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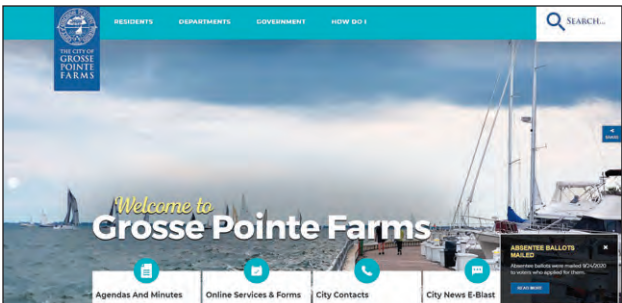
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In its first update since 2013, the new website will provide residents with both a traditional look and modern features.

New Farms website nears completion

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The next time residents in the Farms click on their city website, they may find an entirely new design waiting for them.

The city plans to go live with its new website early to mid-October. This is its first update since 2013.

Council approved the website redesign with Revize LLC, which specializes in municipal websites, in January and the design process began in March, with goals of ADA

compliance, increased security and a traditional look with modern features. “Most importantly, we wanted to make sure that the website facilitated citizen engagement and when this website launches in October, I think it will increase our ability to engage with our residents,” Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Derrick Kozicki said.

The old website was significantly difficult for city administration to update, according to Councilman Neil Sroka,

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Replacement for Grano sought

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Grosse Pointe Park City Council unanimously accepted Dan Grano’s resignation Monday, Sept. 28, agreeing to im-

mediately launch efforts to replace him with a new member.

The six-person vote came near the conclusion of a virtual session Grano did not attend, having announced plans to vacate his seat early in September. A lifelong Park resident, Grano’s resignation letter to the city indicated his plan to relocate to Macomb County for personal and professional reasons.

Councilwoman Lauri Read’s motion that an Oct. 28 application deadline be designated for Park residents interested in serving as a new seventh member, and that the League of Women Voters be enlisted to sup-

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Resolution calls for Pangborn’s censure

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Misinformation in campaign ads placed in the Sept. 24 edition of the Grosse Pointe News resulted in a resolution proposing a formal censure of Trustee Cindy Pangborn at the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of

Education regular meeting Monday, Sept. 28, held virtually.

The resolution recommends censuring Pangborn for her actions in placing an ad “maligning our high school administrators” and schools and intentionally including misleading information in violation of board policy 1426 on

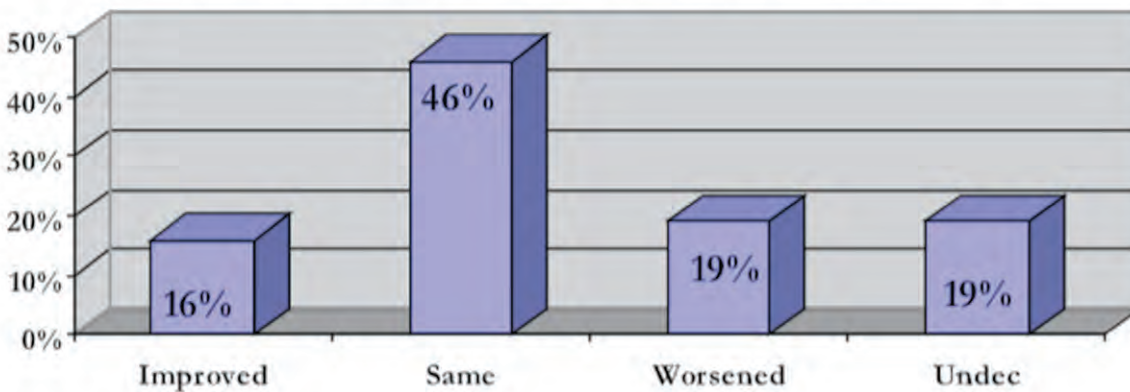
threatening behavior toward employees, policy 1423 on anti-harassment and board bylaw 0144.2 on board member ethics, “using her board position for personal political gain” and compromising the board with behavior “unbecoming of a Grosse Pointe Board of Education trustee.”

Pangborn, who is run-

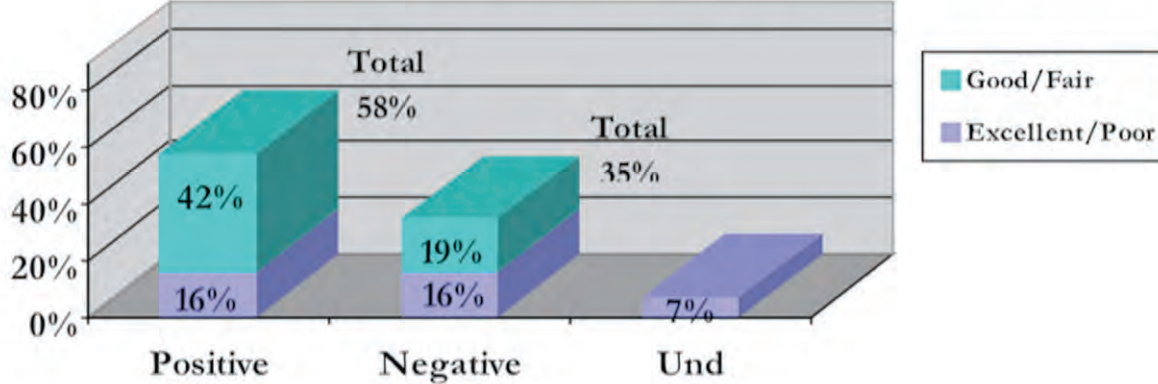
ning for re-election, is named along with board candidates Lauren Nowicki and Lisa Papas in an ad that includes claims her fellow board members say are untrue. Pangborn read the following statement in response to the resolution.

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The survey says Community members weigh in on school district performance

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — The Grosse Pointe News commissioned EPIC-MRA, a full-service survey research firm, to conduct a live telephone survey to gauge community perception of the Grosse Pointe Public School System prior to the Nov. 3 general election. The results of that survey were published in the Sept. 24 edition.

According to Grosse Pointe News Publisher John Minnis, with 17 candidates running for five seats on the Board of Education, now was an opportune time to assess where the community stood on the board’s June 2019 vote to close Poupard and Trombly elementary schools in response to declining enrollment and move fifth graders to middle school.

“Because of all the

noise out there — social media, letters to the editor, anonymous mailers, political advertising — it was difficult to know how residents felt about their public school system,” Minnis explained. “Were residents ready to storm 389 St. Clair, or were they largely satisfied with the district’s performance, as last fall’s overwhelming support for the school millage renewals indicated?”

“So we commissioned a reliable, random sample survey to find out. The results indicate a majority of the respondents gave the district above average grades.

However, drilling deeper into the responses, we found significant dissatisfaction in the west end of the district, 48230. We suspect this is largely due to the closing of Trombly Elementary School. Also, a majority of all respondents opposed moving fifth graders into middle school.”

EPIC-MRA administered interviews with 400 registered voters in GPPSS from Aug. 19 to 24. The sample included the incorporation of 40 percent cell phone users. The sample was stratified so every area of the dis-

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Victoria Burton-Harris

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Ethics committee takes first steps toward ordinance

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — What was technically the fourth meeting of the Grosse Pointe Shores ethics committee Wednesday, Sept. 23, was called “for all intents and purposes, the first” by members, since prior meetings largely revolved around the organization of committee members.

Residents Janice Pemberton and Rob Squiers were unanimously voted chairwoman and secretary,

respectively, following the resignation of Mayor Ted Kedzierski, who had been chairman.

While City Clerk Bruce Nichols also resigned from the committee in August at the request of other members, there was confusion during last week’s meeting as to whether Councilman Matthew Seely, who did not attend due to a conflicting appointment, remained as a member.

Since city council made a motion to approve the members of the ethics committee during its March meeting, unless a

member resigns, only council has the authority to remove a person from the committee.

Seely clarified he has no intention to resign at this time.

“Ultimately we’re the ones that have to vote on it, so why wouldn’t they want us to be a part of it?” he said. “I’m going to participate when I can and more than anything I’ll probably be a fly on the wall.”

Seely doesn’t plan to influence decision making, he added, but would like to be there to provide input since the out-

come ultimately has to pass council.

The committee plans to create either a policy or an ordinance, which will be presented to council for a vote. Within that vote will be a recommendation for the creation of an ethics commission, which would receive complaints — it would not seek out information — and take recommendations to council.

Along with elected officials, an ordinance or policy could affect appointed committee members, those running

for office or even city employees.

Potential issues to be addressed within it include conflicts of interest; a gift ban for elected officials; prohibiting the use of public office for private gain; disclosing confidential information written and not written without permission or authorization; nepotism or giving preferential treatment to any person or organization; practicing civility with decorum in discussions and debate; and the use of media and social media.

“We have a lot of new

people that run for council and for other positions,” Pemberton said. “They need to know what we expect of them and I think that that’s what motivated an ethics committee.”

For the next meeting, each committee member will compile a complete list of topics they would like to see an ordinance address, at which point work will begin to put together official language.

The next meeting of the ethics committee is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, in council chambers.

Financial reporting honored

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — It’s not exactly an Oscar, but they’re proud of it.

For the city’s comprehensive annual financial report of fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, Woods administrators won a 47th consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

The award is given to acknowledge a “spirit of full disclosure,” the GFOA stated in an announcement of the

award, described as “the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.”

City Comptroller Cathy Behrens shared news of the recognition at a Monday, Sept. 21, Woods council session.

A goal of the award is to encourage readership of comprehensive annual financial reports.

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— Eddie B. Allen Jr.



Meera Uhl and Emily Showalter discuss how many pieces of candy they think were in the jars.



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Molly Spence, Ben Spence and Ian Hadala hold up their decorated pumpkins.

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port recruitment and screening, was unanimously approved. The deadline precedes a statutory requirement that council replace Grano by Nov. 27, or that the vacancy be filled through a May 2021 special election.

City Manager Nick Sizeland said the Park would formally announce efforts to fill the council

seat in an immediate call for candidates, who might be interviewed as early as the week after the general election in November.

Read and Mayor Robert Denner were among council members who vocalized support for in-person interviews of final candidates, with virtual public access to the proceedings to maintain social distance restrictions. Potential venues were to be determined.

Fall festival

The City of Grosse Pointe hosted its 14th annual Fall Harvest at Neff Park Sept. 26. There was a pie and bread raffle, magic show, America’s Best Frisbee Dogs, a candy hunt and candy guessing. More than 400 people attended.



Left, Jason Westra squats down so his dog, Ricochet, could use his back as a launching pad to catch the frisbee. Panda watches on the ground and waits for his turn to catch a frisbee. Right, Zeke catches a frisbee.



Commissioners to discuss proposed human rights ordinance

A public hearing on a proposed human rights ordinance for Wayne County is scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, before the Wayne County Commission.

The proposed ordinance was unanimously approved Tuesday, Sept. 22, by the commission’s Committee on Health and Human Services.

The ordinance would prohibit the county from discriminating against individuals on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, religion,

national origin, sex, age, height, weight, family status, condition of pregnancy, marital status, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, HIV status, veteran status or political affiliation.

The ordinance would ban discrimination in housing, public accommodations and employment, among other specified areas.

“This says that Wayne County is a place where you can come, live

and raise your family without fear of discrimination,” said Commissioner Tim Killeen, the ordinance’s sponsor. Killeen, D-Detroit, is chairman of the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Ordinance enforcement would be overseen by a newly created seven-member Human Rights Commission to be appointed by the Wayne County executive with approval by the county commission.

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who is on the communications committee.

“This will make it a lot easier to get information out there and make all the different parts editable by a range of different people and it’ll mean that the website can be a lot more reflective of the latest information that’s going on,” he said, “so I’m really looking forward to it as being a

great way to easily get new information out to folks.”

The final version of the new website is still being edited with individual features that best suit the city’s needs, but the homepage will include city alerts, for which residents may sign up to receive; a search engine

within the website itself; an area for the latest news; and a section of upcoming city events pulled from the city calendar.

“I would have to say that there were a couple different delays that I didn’t really anticipate, but for the most part, the final project it looks wonderful,” Councilwoman Beth Konrad Wilberding said, “and I think that if we can get it on by mid-October, it’ll be a great service to all of our residents.”

The City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Park also recently updated their websites through Revize. The Shores currently is in initial talks with the company to consider doing the same.

Correction

The article “Peters makes his case for return to Senate,” printed in the Sept. 24 Grosse Pointe News, should have read Peters is retired from the U.S. Navy Reserve.

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John James vies for U.S. Senate seat

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

John James as a Ranger-qualified aviation officer who served with distinction in Operation Iraqi Freedom leading two Apache platoons, as well as president of James Group International, John James believes Michiganders need a representative with family business experience — and someone who understands the automotive industry intimately in a state where 80 percent of businesses are family-owned or small businesses and where the largest industry is automotive — rather than another career politician.

