. Bonaventure Capuchin Monastery in Detroit.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Richard Dube

Richard "Rick" Dube, 67, passed away peacefully Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020, after a courageous battle with pleural mesothelioma.

Rick was born Jan. 21, 1953, in Detroit, to Robert and Elizabeth (Betty Owens) Dube. He graduated from Bishop Gallagher High School in Harper Woods in 1971. In 1977, he and his father co-founded the Bob Dube Plumbing & Heating Company in Grosse Pointe.

Rick shared many good times hunting, fishing and golfing with family and friends. He was a past member of Scalawags Golf Club, Burning Tree Golf Club and Kingsway Golf Club in Lake Suzy, Fla. He had the opportunity to play some of the most beautiful courses across the United States, from Pebble Beach in Monterey, Calif., to PGA National in Palm Beach, Fla.

Rick is survived by his beloved wife, Patty Keegan Harrington. He was a cherished father to Jennifer DesRoberts (Dave), Matthew Dube (Erin), Stephen Dube and Rebecca Dube; and a caring grandfather to nine grandchildren. He is also survived by his mother, Elizabeth Dube; siblings, Cheryl Dodt (Rick), Bill Dube (Donna), Mary Kay Giambrone (Jim) and Tom Dube; and many loving nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 7, at St. Lucy Catholic Church, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation, 1615 L Street NW, Suite 430, Washington, D.C. 20036. Or donate online at curemeso.org.

Barbara Surrell Hinks

Barbara Surrell Hinks passed away peacefully Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020. Born to Ralph and Annette in Detroit, Barbara enjoyed a rich life of 63 years. Her abundant love, kindness and patience nurtured her cherished daughter, Natalie, and all who knew her. Barbara will be remembered as a loving mother, loyal colleague and a sweet shining spirit whose influence will remain in the lives of all who knew her.

Barbara is survived by her daughter, Natalie; her loving partner, Larry Kroha Jr., and brother, Doug Surrell (Bonnie). She was predeceased by her brother, Clyde Surrell.

A funeral service took place Feb. 24, at St Michael's Episcopal Church, Grosse Pointe Woods. In lieu of flowers, Barbara's family welcomes a donation in her memory to the American Lung Association's LUNG FORCE at lung.org.

Dolores R. Kawsky

Dolores R. Kawsky of Grosse Pointe Woods passed away peacefully Monday, Feb. 10, 2020. She was 88.

Dolores was born Dec. 3, 1931, in Detroit, to Giacomo and Antoinette Abaldo. She graduated from The Academy of the Sacred Heart in 1949, and earned a degree in microbiology/medical technology from Mercy College of Detroit, graduating cum laude in 1953.

She spent her career working in the medical field, as a medical technologist and supervisor at Bon Secours Hospital from 1953-57; medical technologist and supervisor at Mack Laboratory from 1964-73; microbiologist at St. John Hospital from 1973-87; and supervisor of the micro laboratory at Cottage Hospital from 1987-91.

Dolores was a member of The American Society of Clinical Pathologists and enjoyed many hobbies, including being a hospital volunteer, listening to opera, reading and staying current on events. She played classical piano well into her 80s and loved spending time with her grandchildren, attending their many events. She also loved cooking Italian dishes, making homemade pasta and ravioli, and sharing the traditions and recipes from her parents' bakery, Russell Bakery at Eastern Market.

Dolores is survived by her daughters, Eileen Miller (Stan) and Mary Spatafora (Dan); son, Paul Kawsky (Debby); and grandchildren, Stephen (Lauren), David, Caroline, James, Sarah (Emmett), William, James and Nicholas. She was predeceased by her parents; her husband, James S. Kawsky, whom she married Oct. 19, 1957; sister, Angeline; and brother, Felix.

Memorial contributions may be made in Dolores' name to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mount Elliot, Detroit, MI 48207; or cskdetroit.org.



Gene Pluhar



Barbara Surrell Hinks



Beatrice Selvaggio

John Cromwell Blackburn IV

John Cromwell Blackburn IV, 73, died Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital with his wife, Marie, by his side. He was born Jan. 29, 1947, in Detroit, to Paul Jones Blackburn and Lois Elizabeth (nee Oldham) Blackburn.