A Republican in the U.S. Senate, paired with Democratic Sen. Debbie Stabenow, James said, also would give Michigan a seat at the table regardless of who is in the majority or



White House. In response to the financial hardships facing Michiganders as a result of the pandemic, James says he would have supported a second round of relief for COVID-19 matters, but

lack of transportation options, he said.

With protecting the environment, including climate change and Michigan's lakes, as another of his campaign's focuses, James considers the current level of

funding for the Great Lakes to be the floor, not the ceiling.

From dumping in Lake St. Clair to algae blooms in Lake Erie, he looks forward to working with Stabenow from both sides of the aisle to secure adequate funding for the issues.

He also supports non-partisan solutions to address climate change, including working with companies to integrate more sustainable solutions, as well as holding egregious polluters in the world accountable to make more environmentally friendly solutions.

"The burden should not be 100 percent borne by the American taxpayer, but we should be included as partners in the long-term process," he said.

While his opponent, Sen. Gary Peters, has claimed otherwise, James says he wants to keep the parts of

the Affordable Care Act that are working — particularly the protections for people with pre-existing conditions — while continuing to pursue reform that will lower costs and raise quality of care.

In supporting a market-based, patient-centered approach to healthcare, he believes improvements can be made through increasing competition in the field rather than "increasing government authority to make healthcare decisions for Americans.

"Taking care of people and their benefits is something that's very important to me," James added. "I'm not here to take anything away. I'm actually here to protect it and come up with sustainable solutions to do just that."

This story has been edited to remove an incorrect reference to the 14th District, which is a state Senate seat.

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"I had nothing to do with or any involvement with the creation or placement of the advertisement in question. It was run under a PAC that I have not cooperated with nor do I belong to. I support our teachers, the staff, the administrators in our buildings who have worked tirelessly to support our students and who have been put in an impossible situation by our central administration. This censure is not valid since I had no involvement in the creation or placement of this advertisement. It is a PAC group that endorsed several candidates."

Board President Margaret Weertz asked Pangborn if she believed the principal at Grosse Pointe North High School lacked leadership or North's athletic director or Grosse Pointe South

High School's principal was unqualified, as alleged in the ad.

Pangborn declined to specifically address the ad's claims.

"I did not make up what is in that ad," she said. "It is a PAC. Apparently, Mrs. Gafa never called the Grosse Pointe News to find out who put the ad in. ... I had nothing to do with this. There's no reason for me to talk about and no reason for me to be censured when I had no involvement."

Below the candidate names, the ad includes a disclaimer it is "paid for with regulated funds by Taxpayers for GP Schools-501c4." The organization's record-keeper is listed as Monica Palmer of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Trustee Chris Lee called the statements in the ad "libelous," in particular the claim South's principal was "recently sued for sexual harassment."

Allegations about South Principal Moussa Hamka were found to have no merit and dismissed years ago, according to Mark McInerney, attorney for the school district.

Hamka "has never been a party in the case," McInerney told the Grosse Pointe News, adding Pangborn, who as a board member is privy to closed sessions regarding the status of any legal action against the district, "knows better."

In response to the claim about the North "principal lacking leadership," Lee read a list of Kate Murray's qualifications.

He then called for Pangborn, Nowicki and Papas to withdraw their candidacy for the school board and for Pangborn to immediately resign.

"I'm deeply disturbed by this ad," Weertz said. "... It maligns all of our schools. It says we are overcrowded and that we have no honors program

or magnet program. That we have no traffic plan or no plan for the pandemic. These are all false statements. There are no truths in this ad. Mrs. Nowicki and Mrs. Papas and Mrs. Pangborn, your names are on this. ... I would do something about this immediately. I also want to say that I support both those principals. They are extraordinary people and also the athletic director and I will not tolerate any more harassment or abuse of these people."

Board Treasurer Judy Gafa pointed out whether Pangborn was directly involved in the ad, she has "a pattern of intentionally misrepresenting information. ... What's more troubling to me is that you have yet to say anything to distance yourself from anything that is said on this ad. ... To me that all speaks volumes. I stand by my censure. I think this is horrendous. This is a

local school board meeting. ... This is not what our community wants. This is not what our community stands for. To disparage three of our high school administrators is a new low in my book."

The resolution will be an agenda action item at the next board meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12, to be held in person at the Brownell Middle School auditorium due to the latest executive order from the governor allowing school districts to hold board meetings face-to-face after Oct. 9, according to Deputy Superintendent for Educational Services Jon

Dean. The order requires adherence to safety measures such as wearing masks, limiting capacity to 20 percent and maintaining social distance.

GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus was absent from the meeting due to a medical leave, but also took issue with the ad and submitted a statement for Dean to read on his behalf (see below).

In other business, the board voted 7-0 to recall employees furloughed during remote learning and 6-1 in favor of the GPPSS return to face-to-face instruction plan, with Pangborn opposing the motion.

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, OCT. 5

Grosse Pointe Woods curbside leaf pickup begins.
Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7

Grosse Pointe Woods Community Tree Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

THURSDAY, OCT. 8

Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Superintendent sets record straight

Your campaign ad was disgraceful, uninformed and divisive to the Grosse Pointe Public School System community.

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Please give the teachers the credit they deserve.

Do your homework

Your audit facts are inaccurate. GPPSS has two clean audits from our auditors, Plante Moran. All indications are that we are getting a third consecutive clean audit in October 2020. Our fund balance is 15 percent and continues to build with accounting and bookkeeping at the highest level ever. The business department is second to none.

Top notch

We have the best building administrators anywhere. Kate Murray, Moussa Hamka and Michelle Davis are all professional, well-qualified and deserve credit for running excellent high schools and pro-

grams. Nearly half of our administrative team have been hired with qualifications above and beyond our GPPSS expectations

GPPSS has five building principals (John Kernan, Sara Delgado, Lisa Rheume, Roy Bishop, Dan Hartley and soon to be Kate Murray) who have earned their doctorate in the past three years. Our GPPSS teachers have also earned advanced degrees and continued coursework and professional development to be the best in their classrooms. We are bringing our best to our students each and every day.

And here are a few examples of that:

◆ Under Principals Murray and Hamka, each school has the highest SAT/ACT test scores in the schools' history.

◆ Both North and South staff have been ranked the No. 1 high school teaching staff in the state under the leadership of Principals Hamka and Murray and their teams.

◆ GPPSS leadership has spearheaded diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives, as well as a reduction in suspensions through restorative practices.

◆ Our reinvigorated curriculum review process has led to the development of new courses and programs including expansion of career and technical education, STEM programming, and dual enrollment with colleges and universities.

The advertisement also makes inaccurate claims regarding litigation. Mr. Hamka has not been sued for sexual harassment or for anything else. The litigation against the district initially involved claims of

sexual harassment, but they were withdrawn by the plaintiff and dismissed by the court.

Divisive and disruptive

Cindy Pangborn has served with 12 different board members in my tenure. She has been the dissenting vote on any and all district plans. We need Board of Education members who can build consensus and bring the best ideas forward. Dissenting is an important part of developing a plan in a democratic process. So is presenting solutions. And once a decision is made, then all board members need to support the approved plan. Working together for the common good is what we need.

Damage done

Prospective parents, employees and potential superintendent candidates all read the Grosse Pointe News. The campaign ad facts were inaccurate and misleading. Who would want to come to the Grosse Pointe Public School System if they believed your damaging ad? Enrollment and recruitment should be goals for all board candidates and community members. Your campaign ads set us back. Your campaign is designed to divide our community.

Administration does listen!

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— Gary C. Niehaus,
GPPSS superintendent

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Despite election’s outcome, Burton-Harris is far from finished

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

At best, the Twitter notification that came in the midst of Victoria Burton-Harris’ five-hour, daily routine of making phone calls might be described as annoying. The founder and managing partner of downtown Detroit-based McCaskey Law firm was laser-focused on fundraising for her challenge to long-time Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy when she noticed a familiar name.

“It never dawned on me that it was *the* John Legend,” Burton-Harris recalled. “I said, ‘I don’t have time for this.’”

Burton-Harris soon learned it was indeed Grammy- and Academy Award-winning recording artist and filmmaker John Legend who’d tweeted his endorsement of her 2020 primary election candidacy. The singer was among national figures including 2020 presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders who supported Burton Harris’ platform.

Although Burton-Harris’ views were widely viewed as pro-



COURTESY PHOTOS

Victoria Burton-Harris

gressive and refreshing to many voters, including Pointes residents who cast ballots in her favor, the criminal defense lawyer fell short of unseating Worthy. But the loss appears to have left Burton-Harris undaunted. In fact, she is even more inspired to pursue criminal reform goals including policies that level the field for defendants of color, low-income and other marginalized citizens who were the focus of her platform.

“I love what I do. I’ve always loved it,” said Burton-Harris, 33, “and after this campaign I’m

even more convinced than ever that it is my job to fight for those people.”

A Flint native who earned bachelor degrees in political science and African American studies from the University of Michigan, Burton-Harris was drawn to research about the Black experience, including the judicial system’s impact.

“I knew there was this very important nexus between Black folks in America and American history,” she said.

Burton-Harris launched her campaign for prosecutor after observing what she views as inequities directly related to the nexus of marginalized people and the law. Among issues impacting crime that she says have been largely ignored by prosecutors are poverty, undiagnosed mental illness and trauma suffered during youth.

While a second run for the prosecutor’s office is

“not off the table” following her challenge that generated \$250,000 in backing, Burton-Harris said she’ll keep working privately to influence such policies as Michigan’s examination of wrongful conviction. Since the August primary, she has agreed to provide consulting to a newly elected prosecutor outside Wayne County and has begun efforts toward a “prosecutor accountability project.”

“You can be charismatic, but at the end of the day, are you doing your job the way people want you to?” Burton-Harris asked. “Are you accountable to the people you serve?”

Having founded McCaskey Law in 2014, she held a relatively low profile before challenging Worthy, but her firm was involved in notable cases. She represented Detroit activist Siwatu-Salama Ra, who gave birth in prison shackles after she was convicted due to an incident in which she pointed an unloaded, legally owned pistol at a woman she saw as a threat against her and her family; the convictions later were



Burton-Harris with her husband, Robert Burton-Harris, and their 2-year-old son, Langston James.

reversed. Burton-Harris also represented Robert Williams, who was jailed after controversial facial recognition technology led to his arrest for stealing \$3,800 in Shinola merchandise. The charge was dismissed with an apology from Worthy after no live witness verified Williams as a suspect.

Not only previous cases, but concerns shared by those she encountered while campaigning, have motivated Burton-Harris.

“Every single story became a part of my ‘why’ and I just can’t turn away from that,” she

said.

Burton-Harris moved in 2011 to Grosse Pointe, where she lives with her husband, Robert Burton-Harris, a public defender, and their 2-year-old son, Langston James, named for authors Langston Hughes and James Baldwin.

She counts among her allies Pointes residents who align themselves with her vision for a more equitable system.

“I’m proud to call myself a Pointer, because I am connected to a lot of folks who get it,” she said. “They get that none of us are free until we are all free.”

Visitor parking lot proposed for Brownell

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — In the summer of 2021, Brownell Middle School is planning to add a 16-space visitor parking lot adjacent to Chalfonte, us-

ing funds from the 2018 Grosse Pointe Public School System bond earmarked for safety in the schools. The bond project also will include increased cameras and potentially an upgrade to the buzz-in system for doors.

A public hearing to consider the site plan review of 260 Chalfonte Avenue was held during the Farms city council meeting Monday, Sept. 14.

Estimated to cost approximately \$650,000, final design plans are not

yet complete, but aim to place the parking lot next to the walkway up to the main office to ensure a singular entrance into the school during occupied hours.

While some relocations already have taken place, almost every Grosse Pointe school offers parking in the back with the office in the front or vice versa.

“When some visitor comes to my home and I don’t know who they are ... do I want that unknown visitor coming to my back door rather than the front?” Principal Rodger Hunwick asked. “I just feel that’s a better area to vet, better area for me to at least know who it is that’s approaching my home and, to me, this is an extension of our home. We have

the most important gifts of the community each and every day and those are the children and the families that we serve.”

Following a long discussion, focused on what council felt was a lack of detailed information about the project, recommendations were made to reduce the number of parking spaces, modify the screening surrounding the lot to evergreen rather than deciduous trees and provide a clear plan for storm water management on the site.

While it is unclear whether the project even requires approval from the city, according to Councilman John Gillooly, Joe Cangemi of Ehresman Architects said he believed the school district would be open to making suggested alterations to the plan.

He added, as a represen-

tative of the school district, he came with the goal of getting the council’s opinions in order to make adjustments to the construction documents.

“Our goal is to be good stewards and good neighbors ... and that’s why we are here this evening to have these discussions to make all parties feel included and address concerns,” Cangemi said, “because what we didn’t want to do was design something that the immediate community wouldn’t like, so we are hearing your comments loud and clear.”

Following a unanimous vote, the matter was tabled until the next council meeting, scheduled Monday, Oct. 12. The school district was asked to present a more comprehensive plan at that time.

Projects under the same bond funding also are set to take place at Richard Elementary School, Maire Elementary School and Grosse Pointe North High School, but with Brownell being the only work with significant impact to the site, it is the only one of the proposed projects being discussed with a city council.

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Grosse Pointe Farms

Stolen sign

A presidential 2020 sign was stolen off a property on Grosse Pointe Boulevard overnight Sunday, Sept. 20, and found crumpled in a nearby yard the next day.

Keep your eyes on the road

After a vehicle was found running, in drive and stopped in the left lane of Moross Road, just north of Lakeshore Road, at 2:41 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, both the 27-year-old Warren woman driving the car and her passenger were discovered passed out. After refusing to take a preliminary breath test, the driver was arrested for operating under the influence and driving while license suspended. Possession of narcotics was added to the charges after the vehicle was searched.

Aggravated assault

While on patrol at 8:45 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, officers observed a 42-year-old Lansing man staggering into the open field at Mack Avenue and Moross Road and placing objects into a tree. When officers approached, the man admitted to public urination and aggressively shouted threats. Numerous liquor bottles were found on the ground around him and, as he was arrested, the man spit into the face of an officer, leading to charges of aggravated felony assault on a police officer.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Possible stalker

A 21-year-old Farms woman received a second letter from a possible stalker Thursday, Sept. 24. Both letters contained quotes from poetry and varied amounts of money. It is unclear who the letters are from.

Moped trouble

After a report of subjects riding mopeds on the Grosse Pointe South High School track around the football field and threatening to fight people at 10:07 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, a 14-year-old Farms boy attempted to flee the scene, but was pulled over by officers. The boy had a valid moped proof of registration, but no driver's license or moped license. The moped was impounded and the boy turned over to his mother. — Laurel Kraus Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Possession of narcotics

After being called to a vehicle on North Deeplands for family trouble at 11:06 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, narcotics were discovered in plain sight, leading to the arrest of a 23-year-old Ferndale man.

No headlights

A 22-year-old Clinton Township man began having back spasms and was transported to a hospital after being pulled over at Lakeshore Road and Vernier Road for not having his headlights activated at 1:57 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 24. The vehicle was towed and he was issued a citation for driving without insurance and headlights.

Identity theft

A 39-year-old Shores man discovered he was the victim of identity theft after both Comcast and a storage company in Georgia contacted him regarding accounts in his name that he had not opened.

Keep it in the family

When officers ran a 61-year-old Chesterfield man's plate on Lakeshore Road at 9:54 a.m. Friday, Sept. 26, it was found to belong to his cousin's vehicle. The man was arrested for driving while license suspended and not having registration.

Minor in possession

After being pulled over on Lakeshore Road for swerving within his lane and nearly striking the curb several times, a 19-year-old Shelby Township man was

arrested for minor in possession at 12:34 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 27.

Operating while intoxicated

A 37-year-old Detroit man was arrested for operating while intoxicated, having open intoxicants and not having insurance at 9:04 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, after being pulled over for defective equipment. His preliminary breath test results showed his blood alcohol content was .27 percent.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Driving while (frequently) suspended

A 25-year-old Woods man was cited for driving with a suspended license and the Dodge Charger he was driving was impounded after he was stopped around 9:45 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, in the 2000 block of Vernier. The vehicle's license plate was registered to another vehicle before it was revealed that he had 48 current suspensions, 12 convictions and a traffic warrant from Highland Park.

Operating under the influence

A 26-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for operating under the influence around 3 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, in the 2100 block of Allard after she was discovered passed out behind the wheel of her vehicle. Public safety responded to a report of a vehicle that struck a tree, finding the driver and her passenger stopped between the curb and sidewalk with the vehicle running. After several minutes of attempting to awaken the driver, she admitted to having consumed. She reportedly failed multiple field sobriety tests. A passenger who refused to identify himself was determined to be the woman's boyfriend. — Eddie B. Allen Jr. Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

Grosse Pointe Park

Child endangerment

A 39-year-old Detroit man was arrested for operating while intoxicated and charged with child endangerment after he was spotted speeding at Mack and Lakepointe around 9:20 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19. The suspect was detained for driving 28 miles faster than the limit and later found to be

intoxicated with a suspended license and three minors in the car.

Stolen bike

A \$4,000 Electra Café Moto electric bike was stolen from a garage in the 1200 block of Grayton between 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, and 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 21.

Stray bullet damage

A resident in the 1100 block of Nottingham discovered a 9 mm pistol bullet's damage to his upper floor window pane. The damage was believed to have been caused by a stray shot between 1 and 1:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23. — Eddie B. Allen Jr. Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety, (313) 822-7400.

City of Grosse Pointe

Vehicle fire

Officers put out a vehicle fire in front of the owner's Lakeside Court home at 8:37 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23. The vehicle recently was in a shop for a misfiring issue with the engine and the spark plugs had been replaced. — Laurel Kraus Report information about other crimes to the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety, (313) 886-3200.

Survey shows resident discontentment with communication

By Laurel Kraus Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — A community survey sent out to a third of residents by the Shores communication committee Friday, Aug. 28, and meant to gauge resident opinion on city communications and transparency, was marred by various personal attacks and political statements within the open-ended question sections. While public access to commenting was blocked prior to the survey ending Friday, Sept. 4, and such comments removed from the final report, the issues were discussed during a presentation of the results during the council meeting Tuesday, Sept. 15. “We need to be civil and respectful to each other,” Mayor Ted Kedzierski said. “Any comments that weren't civil or respectful don't reflect well on our community. We tried to do something to get an idea. We saw a very passionate community respond, maybe with some comments that should not have been made. This is a very respectful and civil community and I want to keep it that way.” The seven-question survey, sent to 984 residents from the email list managed by the city, reached a 56 percent response rate after being filled out by 559 residents, which was five times the commit-

tee's goal. The first question showed 51.7 percent of respondents feel they are not very informed or somewhat informed about news and updates in the Shores. Only 7.2 percent reported they feel extremely informed. “Given that we're really asking those who we regularly communicate with what their thoughts are, this is a surprising number to be so high that so many people don't feel like they're informed or somewhat informed,” said Ted Coutilish, chairman of the communications committee. “But that's a good thing, because now we know what to work with and we can address that in our communication (plan).” Suggestions for improving communication with residents included expanding the newsletter from monthly to every two

weeks; emailing council agendas in advance of meetings, as well as monthly summaries of committee meeting minutes; improving the city website; making the council packet available online; and providing greater transparency. Additional questions revealed email as the preferred method by residents to receive communications from the city; and that those surveyed feel the city's best selling points for attracting new residents are its well-kept neighborhoods, Osius Park and the public safety department. “I think we should just try to look at the glass as half full,” Councilman Matthew Seely said. “I know it wasn't a perfect survey in many ways, but I think in another way it was a very promising attempt this first time to get people engaged.” The next step will be

for the communications committee to conduct one-on-one interviews with a list of residents to talk in greater detail about suggestions to improve communications in the city. The process then will continue with drafting a communication plan, eventually to be brought before the council. “I think the communication plan will be a role model for other communities to look at and model for their communities,” Coutilish said. “That's how good I think this is turning out so far in terms of the intelligence that we gathered, the com-

ments, the suggestions. We know what to fix and we know how to fix it thanks to the residents of this community. “We have the information that we needed to develop a solid communication plan that will

serve the city for the years to come,” he added. Anyone interested in serving on the communications committee should reach out to Coutilish or Councilwoman Danielle Gehlert.

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OUR VIEW

School COVID reporting key

As more Michigan students return to face-to-face learning, reports about the presence of COVID-19 in schools remain muddled — including how and when the reports themselves get to the public.

But more information should be available soon — and hopefully in a more timely way — now that Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has ordered health authorities to prepare new rules to take effect Monday, Oct. 5, on how to release information about in-school cases.

Health authorities should err on the side of openness. Parents, in particular, deserve to have the most up-to-date information about what is happening at ground level that could affect their children.

The Sept. 25 order from Gov. Whitmer instructs schools — public and private — to “publish information about any cases of a probable or confirmed COVID-19 positive individual” who has been at a school or at a school function. The reporting, which now seems to wend its way through county health departments and/or intermediate school districts, has been erratic to date and generally not very timely.

At the end of last week, according to statistics culled by Bridge Michigan (published online at bridgemi.com), outbreaks linked to colleges had risen 72 percent. Among K-12 schools, based on reports currently issued each Monday, 46 reported outbreaks had occurred compared to 28 the week before. The new rules should require daily reporting. It may never be clear, however, how long it takes case numbers to emerge from the bureaucratic maze.

Ideally, each district would post its own data online about cases as they are confirmed. The numbers also could be incorporated into the dashboards that many counties have mastered.

But statistics are messy. Besides confirmed cases, there are probable cases, as the governor noted, plus those related to someone who’s sick or has symptoms, and so on.

While there may be no perfect reporting system, it’s better to trust the public with more information rather than less.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System will bring its youngest students through second grade into buildings starting Oct. 12, using rules from the Wayne County Health Department on when to exclude students and staff. Based on the experience of other districts, the odds favor at least a few cases cropping up and perhaps some in-school transmission as well.

Although it’s easy to recommend that parents shouldn’t panic when cases arise, some will. But that’s no reason to suppress or delay getting the information out. At some point, communities have to come to grips with the ongoing possibility of infection; that means taking measures seriously, such as wearing masks, until widespread vaccination becomes reality or the coronavirus dwindles on its own.

Especially in times like these, up-to-date information remains a particularly important tool.

The role of the community

The start of school for the youngest students also is an opportunity for the community to rally around them. Their protection lies in keeping transmission rates as low as possible among their older siblings and adults who interact with them.

And that means routine masking for everyone, along with special care to use social distancing as the weather forces more activities to take place indoors.

The Pointes and Harper Woods have an advantage: Case counts, as logged by the Wayne County Health Department, have subsided to a relatively low level in the past week or so. While not quite as minimal as in early June, the numbers suggest that transmission can be held down when enough people take the guidelines seriously — as they apparently have since a jump in cases this summer put a lot of people on high alert again.

None of this is fun. Rather, it’s a test of discipline and priorities. For most people, making sure the youngest children learn to read should rank high on the list.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pure Grosse Pointe

Artist Harper Wildern, who once worked part-time at the Ewald Branch Library, painted this inspirational mural on a window at the library where she formerly worked. The Ewald Branch opened in 2005 and was scheduled to reopen July 14, following renovation. However, the shutdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic prevented its reopening.

OUR VIEW

Q&A: Absentee ballots, voting

There’s no reason to argue about the legitimacy of absentee ballots in Michigan. State rules provide ample reason to trust the process — even though counting them may take a while in a presidential election year.

Yet voters may hesitate to use absentee ballots for other reasons. Here are some of them, with answers:

What if I forget to sign my ballot, or didn’t sign it in a way that matches what’s on file?

If there’s enough time — and enough information to track you down — most clerks’ offices will try to get a hold of you so you can come in and fix your signature.

Clerks such as Lisa K. Hathaway of Grosse Pointe Woods already are hoping you’ll get your ballot in early. But this is one reason it’s also to your advantage to let the clerk have a look at the ballot envelope sooner rather than later.

I don’t trust the post office to get my ballot to the clerk’s office in time.

All five Grosse Pointes have a secure dropbox outside their city halls, either in front of the building or in the parking lot. Harper Woods’ city hall has a red, mailbox-style dropbox inside the police entrance off Harper Avenue; it’s accessible 24/7.

You can also deliver a ballot directly to your clerk’s office during regular hours.

(Whether absentee ballots will get counted if they arrive after Election Day, but have an earlier postmark, is subject to continuing legal action. If you use the mail, allow plenty of time.)

The machine sometimes spits out my ballot for an overvote, and once I couldn’t even figure out what was wrong. Does an overvote spoil my whole ballot if I’m not there to fix it?

No, not at all.

If the machine rejects your ballot, it will be inspected to see what caused the problem.

In the case of a true overvote — say, voting for three judges when only two votes are allowed — that race is not counted. But every other choice on your ballot does get counted.

If your ballot has a stray mark that caused its rejection, or nothing in particular can be found, your ballot will be duplicated — with the participation of both a Democratic and a Republican representative — and the duplicate will get fed into the machine. All your votes are preserved.

What if I change my mind after I send in my ballot?

You can retrieve and “spoil” your ballot until 10 a.m. Nov. 2, the day before the election, by going to the clerk’s office. The deadline involves a recent legislative change, so call to check on office hours and procedure. You’ll be issued a new ballot; if you wait ’til Nov. 2, you’ll have to fill it in on the spot.