John grew up in Grosse Pointe and graduated in 1965 from Grosse Pointe High School, where he lettered in football. An active scout, he received his Eagle Scout Award in 1963, and later served as scout master for Troop 44 in Muncie, Ind.

John attended The University of Iowa, then transferred to Eastern Michigan University to continue studying history. During college, he also kicked off a career in the food industry, starting with a part-time job at Pizza Hut, which led to being hired at Domino's Pizza, where he spent much of his career, including as a partner of Tom Monaghan in one of his early stores and later as a franchisee.

John served for 10 years on the board of Choices in Community Living and was involved employing and working with special needs adults. He also worked for the Montgomery County Board of Developmental Disabilities until his retirement in 2012.

John is survived by his wife of nearly 51 years, Marie Diane (nee Simon) Blackburn; children, Amy Spoerner (William), Lisa Masters (Sean) and John Blackburn; grandchildren, McKenzie, Morgan and Cabe Masters and Emily Spoerner; and siblings, Robert Blackburn (Melissa), Lois "Sis" Pierce (Don) and Becky Belknap (Gene). He also is survived by his nephews, Brian Blackburn (Karen), Scott Blackburn (Rachel), Don Pierce (Kristina), Tom Pierce (Jamie) and Paul Belknap; nieces, Julie Silcox and Kathryn Kasprzyk (Jason);



Raymond A. Mabarak



Dolores R. Kawsky



Jeanette M. Baganz

and brother-in-law, Hal Simon (Marty).

John was predeceased by his parents and nephews, Kenny Pierce and Paul Blackburn.

A memorial service takes place at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at High Street United Methodist Church, 219 S. High Street, Muncie, Ind. Visitation begins at 11 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to High Street United Methodist Church, 219 S. High Street, Muncie, Ind. 47308; or Delaware County Special Olympics, P.O. Box 176, Muncie, Ind. 47308.

Share a memory at meeksmortuary.com.

Beatrice Selvaggio

Beatrice Selvaggio, 98, passed away peacefully Monday, Feb. 17, 2020, while surrounded by family. She was the beloved wife of the late Joseph; loving mother of Anthony (Theresa), Alex (Antje Zuccaro), Johanna Pizzo (Vince), Sara Valenti (Thomas) and Joseph Jr. (Jane Cihon); proud grandmother of 14 and great-grandmother of 17; and dear sister of Josephine Lamerato.

A funeral Mass took place Saturday, Feb. 22, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Beatrice was a proud Army veteran of World War II serving in the Women's Army Corps. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to EWTN, Eternal Word Television Network, 5817 Old Leeds, Irondale, AL 35210. Please share a memory with the family on Beatrice's online guestbook at dignitymemorial.com.

Jeanette M. Baganz

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Jeanette M. Baganz, 88, passed away peacefully Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020. The former



Richard Dube



John C. Blackburn IV



Patricia Silloway Osborn

Grosse Pointe Park resident was born Nov. 9, 1931, in Detroit, to Frederick and Anna M. Jacobs.

She graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1951. Among her hobbies, she enjoyed gardening, natural living, knitting, horseback riding, swimming and drawing.

Jeanette is survived by her husband, Theron C. Baganz; daughters, Dina M. Keeler and Celia D. Baganz; grandchildren, Marla Braunberger, Jeanette Keeler, Kristen Mehl and Steven Kliemann; great-grandson, Dante Mehl; and sisters, Margaret Criswell and Marie Jones.

She was predeceased by her parents and her brother, Raymond Jacobs.

Patricia Silloway Osborn

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Patricia Silloway Osborn, 90, passed away peacefully Friday, Feb. 21, 2020, in Jupiter, Fla.

Patricia was born Oct. 9, 1929, in Detroit, to Lee K. and Edith Silloway.

She is survived by her daughters, Leigh Strehler VanTiem and Andrea Osborn Ogiony; son, William C. Osborn III; grandchildren, Jordan Rimkus, Steven Strehler, Nick Ogiony, Alex Ogiony, Jack Ogiony and William C. Osborn IV; and great-grandchildren, Emerson and Blair Rimkus and Nami and Kiyo Kurita. She was predeceased by her husband, William C. Osborn Jr.

She will be interred at Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

Memorial contributions in Patricia's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Pl., Memphis, TN 38105; or St. Paul Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

OBITS:

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Harry G. Constant Sr.

Harry G. Constant Sr., 92, peacefully passed away Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020, with his wife by his side and surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Grosse Pointe Park to his wonderful parents, Gust and Rita Constant, and was a life-long resident of the Park. He was married to the love of his life, Lois Ann for more than 62 years. He raised four sons, Barry (Kathy), Greg (Chris), Brad (Judy) and Harry Jr. (Chi). He is the grandfather of 10, Amanda, Read, Bradley Jr., Drew, Katy, Abby, Luke, Rebecca, Sheridan and Kate, and the great-grandfather of five, Emma, Autumn and newborn triplets, Savannah, Payton and Levi.

Harry joined the U.S. Army Air Corps while a senior at Grosse Pointe High School and was a World War II veteran with the rank of sergeant. Upon returning to Grosse Pointe he went to Hillsdale College, graduating in 1951 with a degree in business management. He was a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity and earned multiple varsity letters in tennis and swimming.

Harry was an avid sports car and racing car fan. He owned many different European race cars including an original Ferrari, Maserati, Alfa Romeo and MGs. He was a 65-year member of the Sports Car Club of America, where he began as a race car driver and then became a highly acclaimed race official. He was instrumental in the running of the Detroit Grand Prix, both Formula 1 and Indy Car, in down-



Harry G. Constant Sr.

town Detroit and on Belle Isle. He ran hundreds of races and drivers schools throughout his long tenure as an official.

Harry was a longtime member and past president of Indian Village Tennis Club. He and Lois also were longtime members and supporters of Grosse Pointe Theatre. He spent his career in sales and management in the music industry and was widely known for his boogie-woogie piano playing. He used to play at the Rustic Cabins for beers when he was a teenager.

Harry loved spending time with his family, especially the yearly vacations to Grand Bend, Ontario, Canada. He and Lois visited Grand Bend with family and friends for more than 50 years. Harry was a funny guy; his family loved his dry sense of humor, especially after happy hour started, and he will be missed by everyone who knew him. He was predeceased by his parents and daughter-in-law, Chi, and will be missed by his longtime friend, Dick Smith. A celebration of life “party” will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions in Harry’s name may be made to the Smile Train, smiletrain.org; or the National WWII Museum, of which he was a founding member, nationalww2museum.org.

Growth for the family
Youth, parents invited
to empowerment summit

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Following through with its commitment to expand its outreach, Christ Church Grosse Pointe opens its doors and invites the community to the morning-long Youth Empowerment Summit, “Growing Up 2020: Walk in the Park or Social Jungle?”

The program, presented by Kids Empowered on the Move, takes place 9 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at the church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

“We’ve partnered with Kids Empowered a couple times before,” said Holly McNett, director of children, youth and family ministries at Christ Church. “We as a church are looking to broaden our partnerships with organizations like Kids Empowered for parents to get tips like how to navigate raising children in this crazy world we live in.”

“Growing Up 2020” offers tracks for three groups — children in second through sixth grade, teens in seventh grade through high school and adults, including parents, educators, guardians, caregivers, coaches, scout leaders and professionals.

The youth track includes hands-on stations that teach children how to solve conflicts, deflect bullying, manage



unfriendly friends, stay calm on the outside when they’re shaking on the inside and other tools. Participants are organized into small groups by age.

“A lot of parents teach their child just to ignore (when someone is a bully),” McNett said. “But that’s not the easiest thing to do or sometimes not the best thing to do in all circumstances. This will give them the tools to manage situations like that.”

The teen track is comprised of two parts — physical self-defense and all things “teen world.”

“We call it verbal judo,” McNett said, “self-defense from a verbal standpoint.”

Teens are separated by gender for this track and focus on topics like relationships, the digital universe and others.

Some of the tools adults will learn during their track include ways to manage the impact of social media, how to communicate calmly during stressful interactions, realizing and reducing the negative consequences of

screen time and more.