In addition to regular weekday hours, local clerks’ offices will be open for eight hours on the Saturday before the election.

What’s the biggest mistake absentee voters make?

No signature, by far.

See ABSENTEE, page 7A

LETTERS

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BOE diversity

To the Editor:

I read the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club’s list of endorsements in the Sept. 24 Grosse Pointe News.

I’d like to point out that five of the seven current Board of Education members were either endorsed or financially supported by the G.P. Democrats.

This means that should their slate of endorsements be elected this year, 100 percent of the board will have been backed by Democrats (based on public endorsements, financial support per Wayne County campaign filings, or both).

Of course, I don’t blame a Democratic club for endorsing Democrats. But I’ve lived in the Grosse Pointes for many years, and I can’t remember ever seeing a local governing body, especially a supposedly non-partisan one, where every member was from a single party.

Clearly, when Democrats claim to value diversity, they aren’t referring to actual diversity of thought. Instead, they really mean the school board should only have a “diversity” of opinions starting at left-of-center and ranging all the way to far left-of-center.

I’d suggest that if we want a Board of Education that represents the views of the entire community, we should ignore the G.P. Democratic Club’s endorsements and vote to bring new and different voices to the board.

MIKE NOLAN
Grosse Pointe Woods

Merriweather Halloween

To The Community:

For almost 20 years, the 200 block of Merriweather has been one of the best places to be on Halloween night.

Decorated houses, a DJ with music and willing neighbors have provided an atmosphere of fun and safety for grateful groups of trick-or-treaters that now number over 700. With families lining the sidewalks, the numbers are well over 1,000.

In light of current health guidelines, we’ve had to consider the possible consequences of drawing so many people together. Sadly, due to COVID-19, our tradi-

tional Halloween celebration is being canceled this year in the best interest of children and their families.

Halloween is such a favorite day for families and especially for children! Many neighborhoods may be able to safely celebrate this holiday tradition.

Because we have all faced so many canceled or altered celebrations, from birthdays to graduations, we hope the spirit of Halloween can still be kept alive in other ways until we can open our doors to welcome you again in 2021.

In the days following Halloween, we would often hear from teachers and families, telling how their children raved about “... that block on Merriweather.”

If you can, please help us avoid disappointments and spread the word that we will not be holding our usual celebration this year. Thank you so much.

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I SAY By John Minnis

Coronavirus thwarts travel plans



For the first time in perhaps 20 years we are not vacationing post-Labor Day in Florida. Blame the COVID-19 pandemic. Every September, we spend three weeks at Marriott's Grande Vista Resort on International Drive in Orlando — not far from SeaWorld in one direction and downtown Disney in the other. It's a lovely, and convenient, location to get in some "R and R" — and golf!

It seems the only time I have time to play golf is in Florida, but when I get

there, I make up for lost time! Every morning starts out with 18 holes of golf, followed by lunch at the pool, followed by a nap, followed by dinner at one of Orlando's many fine restaurants. Our favorites are Benihana's, The Pub, Bonefish Grill, Celebration Town Tavern, Red Lobster, Carraba's, Longhorn Steakhouse, Romano's Macaroni Grill and, right next door, Chili's. On our anniversary, Sept. 10, you would normally find us at Capital Grille.

Every year prior to heading south, Terry purchases gift cards for our favorite places using American Express points. So dining out isn't as expensive as it sounds. And since our timeshare stay at the Grande Vista is already paid for, it makes for a relatively cheap

vacation. Once we thought we would go Up North to the Keweenaw Peninsula where my family used to vacation and where my mother was born. Terry has never been there. However, when we checked out the lodging, we found it would be way more expensive than Orlando. So, guess what, we went to Florida instead!

We first discovered the Grande Vista through a four-day, three-night offer by Marriott. You know, the ones where they make you sit through an hour presentation that goes on for two hours and ends with a hard-sell that leaves couples arguing and wives crying. We've sat through many of those and never bit, but we always thank them for the \$100 gift card to Disney!

So one year the day before our scheduled pre-

sentation, I was playing golf with two guys from Texas. They asked if I'd been to my presentation yet, and I said, "No." They said, "Whatever you do, don't buy new and don't buy in Florida." Florida is the most expensive place to buy a timeshare, they said.

The important thing, they advised, was to buy a two-bedroom unit at a Marriott property and trade into the Grande Vista. They said they each got a timeshare in the Marriott system for \$4,500 used vs. some \$17,000 new.

I mentioned this when I went to our spiel the next day. The sales rep said, "Sure, you can do that, but you won't be guaranteed there will be a unit available when you want to come."

I responded, "Since we don't have kids, we always come here after Labor Day.

What are the odds we won't be able to get a unit?" He said that should not be a problem and gave me the number for the Marriott Resale desk.

When we got home, I called the Marriott Resale number and said I wanted the least expensive two-bedroom timeshare week available. They had one at a resort on Hilton Head for the second week in January for \$2,500. We bought it and have been trading into the Grande Vista ever since.

Actually, we parlay our one-week timeshare into three weeks at the Grande Vista by banking our week with Interval International, a timeshare Expedia available only to timeshare owners, and then buy "Getaways" to the Grande Vista. They range from \$200 to \$400 per week. Not bad for seven nights at a four-

star resort!

Marriott has since changed from weeks to points, meaning the more expensive the property, the more points. We have not converted to points since the second week in January on Hilton Head wouldn't get us enough points to stay one week at the Grande Vista.

So we're happy to stay put and keep doing what we're doing.

Due to the pandemic, Marriott allowed us to move our stay to November, but with Florida fully opened up and kids back to school en masse, we're leery about a surge in COVID cases in November.

So we may not go and will lose our money this year, but we figure the money we've saved over the years makes up for it.

Be well and stay safe!

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1945
75 years ago this week

CHARGES FILED IN RIOT: Charges of disturbing the peace have been filed in probate court, juvenile division, against five Grosse Pointe High School boys who participated in the riot on Fisher on Sept. 19. A sixth boy, who is 17, will be tried in Farms justice court if a complaining witness can be found by Farms police.

RESTAURANTEUR TO FIGHT PARK: Gus Constant, proprietor of

Cupid's restaurant at Harvard and Mack, whose establishment has been the object of attack by neighbors on the score that he kept his place open all hours of the day and night, and who paid a fine of \$45 last week for three successive violations of the closing hour, doesn't propose to take the village's prohibition lying down. Gus had an all-night eating place license up to two years ago, but let that privilege lapse. Since then he has operated under a license which permits him to remain open until 2 a.m., but has been directly charged by neighbors

that the 2 o'clock limit has been stretched all too often to 4 or 5 o'clock.

HEADACHES FOR CIRCULATION: If you live in the 600 block of Fisher and have missed your Grosse Pointe News in recent weeks, you can probably point to Neffie, the cocker spaniel of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Pennock and say, "This is the culprit." Neffie has a mania for bringing home more newspapers than his masters can use. He delights to see the mailman on Friday. The result: Grosse Pointe Newses cover the Pennock porch by evening. Mrs. Pennock

wishes anyone missing their paper would call her and she will see that the paper is returned.

1970
50 years ago this week

SOUTH PAPER AMONG NATION'S BEST: Grosse Pointe South High School's student newspaper, The Tower, continued to rank among the nation's top publications as results of the annual critical evaluation were released by the National Scholastic Press Association. The Tower earned All-American recognition as judges compared issues published second semester with more than 1,800 newspapers from across the country.

SCHOOL COSTS DETAILED: "Many residents of the school district may be surprised to learn that it costs only \$5.92 per day to educate a youngster in the Grosse Pointe Public School System in 1969-70, an amount which also includes the operation of the public libraries," said Dr. Theos I. Anderson, superintendent of schools. The daily cost is divided among a dozen accounts and shows that \$4.26 of this amount was spent on instruction.

Obituaries: Philip J. Skillman, Donald J. Bender, Caroline J. Paris, Lawrence Clark Leonard, Alice Jean Hays, Roberta N. David, Marie H. Doelle, Thomas E. Crowley Jr.

1995
25 years ago this week

FOOTBALL LIGHTS DEBATE SNUFFED BY POWER FAILURE: Thirty minutes into the public comment portion of the Grosse Pointe school board meeting, after a number of proponents of permanent lights on North High's football field had spoken, and as an opponent was delivering his argument against lights, darkness suddenly enveloped the Wicking Library. The lights flickered a few more times, illuminating the startled faces of the more than 100 audience members jammed into the room, and then the library again was shrouded in darkness.

LIQUOR LICENSE APPROVED: For the first time, there will be more than one place on The Hill where diners can enjoy an adult beverage. The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council unanimously approved a full Class C liquor license for Lucy's Tavern On-The-Hill at 115 Kercheval.

Obituaries: Diamond T. Phillips, Loretta M. Bates, Lucius S. "Luke" Beasley, Dorothy J. Merwin, Jane O'Gorman, Lucile Russell Feldman

2010
10 years ago this week

VOTE CLEARS PATH FOR DEVELOPMENT: The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council amended a zoning ordinance, clearing the way for a senior housing development on the Cook Road property once occupied by the Children's Home of Detroit.

FINCHAM SWORN IN: Alfred "Skip" Fincham was sworn in as the city administrator in Grosse Pointe Woods following a unanimous vote on the appointment by city council. He had been acting city administrator since July when he replaced Mark Wollenweber.

Obituaries: Elaine Edith Blatt, L. Elaine Burke, Dorothy E. Malkovich, Adele Reeves, Richard George Metry

OUR VIEW

State ballot proposals

Michigan voters will find two state proposals on the Nov. 3 ballot, both placed there by vote of the Michigan Legislature and both worthy of a "yes" vote.

◆ **Proposal 20-1:** This changes the rules for the state Natural Resources Trust Fund, created by constitutional amendment in 1984 to acquire and develop land for conservation, and the State Parks Endowment Fund, created for similar reasons in 1994 to benefit state parks.

The changes mean that money in the funds could be used for operations and maintenance; both now have limits or only allow spending on land acquisition and/or capital improvements. The change would also modify the flow of money between the two funds.

The revenues that go into the funds come from sales of oil and gas on state-owned lands; minimum spending thresholds would remain for park improvements in the Endowment Fund and land conservation when using money from the Trust Fund.

Although this deviates from the original idea that oil and gas revenues would not go toward day-to-day expenses, it nonetheless has the support of the Nature Conservancy and groups such as Ducks Unlimited, according to Ballotpedia. Supporters

note that greater flexibility is needed to fund trails and parks throughout the state, and that land conservation will remain a priority.

Lawmakers placed this constitutional amendment on the ballot at the end of 2018.

◆ **Proposal 20-2:** This would add a requirement to the Michigan Constitution for a search warrant to be issued before searching or seizing anyone's electronic data or communications, with requirements similar to those currently in effect for searching a person's property or papers.

Supporters note that more and more information previously put on paper, such as bank statements, now is delivered electronically — and deserves the same constitutional protections as paper gets. Court decisions have increasingly affirmed the need for a search warrant in the case of electronic data, but supporters want that protection made clear through the state constitution.

And it's certainly not too much to ask that calls made with cell phones — and emails and texts, as well — should have the same protections given to landline calls and written letters or notes.

The Legislature put this proposal on the ballot in June, and the American Civil Liberties Union supports it, according to Ballotpedia.

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So don't let the mechanics of absentee voting intimidate you — but do vote early enough to keep the pressure off your clerk's office. Ms. Hathaway noted that almost 20 percent of the Woods' absentee ballots came in after 6 p.m. the day of the primary election — far too late to deal with voter mis-

takes such as a missing signature. Earlier ballots can make a difference for election workers. Importantly, they also can make a difference for you, the voter. Don't dally!

Once you've submitted your ballot, you can see whether it was received by visiting the Michigan Voter Information Center (mvic.sos.state.mi.us). The website has other useful information, such as sample ballots and how to request an absentee ballot online.