Parents also will hear from keynote speaker Katey McPherson, who will present about strategies for managing the impacts of technology on today’s youth.

“Parents are extremely excited, which makes us happy,” McNett said. “We’re glad to offer something people are interested in. ... I think it’s extremely important for parents to have as many tools as possible and to have tools before a problem comes up — to be proactive, not reactive. Grosse Pointe doesn’t always embrace the issues they face. This should normalize the issues so they lose the stigma.

“And it’s cool that they’re including kids as young as second grade,” she continued. “They don’t have all the technology like the older kids, but they’ll have it someday or their friends will have it. Learning how to manage that is important.”

The track topics were selected by an advisory board that includes parents with one child, mul-

tiplied children and of varying ages. Their input was helpful in picking the courses, McNett said.

“Having the input of so many different parents is important,” she said. “As someone who’s not a parent, it was eye-opening to hear some of the concerns they have.”

Though “Growing Up 2020” is offered at Christ Church, it is not a faith-based program. All are welcome to attend.

Advanced registration is \$25; registration the day of is \$30. Youth will receive a backpack, take-away items from activity stations, a reusable water bottle and snack.

Scholarships are available.

“We’re trying to broaden horizons,” McNett said. “We want to offer opportunities for parents and kids not just from Grosse Pointe to participate.”

To register, visit kids empoweredonthemove.org.

For more information, call (248) 757-0912 or email info@kidsempoweredonthemove.org.

Kids Coalition Against Hunger event March 7

For the seventh year in a row, Kids Coalition Against Hunger hosts an event Saturday, March 7, in Grosse Pointe, bringing together 450 volunteers to package meals for hungry children and families in Detroit and around the world.

The meals are made of dry food — rice, soy protein, dried vegetables and powdered vitamins — that is carefully measured into sealable food packs that have a shelf life of two years. When mixed with boiling water, the contents of each

package provide a healthy meal for six people. The food packs are provided to food pantries in the Detroit area and sent to relief efforts both internationally and in the U.S.

Wherever Kids Coalition Against

Hunger has its events, gymnasiums or large meeting halls are set up with dozens of tables where volunteers enthusiastically work to meet a goal of packing thousands of meals in a day. The bags are filled by youth and adults work-

ing together as a team.

The annual event has drawn volunteers from schools, churches and organizations such as Rotary, Kiwanis, Grosse Pointe Friends and Neighbors, service groups and scout troops. Anyone age 5 to 95-plus

is welcome to volunteer; however, children ages 5 to 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Child care is not available for children younger than 5.

The 2020 Kids Coalition Against

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Sharman Davenport, Ph.D.

Staying safe without the safety net

Q: How can I help my teen stay safe when they go away to college?

A: This is a question on the minds of many parents and some teens as they prepare to go off to college and begin living on their own for the first time. Teens learn to cope with new freedoms and parents learn to let go as their teens transition into adulthood. It's an exciting and confusing time.

A college campus is a new environment for teens with new rules, new freedoms and new friendships. It requires a teen to learn and adapt without the presence of parents, their rules and the invisible safety net parents typically provide. The situation demands that teens are able to assess their new environment and determine the risks and challenges associated with it. Parents must prepare their teens for this new role. Here are some ideas that might help.

Increase your teen's awareness of dating and sexual violence. Going off to college often changes the dynamics and safety factors in dating situations. The risk of violence and assault elevates. Dating violence can occur in person or electronically and include physical, emotional, sexual or stalking behaviors. One in three adolescents in the U.S. is a victim of physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner, a figure that far exceeds rates of other types of youth violence. In addition, young women between ages 16 and 24 have the highest rate of intimate partner violence.

Teaching healthy relationship skills and changing norms about violence can help prevent dating violence. Talk to your teen about the importance of developing healthy, respectful relationships. Provide information regarding the signs of an

unhealthy relationship. Make sure they understand the importance of clear communication and consensual relations from both the male and female perspectives.