Erratum Notice

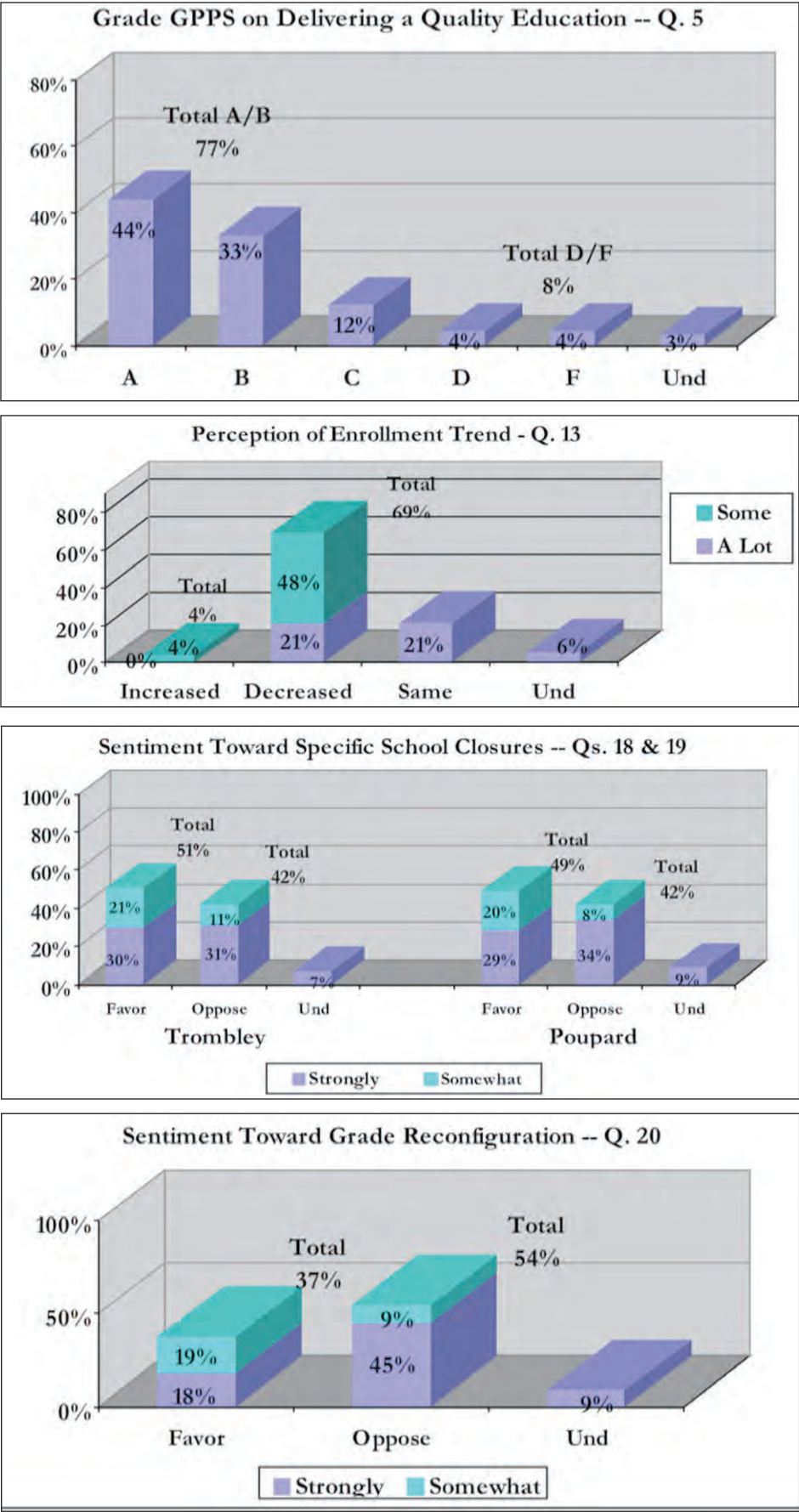
In the collateral piece mailed on September 18, 2020 to homes in the Grosse Pointes, reference was made to \$4 million being found in the 2019-20 audit by auditors in error. **CORRECTION:** The audit referenced was the 2018-19 audit in which \$4.4 million was reported as the net change in fund balance creating a \$2.2 million difference between the school system's June 2019 Final Budget and Plante Moran's 2018-19 audit report.

The 09-24-20 edition of the Grosse Pointe News features a political advertisement on Page 3 of the Election Section. In it, the sentence, "Our auditors found a \$4 million difference between our books and their audit" is incorrect. **CORRECTION:** Our auditors reported a \$4.4 million net change in fund balance creating a \$2.2 million difference between the school system's June 2019 Final Budget and Plante Moran's 2018-19 audit results.

My sincere apologies for these inaccuracies as originally printed.

Respectfully submitted—Ahmed Ismail—September 24, 2020

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trict was represented in the sample according to its contribution to the overall registered voter population. The margin of error was +/- 4.9 percent.

The first substantive question was whether the quality of education over the past few years had improved, gotten worse or remained about the same.

Just under two-thirds reported either about the same (45 percent) or were undecided (19 percent). However, nearly one in five respondents, or 19 percent, reported a belief that education has gotten worse compared to 16 percent reporting it has improved.

According to the executive summary, “the controversy over district decisions to close some facilities and as a result, reconfigure grade level distributions, have served to impact the results.

“It is important to bear in mind, though, that the plurality of respondents report a perception that education quality has remained about the same over time, with nearly 20 percent being undecided on the matter. That nearly two-thirds of respondents did not report a strong sentiment on the question suggests the controversy has not received widespread attention and with it, concern. Indeed, there are results to other questions strongly indicating confidence in the district’s overall performance.”

An overwhelming 77 percent majority of respondents issued either

an “A” or “B” grade for the quality of education GPPSS currently delivers to its students. Similarly, a strong 62 percent majority issued a positive rating for the manner in which GPPSS responded to the COVID-19 outbreak last March, with an even stronger 65 percent majority favoring the district’s decision to begin the 2020-21 school year online.

When asked how they would rate the school district’s management of finances, a strong 58 percent of respondents issued a positive rating of excellent (16 percent) or pretty good compared to 35 percent issuing a negative rating of just fair or poor (16 percent).

“Typically, a district is doing well with the public if it achieves a positive rating for financial management with a plurality of responses, and it is uncommon for districts to receive such a rating from a clear majority of respondents. Thus, a spendthrift administration does not seem to be a basis for residents’ concerns,” the summary concluded.

In response to a question on funding, respondents reported by more than a 3-to-1 margin a belief the district has too little funding. Also related to finances is the “unequivocal approval of the district’s decision not to participate in the schools of choice program,” with 70 percent approving — and 56 strongly approving — the district’s position on this. Only 51 percent favored exploring the notion of using an existing vacant facility to create a test-in, tuition-based specialized academy that would

accept out-of-district students.

Nearly an identical proportion (69 percent) correctly reported a belief that enrollment in GPPSS has decreased over the past few years.

Another important result, according to the executive summary, “is tied to the school closure and grade reconfiguration question.”

Where the data do find disagreement among GPPSS residents is the closure of two elementary schools and grade reconfiguration in reaction to declining enrollment and accompanying declining revenue.

“By a bare majority of 51 percent to 41 percent, respondents reported they favored the closing of Trombly Elementary, and by a plurality of 49 percent to 42 percent, favored the closure of Poupard,” the summary noted.

Subsequent questions asking respondents if they favored or opposed school closures to address declining enrollment or balance the school budget showed even higher relative proportions in favor of school closures.

As to whether they would favor or oppose closing a middle school or high school in lieu of two elementary schools, respondents opposed this by a margin of 50 to 20 percent. In the case of closing one of the high schools, 79 percent of respondents opposed this, 66 percent strongly.

“Clearly then, the administration’s selection of closing two elementary schools in the face of declining enroll-

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Past, present educators respond to divisive ad

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Sonja Franchett, a 33-year Grosse Pointe Public School System educator who retired as Maire Elementary School’s principal at the end of the 2017-18 school year, said she worked with Trustee Cindy Pangborn many years and took the claims in a campaign ad placed in the Sept. 24 edition of the Grosse Pointe News personally.

“The things she was saying were very dishonest and disrespectful,” Franchett said. “Your role as a board member is to promote

the well-being and growth of our district. How is this helping the teachers and our students move forward? ... Here we work so hard on our top-rated school district. Our students work so hard to get honors. Our teachers work so hard. ... She is calling out people personally in the school district. Saying that there are no plans for the pandemic. These (claims) are very dishonest.

“The other thing that is crazy is we are always trying to be welcoming. ‘Many new students move into Maire’ (portrayed as a negative) — that is certainly not a

welcoming statement,” Franchett added.

Franchett addressed Pangborn directly in a letter to the board for her role in “sending a very negative, unwelcoming message about our school district that is not based in fact.”

“I have the ability now to be a little bit more vocal about my concerns because I am retired and I can talk about the school district with a little more openness,” she said. “I am very proud of our school district. I understand we have problems to solve — that’s the nature of any school district — but I think we can do that in a respectful way. I think (Pangborn) is making these statements to win votes, but I think our community is smarter than that and I think they deserve more from the board.”

Franchett added she holds Pangborn to a higher standard than the other two candidates whose names appear on the ad — Lisa Papas and Lauren Nowicki — because as a sitting board member, she represents the district.

“I personally will not be voting for these two candidates, but I do hold Cindy to a higher standard,” she said. “She’s worked on the school board for many years.

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Administrators union endorses school board candidates

The Grosse Pointe Administrators Association announced its endorsements for candidates running for the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education in the general election Tuesday, Nov. 3.

The GPAA is endorsing Joseph Herd for the two-year term and Kathleen Abke, George Bailey and Colleen Worden for the four-year term.

The GPAA's 25-person membership is made up of building administrators and supervisors of special education programs. Candidates were

selected by a majority vote of the GPAA and "may not reflect the individual will of our members," according to a Sept. 25 email from the association. A majority was not reached on a fourth candidate for the four-year term.

According to GPAA President Dan Hartley, "While we typically stay neutral in elections, we did get involved in 2018 to publicly endorse the school bond referendum to update critical needs within our buildings. With all that is going on in our community, as well as the retirement of our super-

intendent, we feel it is too important to stay neutral in this year's Board of Education election. In addition, we cannot stand by as individual members of our group are attacked in news advertisements by groups endorsing specific candidates."

Each candidate received an invitation to seek the endorsement by responding to a questionnaire pertaining to issues of interest to the membership. GPAA members were asked to review the responses and watch the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe candidate forums

before voting for their preferred candidates.

"Regardless of the outcome of the election, the GPAA is committed to working with the Board of Education to support students, staff

and our community," Hartley said.

— Mary Anne Brush

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school board for many years. She knows these employees. She has worked with many of them and it's hurtful. And it's not true."

Franchett said as a retired member of the Michigan Education Association, she has supported the Grosse Pointe Education Association and reached out to the organization about its endorsement of Pangborn as a candidate.

"I look forward to having more communication with them," she said.

Katy Forcillo, a Young 5's teacher at Defer Elementary School who retired at the end of the 2019-20 school year, felt she needed to speak up on behalf of teachers who are still employed with the district.

"It's just a shock that the union is endorsing (Pangborn)," she said. "I wish I could talk to somebody, but I'm not part of that union anymore so I can't."

Forcillo, too, believes she can speak on behalf of former colleagues more freely now that she is retired.

"I think the big thing that teachers are just appalled about is how negative Cindy is," she said. "... People bring things up and all she

does is say no, but she doesn't have a different plan, a better plan. ... She is negative and she's divisive and that's the last thing that the schools need right now."

One veteran elementary and middle school

students deserve better."

The teacher added she was "shocked" and "betrayed" by the GPEA's endorsement of Pangborn.

"I feel that their endorsement does not

"The Grosse Pointe Public Schools needs a board that supports our schools and is a role model in thought, action and civil discourse for our students. We don't need people who thrive on chaos and in tearing us apart. Our students deserve better."

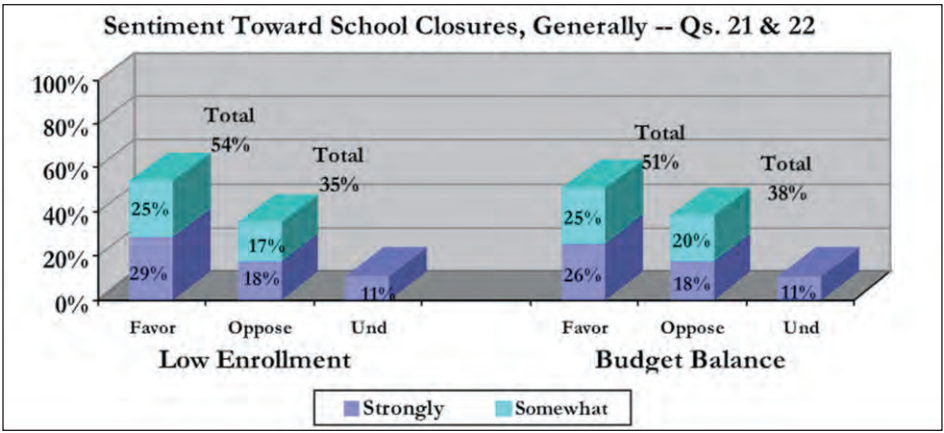
teacher shared an email on the condition the sender's name not be used, fearing reprisals should Pangborn be re-elected.

"I am horrified that a member of our school board has published fliers in this community that are lies and misrepresentations," the teacher wrote. "Her actions serve to undermine the very system that she is representing. Each school has been disparaged, which insults every staff member."