Increase your teen's knowledge about the elevated risk of sexual assault on a college campus. Approximately six in 1,000 students will be sexually assaulted on college campuses, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics. Freshman are at a particularly high risk of being sexually assaulted early in their first year at school. Twenty-one percent of college students also report having experienced dating violence by a current partner. These statistics make it imperative that teens receive sexual assault and prevention information before starting college.

Discuss the importance of safety. Identifying and walking through safety measures can be benefi-

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cial so the teen is not caught off guard if they find themselves in a dangerous situation. Remind teens that although campuses appear and feel safe, they should be vigilant.

Davenport is the CEO of Turning Point Inc., a domestic and sexual violence support services nonprofit in Mount Clemens, serving Macomb County and the Grosse Pointes.

The Family Center is a nonprofit organization that provides resources and preventive education to empower families to successfully navigate life's social, emotional and physical challenges. Visit familycenterweb.org, call (313) 447-1374 or email info@familycenterweb.org.



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Volunteers assemble food packs during last year's event.

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Hunger event takes place at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. As in the past, the goal is to pack 75,000 meals. For the March 7 event, 150 people are needed for each of three shifts: 10 a.m. to noon, noon to 2 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m.

Volunteers may sign up online at bit.ly/KCAHatGPMC-2020. Registration and information also is available by emailing kidsagainsthungeratgpmc@gmail.com.

For details, call Kathy Kurap at (313) 882-7836 or Memorial Church at (313) 882-5330.

Learn more about Kids Coalition Against Hunger at kidscoalitionagainsthunger.org.



FILE PHOTO

The Rotary Tot Lot was dedicated in 1973 and has received one upgrade since then.

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"Our ultimate goal is to have the grand opening May 30," Carmody said, noting each of the play structures will be individually dedicated as well. "Affixed to each item that was purchased or donated is a label identifying the foundation or company or family or individual that donated that article."

"This is going to be fan-

tastic," Lucas said. "For all of us who raised children in the community and used the Tot Lot a lot, for the upgrades, the expansion of everything available and accommodating children on the autism spectrum, it's fantastic."

Added Stroh, "The notion of how people in the Playscape/playground business have taken leaps forward ... a playground developed especially for tots — this becomes their reference

to the world. ... It's a leap forward we're going to take with this knowledge in regard to equipment."

"What I'm so amazed at is not only the way the community has offered up donations, but club members too," Rotary President Judy Masserang said. "Every individual has donated to this project."

Carmody is taking a cautious approach.

"I'm Mr. Anxiety," he said. "I'm trying my best to have provisions in

place to cover our tail. I'm praying for a dry period. If it's dry, we'll be golden. If it's wet, it will be messy.

"But I do think it's going to be wonderful," he added. "I can picture in my head all the volunteers running around with their beautiful T-shirts on, doing all this for the kids. My ultimate dream is, in late June, early July, coming with a cold drink in hand and sitting at the Tot Lot and just watching the kids."

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Girls basketball

RIVALS

Defense lifts Norsemen

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Senior Hannah Davis and freshman Sophia Borowski led the way last week to help the Grosse Pointe North girls basketball team win a big road game against rival Grosse Pointe South, 38-28.

Their defense was crucial in forcing the Blue Devils into 20 turnovers and a field goal percentage far less than they are used to as the Norsemen advanced to the championship game of the Macomb Area Conference Red/White Division Tournament.

“I was proud of our girls,” North head coach Gary Bennett said. “They played a great game. They competed tonight. Hannah Davis played great defense. She made things difficult for their guards.”

“Our stars needed to combine to score in the 30s, not below 20 points,” South head coach Kevin Richards said. “We didn’t shoot the ball well, and in the first half didn’t defend very well.”

The Norsemen led a lethargic first quarter 4-2. Turnovers and poor shooting led to the low score as each team had trouble putting the ball through the basket.

The Blue Devils continued their offensive struggles in the second quarter, thanks to the defense of Davis, Borowski, freshman Annabel Ayrault, junior Maddie Kohler and senior Christina Braker, and the Norsemen started to heat up on offense.

Junior Meadow Venet made consecutive three-pointers, and Borowski hit three shots in the paint to help the Norsemen build an 18-2 lead.