"The Grosse Pointe Public Schools needs a board that supports our schools and is a role model in thought, action and civil discourse for our students," the teacher continued. "We don't need people who thrive on chaos and in tearing us apart. Our

reflect teachers' opinions and may be what ultimately ends the union. If teachers can't trust their representatives, then they will not join. Teachers' working conditions could be reversed by decades."

"The Joint Association Screening and Recommendation Committee is currently seeking the facts as it relates to the ad in question, which the associations find misleading and hurtful in an already deeply divided community," GPEA President Christopher Pratt wrote in a statement. "We seek to understand the relationship of Taxpayers for GP Schools, its association, if any, with Mrs. Pangborn and her campaign, and any involvement of the two. Those facts will determine next steps."



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ment and revenue was the least odious of several undesirable options — at least as far as the overall adult residential population of the district is concerned," the report concluded.

There was clear opposition to the grade reconfiguration to K-4 in the elementary schools and grades 5-8 in the middle schools. Fifty-four percent of respondents opposed the reconfiguration, while just 37 percent favored it. Of that total opposition, 45 points strongly opposed it. Those who favored the decision were "much more tepid in their expression of sentiment."

Respondents also were asked to grade classroom teachers, school principals, the Grosse Pointe Education Association — the local teachers union — the Board of Education, Superintendent Gary Niehaus and Deputy Superintendent Jon Dean.

School principals and classroom teachers received a majority issuing "A" or "B" — 60 percent for principals and 79 percent for teachers. Each of the remaining subjects received a clear plurality of above average grades but, unlike teachers and principals, also had very high proportions of those who were undecided.

If the data is recalculated for the four individuals and entities to remove the 20 percent reporting "undecided,"

all six received a majority of combined "A/B" above average grades. The lowest above average proportion was attributed to the GPPSS Board of Education, which had a combined A/B score of 55 percent under this formula.

"That the GPPSS board received the lowest proportion of A/B grades is likely due to recent activity urging the recall of one or more board members," the report noted.

For example, a subsequent question following the grading exercise asked respondents if they approved or disapproved of the recent efforts to recall members of the board. Forty percent responded they disapproved compared to 37 percent indicating approval, with 22 percent undecided.

The executive summary addressed disproportionate opposition results in the Grosse Pointe Park-based Trombly School area among residents of the 48230 ZIP code, which opposed school closures at 55 percent compared to the overall proportion of 41 percent. That opposition in the case of the Harper Woods-based Poupard Elementary was only four points above the overall average of 42 percent, a difference within the margin of error and thus deemed insignificant.

Residents in the 48230 ZIP code also issued below average grades in significantly disproportionate levels compared to the overall average on

the delivery of a quality education and grading of the superintendent and deputy superintendent. Only classroom teachers and the GPEA fell within the margin of error.

"For the most part, residents are pretty pleased with the Grosse Pointe Public School System and recognizing by a wide margin there has been an enrollment decrease and that the district does a good job of managing its finances," said John Cavanagh, founding principal of EPIC-MRA.

"Nevertheless, when you have a particular attachment to particular facilities, there is much closer disapproval ratings in how (respondents) feel about that," he added.

What surprised Cavanagh was not these disapproval ratings, but "the level of acknowledgment that the school system is delivering a quality education among all residents and overwhelmingly so — 55 percent — among parents with children, and that there are positive ratings issued for financial management and a widespread recognition that there's declining enrollment and the accompanying loss of revenue."

This survey is not to be confused with "research" reported in a Board of Education campaign ad paid for by Taxpayers for GP Schools, a 501(c)4 organization. That phone survey was conducted in all five Grosse Pointes by Target Insyght Research Company, LLC, Sept. 14 to 18.

City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on October 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. virtually through an online Zoom meeting to consider an application from the owner of the property located at 348 Provençal. The applicant requests the following variance;

- Approve a dimensional variance to allow a garage that exceeds 15 ft. in height.

All interested citizens are requested to attend the Hearings. Public comments will be received during the Public Hearing, orally. If you are unable to be present at the Public Hearing, please submit your written comments to the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, by October 9, 2020. For detailed instructions on how to observe or participate in the meeting please contact the City Clerk's office at 313 885-6600 or visit the City website.

For further information regarding the application please contact Matthew Baka, Public Services Director, at (313) 885-4285. Plans are available at City Hall for review.

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE. That any qualified elector who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of their City Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated agency. Registration forms can be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is Monday, October 19, 2020.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at their local clerk's office (see locations below) at the following times: Regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm; Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 8:00am to 4:00pm; and Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020 from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that registered voters will be voting on the following as presented and listed below:

PARTISAN SECTION Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, United States Senator, Representative in Congress, Representative in State Legislature, Member of the State Board of Education, Regent of the University of Michigan, Trustee of Michigan State University, Governor of Wayne State University, Prosecutor, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, County Commissioner.

NON-PARTISAN SECTION Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, Judge of 1st District Court of Appeals (Incumbent Position), Judge of 1st Circuit Court of Appeals (Incumbent Position), Judge of 3rd Circuit Court (Incumbent Position), Judge of 3rd Circuit Court (Non-Incumbent Position), Judge of 3rd Circuit Court Incumbent Position (Partial Term Ending 1/1/2023), Judge of Probate Court, Local School District: Grosse Pointe Public Schools District Board Member, Grosse Pointe Public Schools District Board Member (Partial Term Ending 12/31/2020) Harper Woods Public Schools District Board Member.

PROPOSAL SECTION **State:** Proposal 20-1, Proposal 20-2; **City:** Grosse Pointe Farms-Millage Proposal. **Intermediate School District:** Regional Enhancement Millage Renewal Proposal.

Full text of the ballot, including the proposals, may be obtained at www.mi.gov/vote.

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Accepting the call

Group hopes to inspire acts of kindness throughout the 313

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Since the onset of COVID-19, nationwide volunteerism — which had tallied eight billion hours of service per year, pre-pandemic — has dropped 60 percent. The same can be said for food donations.

This drop in philanthropy, coupled with a spike in need based on Detroit’s tens of thousands of unemployment

claims, led a group of Wayne County residents to band together for change.

The outreach initiative 313 Calling was formed July 1, and already has made an impact. In affiliation with Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 313 Calling has pledged to coordinate 313,000 acts of kindness within the 313 area code during the next 12 months.

“There were a few of us who realized we’re tre-

mendously lucky,” said Steve Tengler, a Grosse Pointe Park resident, member of Memorial Church and 313 Calling project leader. “It’s been heavy on the news: upwards of 50 percent unemployment, now 200,000 dead in the United States alone. You hear about folks who are down on their luck; you hear that volunteerism has gone down in the midst of sheltering in place. My wife and I are full-time employed. ... We’ve been so blessed — not just my family, but lots of other families. Community is about helping others that haven’t been blessed.”

Tengler and other like-minded individuals



Volunteers at the August food drive at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

reached out to various organizations to learn how they could contribute to those who needed extra help. They were told that because of the drop in volunteerism, efforts were greatly lessened or ceased altogether.

“We decided we needed to rally the community,” Tengler said, adding that 313 Calling’s affiliation with Memorial Church allows all donations to be tax-deductible; the church only serves as a pass-through entity as 100 percent of all donations go back into the community.

The initiative also is registered as a Matthew 25 Project — a non-denominational gathering of giving that already has engaged denominations and community members beyond the scope of Memorial Church, including members of the Catholic, Muslim, Jewish and Protestant faiths, as well as those not connected to any faith community.

“This is definitely more

than our church; we couldn’t do it on our own,” Tengler said.

“We are very early into our quest,” he continued, noting that so far 15,600 acts of kindness have been registered. He also acknowledged that to reach a goal of 313,000 acts of kindness, there needs to be community support.

The initiative now seeks the time, talent and treasures of the community at large to rally around the urgent need to help others through easy, accessible, affordable and COVID-19-friendly means.

Anyone can participate in 313 Calling.

“You don’t have to be on a council or show up



PHOTOS COURTESY OF STEVE TENGLER

Elizabeth Tengler of Grosse Pointe Park was among the drive volunteers.



From left, Steve Tengler, Ruth Azar of the Second Mile Center, and SMC interns/students, Mekhi White and Rowmello Crowell.

Cottage among drop-off locations for bike collection

In its third year, Free Bikes 4 Kidz Detroit has narrowed its number of collection sites from more than 20 to just four, due to COVID-19 concerns.

Because the Grosse Pointe collection location amassed in its first two years more bicycle donations than any other metro Detroit location, Henry Ford Medical Center—Cottage was selected as one of this year’s participating locations.

“COVID-19 has changed this year’s donation day, but I’m grateful Cottage is a part of keeping Free Bikes 4 Kidz going,” said Marianne Langlois, director of Cottage. “I am sure the community



A volunteer stands with a line of more than 100 bikes during the 2019 collection.

children.

Bikes will be collected from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Henry Ford Medical Center—Cottage, 131 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, as well as at its medical centers in Dearborn, Sterling Heights and Royal Oak. Additionally, Home Depot stores in Northville, Farmington, Rochester Hills, Woodhaven and Troy also serve as collection locations.

This is the first year Home Depot has joined the Free Bikes 4 Kidz Detroit effort.

Bikes also may be donated at the Free Bikes 4 Kidz warehouse, 411 Piquette, Detroit, after collection day.

This year, as in past years, donors will pull



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Marianne Langlois, director of Henry Ford Medical Center—Cottage, helps load bikes during donation day 2019. The Grosse Pointes and neighbors from east Detroit donated more bikes than any other medical center last year and in 2018.

up to the curb and volunteers will unload their bikes and provide a tax donation form.

“It’s such a special day for all involved,” Langlois said. “There’s a great feeling in the air. The donors are happy to see their bikes going to kids who will be happy to have them. Parents like the opportunity to model generosity.

Homeowners welcome a place to get rid of dusty old bikes.

“There are just so many smiles and so much goodness with everyone coming and going for one common cause — something we can really use right about now.”

Donations to Free Bikes 4 Kidz give young people without bikes the

opportunity to experience the fun, freedom and physical activity a bike can bring. Through the generosity of metro Detroit businesses and residents, organizers hope to exceed more than 1,000 donations this year.

“We are hopeful Henry Ford team mem-

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- ◆ 1 to 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ 1 to 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

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The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following virtual programs:

grams:

- ◆ 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5, Mother Daughter Book Club, for girls in fourth and fifth grades and their adult female mentors.
- ◆ Storytime with Miss Melissa, all day Tuesday, Oct. 6.
- ◆ Read, Rhyme & Play, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, for children younger than 5.
- ◆ Storytime with Miss Rachel, all day Wednesday, Oct. 7.
- ◆ Storytime with Miss Jane, all day Thursday, Oct. 8.
- ◆ Family Yoga, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 10, with teacher Kathleen Wolney.
- ◆ Ladies Virtual Dance Dance Party Party, 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12.

Register on grossepointelibrary.org or call

(313) 640-4775.

The Helm

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

- ◆ Bingo, 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Oct. 6. Cost is \$2 for members, \$7 for nonmembers.
- ◆ Osteoporosis 101, via Zoom, 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7.
- ◆ Medicare Counseling, free to members and nonmembers. Call Molly French at (313) 649-2110 for an appointment.

Gilda's Club Lake House

Gilda's Club's Lake House location, 23500 Pare, St. Clair Shores, hosts the following virtual programs:

- ◆ 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, Women's Cancer Gathering.
- ◆ 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct.

8, Pancreatic Cancer Support Group.

- ◆ 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12, Family Bereavement Group.
- ◆ 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, Breast Cancer Support Group.

Register at gildasclubdetroit.org/events/calendar.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets via Zoom at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month. Call (313) 720-8444 for the link and password.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Metro Peer-Led Recovery Support Group, for people living with mental health issues, meets virtually at 7 p.m. every Monday. Call Lisa at (805) 450-1994 or email lisa.jonesmentalhealth@gmail.com.

League announces Oct. 6 program about mail-in ballots

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe invites members and the public to join the live virtual program, "Making Your Mail-in Ballot Count," at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6.

A panel format will be used, with guests Assistant Secretary of State for Michigan Heastor Wheeler, Grosse Pointe Farms City Clerk Derrick Kozicki and Jill Soubel-Walsh from the ACLU. Judy Florian, LWVGP president, will introduce the program and Mary Ellen Brayton, voter services director, will direct the questions.

Items for discussion include background information on mail-in ballots in Michigan, the process for obtaining a Michigan absentee ballot,

Michigan measures to prevent dual voting by mail and at the polls, analysis of absentee ballot voter errors and how to prevent them, the signature verification process for absentee ballots, recommendations for timely return of ballots, the process for processing and counting absentee ballots and other topics.

Advanced registration for the live Zoom program is limited to 100. The direct link to register is <http://lwvgrossepointe.org/events/october-6-panel-making-your-mail-in-ballot-count/>.