It was 23-7 at the half. South junior Alexa Downey finally scored in

the third quarter, but the 16-point deficit was a daunting task for the Blue Devils to overcome.

Senior Payton hit a three-pointer midway through the fourth quarter to cut the deficit to single digits.

However, the comeback was thwarted as Braker scored easy transition baskets to keep the Blue Devils at arm’s length.

Turnovers were an issue as the Blue Devils finished with 20, while the Norsemen had 17.

Borowski nearly had a double-double, finishing with eight points and 12



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

Senior Hannah Davis played great defense to help Grosse Pointe North beat Grosse Pointe South.

Dakota in the third-place game, winning 68-52 to improve to 15-4 overall, while North battled unbeaten Port Huron in the title game at Warren

“I am so proud of the girls for a great effort against a very good team,” Bennett said. “To do we asked of them defensively against three good teams in Utica, Grosse Point South and Port Huron is quite a task. This was a great high school basketball game, and I’m very proud of the girls.”

The Norsemen and Big Reds were tied 12-12 after the first quarter and 26-26 after the third quarter. Neither team could generate much of a lead.

The Norsemen led 30-26 with two quick buckets to open the fourth quarter.

The Big Reds used a 7-0 run to lead 33-30. The Big Reds led 42-36 before Davis banked home a three to cut it to 42-39.

Missed free throws allowed the Norsemen a couple of chances to tie the game in the final seconds, but the shots missed the mark.

The key to the loss was free-throw shooting where the Norsemen made only 7 of 23, which is uncharacteristic of them since they are a good free-throw shooting team.

The Norsemen forced 20 turnovers and they only had 10.

Braker led the way with 12 points, followed by Kohler with six, Davis, Ayrault and Venet with five, Borowski with four and Solomon with two.



Freshman Sophia Borowski, shown in the first game of the season, was dominant in the low post to help Grosse Pointe North win.

rebounds, while Braker had 11 points.

Venet finished with eight points, followed by Kohler with six, Davis with three and Ayrault with two.

For the Blue Devils, Downey finished with 11 points, followed by junior Sarah Rogers with eight, sophomore Kamryn Richards with six and Roy with three.

South played Macomb

Cousino.

For the Blue Devils, Downey had 21 points and Richards 14 to pace the team to the third-place finish.

In the title game at a packed Cousino, the Norsemen did everything right except win the game. North lost 42-39 to drop to 13-6 overall, while Port Huron ended its regular season 20-0.

Boys basketball

SOUTH & NORTH

Blue Devils survive Big Reds

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It wasn’t easy, but the favored Grosse Pointe South boys basketball team beat visiting Chippewa Valley 64-56 in the first round of the Macomb Area Conference Red/White Division Tournament last week.

It was the Blue Devils’ first game in a little more than a week, and the rust showed at times.

“I have to change up our schedule next year because the eight-day layoff definitely hurt us,” head coach Steve Benard said. “We weren’t as crisp as we should have been, and give Chippewa Valley credit, they were ready to play. We watched film on them and they have played better. It was not going to be an easy game like the first time we played them.”

The Blue Devils beat the Big Reds 81-51 back on Dec. 13, and through the first quarter it looked like the script would remain the same as the home team bolted out to a 25-12 advantage.

It was 35-21 at the half, and the Blue Devils were in position to deliver the knock-out blow with a good third quarter, which has been their trend this season.

However, they turned the ball over and missed a lot of shots during the third quarter.

The Big Reds turned

up the heat and hit a three-pointer to tie it at 42 with a minute left in the third quarter.

Sophomore Will Johnson drained a three-pointer from the wing, and senior Alex Shaheen banked in a running three-pointer from the top of the key to give the home team a 48-42 lead with one quarter left.

“We actually needed this close game,” Benard said. “We have won so many blowouts that our guys needed to play in a tight game. I didn’t call a time-out in the third quarter when Chippewa Valley made its comeback.”

“I wanted to see how our guys reacted and played under some adversity. It was a good learning experience.”

The Blue Devils scored the first four points of the fourth quarter to go up 52-42, and it was lights out for the visitors as the lead remained between eight and 12 points throughout the final stanza.