A recording of the program will be available for viewing after Oct. 7, on the LWVGP website — lwvgrossepointe.org — and its Facebook page.

CALL:

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to meetings," Tengler said. "Just let us know, 'I'm willing to do my part. Here's what I want to organize,' and we'll put it on our website and promote it."

Some group activities are arranged by 313 Calling organizers, including an August drive-thru food drive that collected 5,000 food items that benefited the Second Mile Center and Manistique Community Treehouse Center.

"Both are in Detroit and serving Detroit," Tengler said. "But these efforts can serve Grosse Pointe or Detroit or anywhere in the 313."

Another coordinated effort is the delivery of homemade peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to Operation Love Our Homeless, or OLOH.

"Two to three times a week, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are



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Doug Tengler, left, and Michael Tengler make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for Operation Love Our Homeless.

dropped off at my house," Tengler said. "We get those sandwiches to OLOH. Any given week, we're collecting upward of 700 sandwiches."

Tengler stressed that members of the community are welcome to come up with their own projects to inspire acts of kindness, which the group defines as "activities offering direct ser-

vice and support while fostering new relationships, such as meal delivery, tutoring and food drives."

"We're trying not to constrain it," he said. "If we constrain it, that may stop people from doing what they're inspired to do."

"We'll continue to do group events and post them on the website," he

added. "Food drives are easy for people who are worried about transmission of (COVID-19) and easy for us to do. But we would love it if people were up for organizing something."

"Some people may feel like, 'I don't know if I can do it.' They might think, 'What if we fail?' ... The only way to fail is to do nothing. If we make it to 60,000 acts of kindness, that's 60,000 that may not have happened."

Tengler said rather than worrying about how an act qualifies for the count, people should focus on helping others — the reason 313 Calling was formed.

"The name is not unintentional," Tengler said. "We all feel like we have a calling."

That calling is to love thy neighbor, he added, a tenet across many faiths and denominations.

"Our neighbors are struggling," he said. "I don't know if we've seen the worst of it yet."

"The rolling effects of the pandemic economically are going to continue," he added. "Unemployment and new car sales are correlated. New car sales are going to go down for Detroit as the economic times go down. ... With kids going back to school, some people may feel we're past

this, but we're nowhere near being past this. We're going to be affected for quite a while."

The initiative hopes to reach its goal of 313,000 acts of kindness in one year, but what will happen after those 12 months is yet to be decided.

"It depends on how inspired the community is," Tengler said.

Those wishing to contribute may donate or register an act of kindness online at gpmchurch.org/web/our-313-calling. For more information or to promote a group event, email Tengler at sc Tengler@gmail.com.

Following its successful August food drive, 313 Calling is hosting another drive-thru food drive from 9 to 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. In addition to the list of requested goods (see sidebar), donations also are welcome and will be used to purchase food for the recipient organizations.

During the event, electronic devices that are less than six years old also will be collected, then refurbished, upgraded and given to students who need to connect. Old laptops, Android tablets, phones and chargers are

requested. Data should be removed from all devices.

For information regarding electronic donations, email Judy Masserang at judy masserang@gmail.com.

Shopping list

- The Second Mile Center and the Manistique Community Treehouse Center would love anything on this list; however, they serve members of the community who are food insecure and asked that if people have to choose what to buy, food items should be purchased first.
- ◆ Dinner staples:
 - Spaghetti sauce/noodles
 - Mac and cheese
 - Rice
 - Chicken broth
 - Beef stew
 - Tuna
 - Rice
 - ◆ Snacks:
 - Cereal
 - Cookies (shelf-stable)
 - Granola bars
 - Fruit snacks
 - Individual bags of pretzels, Goldfish, etc.
 - Juice (shelf-stable)
 - Jelly/jam (grape, strawberry)
 - ◆ Produce:
 - Apples
 - ◆ Bathroom:
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Toilet paper
 - Toothbrushes
 - Toothpaste
 - Liquid soap
 - ◆ Household:
 - Garbage bags
 - Paper towels
 - Dish soap (Dawn, etc.)
 - Pine-Sol
 - Bleach
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The Encore Years: Dave Stander

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Dave Stander is definitely a people person. He loves to talk and has no problems striking up a conversation. It's a part of his past career he absolutely loved.

"I was in marketing research, new product planning," he said. "I had my own business for almost 40 years."

Traveling the country and facilitating focus groups was something Stander thrived on.

"I was able to do all kinds of research, sit down with small groups ... and find out what their feelings were, what they liked, what they disliked," he said. "Anything where I get to talk to people I enjoy doing."

Stander loved his job so much he vowed he'd never retire, "then I found out body parts wear out," he said.

He did retire five years ago, also in part to care for his wife, Mary.

"My wife had Alzheimer's," he said. "I became her full-time caregiver for a couple years. But then I couldn't handle it. I needed help."

A few months after being admitted to a nursing home, she passed away.

"She was an unbelievable person — the most unselfish person I ever met," Stander said. "I tried to be as unselfish as she was. I couldn't



Dave Stander, second from left, plays euchre with friends at The Helm.

reach that bar, but I'm trying."

Mary, a talented pianist, also was Stander's business partner for 30 years. The couple had been married 55 years when she died three years ago.

"She always used to tell me, 'if you get down in the dumps, reach out and help somebody else,'" Stander said.

After her death, those words of wisdom led him to The Helm.

"I like talking to people," he said. "I decided I'd like to play euchre, so I went to The Helm and asked if they offered euchre. They said no."

But they did offer Stander a chance to set up euchre sessions, which he currently facilitates twice a week — Mondays and Thursdays from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

"I call it my euchre therapy," he said. "We welcome beginners; I

will personally teach them."

While he is happy to dish out private lessons, he mainly goes to play. Pre-pandemic, he played euchre at The Lake House once a week as well.

The Grosse Pointe Woods resident said staying active and being socially connected were logical steps to take after Mary passed away and retirement really set in.

"What's the alternative? Sleeping all the time?" he asked, noting he also takes his dog for daily walks.

As for social interaction, he laughed, "I go to Kroger three times a week; I run into more people I know at Kroger. "That's where euchre plays a key part, too," he added.

Pre-pandemic, the twice-weekly sessions drew anywhere from 12

to 20 players. These days, eight to 10 mask-

wearing participants is the norm.

When he's not playing euchre, Stander enjoys reading and spending time with his family, which includes three sons and eight grandchildren.

"My adult sons are all doing well," he said. "I feel so blessed; everybody is so successful."

He also enjoys music, though his saxophone-playing days are over. That trait, he said, runs in the family.

"My dad lived to 97," he said. "He had a band in Grosse Pointe called the Gentlemen of Swing. My dad performed a



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Dave Stander

solo a month before he passed away. ... He was an inspiration for me."

Inspired is a fitting word for Stander, whose positive disposition makes it easy for the 74-year-old to make new friends.

"It's because of my wife," he said. "She wouldn't allow me to be negative."

Shop, munch and stroll at Ford House's Cider Days, Tent Sale

Ford House, the historic estate of Edsel and Eleanor Ford, offers the option to add a package of cider and doughnuts from Blake's Farms to the purchase of a Ford House day pass to walk the grounds, Saturday, Oct. 3, or Sunday, Oct. 4.

When guests pick up their fall treats at the estate, they can shop the limited-time Museum Shop Tent Sale, featuring decorative items, books, jewelry and more. Visitors also may take in the fall colors as they stroll the grounds and gardens. Picnics are allowed.

Ford House grounds are open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. with

last entry at 4 p.m. Public passes are \$5 and free for children 5 and younger. Guests may add on a package of cider and doughnuts for \$10 more.

Passes and treats must be reserved in advance at fordhouse.org or by call-

ing (313) 884-4222.

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OBITUARIES

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Judith Wayman

Judith Wayman of Novi passed away Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020, surrounded by family. She was 81. Judy was born June 11, 1939, in Grosse Pointe Farms, to Roy and Anetta May Moxley, and raised by Virginia Moxley.

Judy is survived by her cherished children, Steve Wayman (Dawn Warner), Val Morgan (Paul), Lynn Zinzi (Lou) and Marty Wayman (Erin); grandchildren, Jimmy Gurney, Michael Gurney, Hannah Gurney, Nate Zinzi, Jackie Wayman (Emory), Leah Wayman, Nicole Zajkowski (Travis), Mark Morgan, Anne Wayman, Marty Wayman Jr. and Drew Wayman; siblings, Roy Moxley, Tom Moxley (Tee), Kathy Letscher (Dave), Jim Moxley, Jane Eikhoff (the late Ted) and John Moxley (Connie); and brother-in-law, Mike Fitch. Judith was predeceased by her sisters, Lou Ann Scully (Ed) and Mary Fitch.

Contributions in Judy's memory may be made to the Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance, ocra.hope.org; or the Lupus Research Alliance, lupusresearch.org.

Arrangements are entrusted to Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington, heeney-sundquist.com.

Kathryn Montgomery

Former Grosse Pointe resident Kathryn Montgomery passed away Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020, at Ogeechee Hospice in Statesboro, Ga. She was born Oct. 3, 1930, in Chicago, to Robert F. and Geneva Edingr McCullough II.

Kathryn earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from the Duke University School of Nursing. She and Ralph Arnold Vogel married soon thereafter and had three children, Peter, Kathy and Christy.

Kathryn continued her long nursing career at Grady Hospital in Atlanta and Bon Secours Hospital. She was an oncology nurse at a Grosse Pointe medical practice until she retired.

Kathryn and her second husband, John Montgomery, met in Grosse Pointe; John had

three sons, James, John and Jeff. Together Kathryn and John traveled, socialized with their many friends in the Detroit area and enjoyed time with their families.

After John's death, Kathryn moved to Big Canoe, Ga., where she continued to enjoy her passion for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, rug hooking and swimming.

Kathryn is survived by her sister, Sally Green; children, Peter Vogel, Kathy McShane and Christy Castillo; grandchildren, Erin Henry, Julie Carter, Ryan McShane, Lauren Montgomery and Shannon Montgomery; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are entrusted to Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home & Crematory of Statesboro.

Share a memory at joineranderson.com.

Nicholas Edward Manikas

Grosse Pointe Park resident Nicholas Edward Manikas passed away suddenly Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020, at home.

Nick was born Aug. 22, 1956, to John and Carol Manikas.

He is survived by his mother, Carol; wife, Kimberley; brother, Constantine (Dean); sister-in-law, Susan; and sons, Nathan, Chase, Hunter and Pierson. The family said Nick always will be remembered as a beloved husband and hero to his four children; they will carry with them forever their immense love for Nick.

Nick stood as a pillar of justice throughout his life. A lawyer more than 30 years, he served the community with a passion and dedication to righteousness.

Nick was an avid boater, motorcyclist and cigar aficionado; his life was full of adventure and passion. From the picturesque lakes of northern Michigan to the brilliant blue waters of Puerto Rico and beyond, his travels took him far and wide, with his family always in tow.

He greatly enjoyed his favorite cinema — "Jaws," "A Clockwork

Orange" and "Joker" — and instilled in his boys a great appreciation for visual storytelling. His love of movies was perhaps dwarfed only by his passion for college football, especially that of his alma mater, the Michigan State Spartans. His family noted they were convinced that many games were won only through Nick's unrelenting cheering.

He will be known for his striking wit, compassionate heart and ever-present sense of humor. In his children he imparted his collected wisdom and the tenets with which he lived his life, including appreciation of the natural world, empathy for his fellow man and unending strength for his family. His family said they always will remember Nick where he was happiest, standing knee deep in the cool water of Lake Hamlin with sunshine on his shoulders and a smile on his face. The world has lost its best, they said.

A memorial service takes place from 2 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Nick's name may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, michiganhumane.org; or Parkinson Research Foundation, parkinsonhope.org.

The Hon. Joseph N. Impastato

Longtime Grosse Pointe Shores resident Judge Joseph N. Impastato passed away peacefully Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020. Born Nov. 1, 1930, he was 89.

Joseph is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Marian Alena; daughter-in-law, Kristin Marie; and grandsons, Joseph III and Jonathon Charles. He also is survived by his sisters and brothers-in-law, Dianna Santavicca (the late Joseph), Ronald and Judy Santavicca, Anna and Richard Warren and Gloria and Jason Hinz; many nieces and nephews from the Impastato and Santavicca families; aunt, Rose DiGaetano; and cherished cousins, Virginia Bauman (the late Daniel), Rosary and



Judith Wayman



Kathryn Montgomery



Nicholas E. Manikas



Joseph N. Impastato



Lillian Mary Blondell



Judith Ann Anderman

Larry Saynay and Rosary Iulianelli (the late Pete) and their families. He was predeceased by his loving son, Joseph N. Impastato II; parents, Kathryn and Vincenzo "Mr. Jim" Impastato; and brother, Savio Farrell Impastato.