Shaheen led the team with 16 points, followed by Johnson with 15, senior Matt Edwards with nine, freshman Anthony Benard with eight and senior Weston Brundage with seven.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 15-2 overall.

Grosse Pointe North also played a home game last week, losing 63-54 to Sterling Heights Stevenson to drop to 2-15 overall.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Pioneers eliminate Knights

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys basketball team played a solid first half in its Catholic League playoff opener last weekend

However, they couldn’t sustain the momentum and lost 62-36 to Riverview Gabriel Richard.

They trailed 22-15 at the half. They played solid defense and kept within striking distance with a good second half.

The Pioneers outscored the Knights 40-21 in the third and fourth quarters to win and move on in the Catholic League playoffs.

Leading the Knights were Sawyer Szajenko with 10 points and Alex George with eight.

ULS is 9-9 overall, and travels to Center Line for a game Monday, March 2.

In the other playoff contests, Clarkston Everest Collegiate beat Madison Heights Bishop Foley 50-37; Marine City Cardinal Mooney defeated Royal Oak Shrine 60-56; and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood edged Detroit Cristo Rey 86-81.

The Catholic League finals are Saturday, Feb. 29, at Calihan Hall on the campus of University of Detroit Mercy.

Wrestling

NORTH & SOUTH

Regional action

Grosse Pointe South’s Sebastian Oxholm-Barrazza, right, and two Grosse Pointe North wrestlers, Elliot Lyman and Logan Ladach, competed in last weekend’s Division 1 individual wrestling tournament. Oxholm-Barrazza finished 0-2, losing to Berkley’s Justin Anagonye and Warren Cousino’s Victor Schwenk in the 285-pound division. Lyman, competing in the 171-pound division, finished 1-2, beating Logan Tacker of Walled Lake before losing to Hartland’s Avery Dickerson and West Bloomfield’s Devon Isaac. Ladach made the state finals in the 125-pound division. He finished 2-2, beating Hartland’s Ethan Kinch and Lakeland’s Cooper Miller, while losing Macomb Dakota’s Nathan Smith and West Bloomfield’s Jeremy Sarter.



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B	A	G		L	O	S	T		K	E	P	I	
E	K	E		A	V	E	R		I	C	O	N	
A	I	L		W	A	T	E	R	D	O	W	N	
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A	D	A	M		L	A	V	A		A	S	K	
M	O	P	S			F	U	E	L		N	E	

ACROSS

1 Tummy muscles, for short
4 Slapstick arsenal
8 Scallopini meat
12 Press for payment
13 Ireland
14 Not working
15 Classic Anne Murray song
17 Location
18 Charlotte's creation
19 Capitol VIP
21 Pamper
24 Gun the engine
25 Melody
26 Sprite
28 Thin smoky streaks
32 Messy sort
34 Cut the grass
36 Fit of peevishness
37 High-strung
39 Michael Jackson album
41 — budget
42 Affirmative action?

44 About to fall asleep
46 Old-style hair-piece
50 Curved line
51 Neighbor of Cambodia
52 Increase rapidly
56 Scandinavian city
57 Sagan or Sandburg
58 Shooter ammo
59 Adolescent
60 Has bills
61 Dr. Ruth's subject

DOWN

1 Billboards
2 Chignon
3 White-flowered amaryllis
4 Little rock
5 Square root of IX
6 Blunders
7 Passover feast
8 Compared to
9 Tend texts

10 Choir member
11 Ogle
16 Marry
20 Fresh
21 Money
22 Unctuous
23 Shade provider
27 Watch chain
29 Mountain peak covers, often
30 Bowlers' targets
31 Remain
33 Blessing
35 Bankroll
38 Ply oars
40 Talks Dixie-style
43 Mirror-ball venue
45 Sphere
46 Basis for a whodunit
47 Relaxation
48 Portrayal
49 Chew like a chipmunk
53 Tramcar contents
54 Shelter
55 Remiss

1	2	3		4	5	6	7		8	9	10	11
12				13					14			
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56					57					58		
59					60					61		

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Solution Time: 25 minutes

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Solution for last weeks puzzle 2/20/20

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

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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