A private service was held Monday, Sept. 28, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Arrangements are entrusted to A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Lillian Mary Blondell

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Lillian "Lil" Mary Blondell passed away Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020, at her Grosse Pointe home, built for her by her husband, Richard. She was born Jan. 28, 1922, on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia.

Lil was selflessness and kindness personified, her family said. She was beloved and revered as a "second mom" to many nieces and nephews across the U.S. and Canada.

Lillian is survived by her children, Linda (Jim), Neil (Jane) and Leon (Patty); eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and siblings, Rose, Cecilia, Gwen and John. She was predeceased by her husband, Richard; daughter, Sharon; and several siblings.

A funeral Mass for Lillian was celebrated Sept. 30, by Father Robert Blondell at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe

Farms.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph, 1740 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207; or the capuchins.org.

Judith Ann Anderman

Judith "Judy" Ann Anderman (nee Hensley) passed away Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020, surrounded by family, in the home she and her beloved late husband, William "Bill" Anderman III, built together decades ago.

Judy was born July 25, 1939, in Huntington, W.Va., to Homer Heath Hensley and Mary Daphne Hayner. At age 7, she relocated to Michigan, where her father started his company, Hanco, which she later co-owned with her husband, Bill.

Judy graduated from Redford High School in 1957. She pursued a Bachelor of Arts degree in English language and literature at Eastern Michigan University, where she met the love of her life, Bill. The couple married soon after graduation, in 1963, and started their family in 1964.

Judy's quick wit and self-proclaimed "feisty" personality helped her succeed at everything she put her mind to. She was a successful Realtor at Coldwell Banker Schweitzer, in Grosse Pointe, more than 20 years. Her kind nature and sarcastic sense of humor brought smiles to everyone and led to many enduring friendships.

An avid reader, Judy read any book sent her way. She also enjoyed

golfing with friends and family. She loved watching "Jeopardy" and took pride in putting the contestants to shame with her trivia expertise. A lover of all furry creatures, Judy had many lucky pets over the years and was an active supporter of animal rescue organizations.

Judy, affectionately known as "Granny" to her 15 grandchildren, loved filling her days with family time. From board games to trivia, soccer, ice hockey and Irish dance, Judy was determined never to miss a family gathering, sporting event or recital, even as her grandchildren's activities took her across the state and the border.

She also loved lively debates and supportive conversations with new friends on a variety of topics in online communities. Her love of Carrie Underwood and all things political, particularly former President George W. Bush, led her to become a key member of several communities over the years. She made lifelong friends from all corners of the nation, many of whom she considered family, united by their shared interests.

Judy is survived by her children, Julie, Scott (Michele) and Jeff (Demi); and grandchildren, Jessica (Luiz), Meghan (Dione), Andrew, Gabrielle (Chase), Jacob, Hayley, William, Noah, Madison, Eleanna, Andreana and Katherine.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Judy's honor may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, michiganhumane.org; or an animal rescue organization of the donor's choice.

‘Legends of Le Detroit’ garden walk is Oct. 10 at Detroit Abloom

Those looking for a chance to get outside, enjoy the fall weather and learn a little about Detroit history are invited to a garden walk event hosted at Detroit Abloom, 248 Manistique, Detroit.

The "Legends of Le Detroit" garden walk takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, in the garden at Detroit Abloom, where guests will learn about five local Detroit legends. The self-guided tour features story boards illustrating tales such as the Nun of St. Clair, Le Lutin: The Legend of the Goblin Horseman and La Loup Garou.

The event, which is free of charge and open to the public, offers health benefits in addition to its historical aspect, according to organizer Suzy Berschback, a community health manager at Beaumont Health System.

"Being in nature, or even viewing scenes of nature, reduces anger, fear and stress and increases pleasant feelings," Berschback said. "Exposure to nature not only makes you feel better emotionally, it contributes to your physical well-being, reducing blood pressure, heart rate, muscle tension and



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Several Detroit legends will be explored during the event.

the production of stress hormones."

However, Berschback said she's equally excited to present these local leg-

ends, which date back to the arrival of French in this area in the 1600s.

"These stories are a wonderful way to con-

nect to our rich cultural heritage and provide a glimpse into what life was like in our local community hundreds of years

ago," she said.

Attendees are asked to observe social distancing guidelines and wear masks as needed. Hand-washing stations will be available.

For more information about the event, visit bit.ly/2S20YNv or bit.ly/3cr26UB.

Learn more about the local legends at gphistor.ical.org/legends.html or bit.ly/3jdO4bz

Contributions to the nonprofit Detroit Abloom may be made at detroitabloom.com, sent to Detroit Abloom, 313 Newport, Detroit, Michigan 48215 or online at bit.ly/3j3L7Ky.

‘Get Your Pink On’ event is Oct. 1

The Village presents “Get Your Pink On,” an event to highlight women’s health, from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1. Sponsored by Ascension St. John Hospital, the event underscores the importance for women, even during the pandemic, to stay current with health check-ups and screenings. This year’s event takes place both in person in The Village and online, with resources that can be accessed by a broader audience. Village guests can meet with women’s health experts from Ascension St. John for brief health presentations, get a mammogram and have the opportunity to win prizes by identifying pink pumpkins hidden throughout The Village. Women are encouraged to “put on their pink” and bring sisters, daughters, girlfriends and moms for a night of shopping and to learn about women’s health issues. Store hours vary and many have special offers for

those who stop by. Masks are required in all stores and restaurants and social distancing will be observed. Ascension health professional presentations about breast health are 10 minutes long and take place between 5:30 and 7:45 p.m. at the Wilson Senior Resource Center, 648 St. Clair, and the Wilson Center, 17141 Kercheval. A detailed schedule of presentations including times and locations may be found online at thevillagegrossepointe.org/. Spaces for the presentations are limited due to social distancing requirements. Those interested in a space are encouraged to submit their names at villageevents@grossepointecity.org or on The Village website at thevillagegrossepointe.org under “Contact Us.” Video recordings of the sessions will be available Oct. 2, online at thevillagegrossepointe.org.

Returning this year is the opportunity for women older than age 40 to get a mammogram at either the Ascension St. John Hospital Health Center-Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Campus in The Village or at the Anthony L. Soave Mobile Mammography Screening Center, which will be parked from 3 to 7 p.m. on Kercheval in front of Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Campus. Appointments are not necessary. Test results are sent directly to participants’ physicians. Women are seen on a first-come basis as time permits. Women without insurance can receive financial assistance for the mammogram screening through Ascension St. John’s “Because We Care” fund. Event updates will be posted at facebook.com/thevillagegrossepointe. The event is produced by Main Street Grosse Pointe with support from Ascension St. John Hospital.



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Barbara Cavanaugh and Georgia Valente present Tammy Lahlum with a plaque recognizing her for her caring nature, 21 years at Cavanaugh’s Contract Station and not missing a day of work since the onset of COVID-19.

Special recognition

Monday, Sept. 21, was Tammy’s Appreciation Day at Cavanaugh’s Contract Station, also known as The Village post office. When manager Tammy Lahlum arrived at work that day, she was greeted with balloons, a banner, flowers and a plaque thanking her for her years of dedication to customers in The Village. It was a special thank-you for her service from Cavanaugh’s owner, Barbara Cavanaugh. “I was totally caught off guard,” Lahlum said. “I felt very appreciated.” The station, considered an essential service, has remained operational since the onset of COVID-19. Lahlum has not missed a day’s work throughout the pandemic.



“I took one for the team and was here every day,” she said. It’s a role she’s happy to continue as she enjoys the services she provides at Cavanaugh’s. “I like the customers and I like the people around here,” she said. “I’ve been here forever, so I feel like I have lots of friends.” — Jody McVeigh

Mini auction supports high school sailing

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

In past years, the Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation, or GPYNE, has presented the Great Lakes Boating Festival at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, drawing thousands of boating enthusiasts to the Pointes. The foundation’s main fundraiser, the event helped the GPYNE support local youth sailing programs and provide scholarships to young sailors. While normally the festival and its related programming would garner around \$160,000 for the GPYNE, this year COVID-19 stripped the foundation of its chance to host such an event. However, in an attempt to roll with the times, the foundation is set to host its first online mini auction at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1. “We need to understand the world is changing,” said Jim Morrow, president of the GPYNE. “If we don’t change with it, we’ll be left behind.” Supporters may register at

one.bidpal.net/gpynefauction2020. All registrants are then entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Once registered, participants will receive an email with directions on how to bid and view the live auction. “It’s all free,” Morrow said. “The cost is zero unless you want to donate or buy an auction item.” After a few short introductory pitches, the fun begins as auctioneer Lori Stefek takes the reins, auctioning off five unique items: ♦ An executive team-building sailing experience for 10; ♦ a private dinner for eight prepared in the winner’s home by Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Chef Colby Newman; ♦ a Gasparilla Inn & Club golf and spa package; ♦ dinner for six in the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club’s Orin Swift wine cellar; and ♦ a Detroit River cocktail cruise aboard a Maritimo yacht. “Thirty minutes later, the

whole program is finished,” Morrow said. “This is hi-tech; I’m excited to try it.” Proceeds from the auction will greatly assist the GPYNE in its efforts. With existing funds, the GPYNE this year supported Challenge the Wind, a Detroit-based program that teaches sailing to young people who otherwise would not get exposure to the sport, and gave out 13 scholarships to young sailors. Now, high school sailing is underway and the foundation will host the Michigan high school championships at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in mid-October. “With the high school programs kicking off now, we will need added funding for the fall and winter programs,” Morrow said. The virtual event is sponsored by Colony Marine, Fifth Third Bank, Sterling Insurance Group, Renewal by Andersen, DTE Energy Foundation and the Grosse Pointe News. For more information, email Morrow at jjmorrow4@comcast.net.

Moross Greenway Community Clean-Up is Oct. 10

Moross Greenway’s annual Fall Community Clean-Up takes place 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 10. At this seventh annual event, volunteers will collect trash and plant

daffodil bulbs on the seven median islands on Moross Road that make up the greenway. Those who want to dig in the dirt are asked to bring a shovel. Wearing gloves and

sturdy shoes or boots is highly recommended for all volunteers. Safety vests, water and trash bags will be provided. Volunteers will meet in the parking lot of Grace Community Church on Moross by the I-94 service drive. The event will be held rain or shine. Volunteers are asked to register at morossgreenwayproject@gmail.com.

CHURCH EVENTS

First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, is moving its drive-in worship services indoors beginning Oct. 18. The 9:30 a.m. service will take place in the gymnasium, where parishioners may spread out. Masks still are required. The church

will continue its 11 a.m. service in the sanctuary; both services will be posted on YouTube. The church plans to resume its in-person Bible study beginning Oct. 22, in the gymnasium. Social distancing and masks are required, and the group will meet for a shorter amount of time.

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AND with a Drive-in service in the parking lot

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bers, our many patients, families and communities that have come through in the past will do the same in 2020,” said Paul Szilagyi, Henry Ford’s vice president of primary care and medical centers. “We know that keeping kids active increases their chances of doing well in school and in life and decreases risks of chronic disease that impact their families and the health system. We also know that this year is especially chal-

lenging for many families financially, so providing bikes at the holidays comes as a relief to many parents working hard to provide for their children, especially the special things like gifts.”

The pandemic has changed this year’s collection, organizers said. Besides a bicycle shortage that could affect donations, there are COVID-19 safety guidelines to weave into a well-oiled process that runs the bikes from collection, through repairs, to safety inspection before their final arrival with a new owner. There

also are fewer locations to drop off bikes this year and possibly fewer volunteers due to concerns over COVID.

To avoid the risks of spreading COVID-19, there won’t be an in-person giveaway this year. Instead, Free Bikes 4 Kidz will ship bikes in bulk to organizations that request them.

Despite the challenges faced because of the pandemic, local organizers never considered canceling the event. Instead, they decided to adapt and implement stringent safety protocols to protect those involved, from donors to

recipients.

“We feel optimistic and determined,” co-founder Bob Barnes said. “We have faith the community will come through again. We’re doing our best to serve a community that has been hard hit by the pandemic. All kids deserve a chance to pedal into a healthier childhood with a bike and they need it more than ever in 2020.”

Free Bikes 4 Kidz relies on volunteers, starting with those who travel from collection site to collection site, loading donated bikes into a truck and drop-

ping them off at the Free Bikes 4 Kidz warehouse in Midtown. The Platform Group donates the space and many other organizations also support the effort.

At the warehouse, volunteers move the bikes through an elaborate system that includes repair, refurbishment and a final safety and quality check before they join other bikes soon destined for new owners.

Each bike also comes with a helmet, a must, said Stacy Leatherwood, M.D., Henry Ford pediatrician and physician champion for childhood

wellness for Henry Ford LiveWell.

“It can’t be impressed enough the importance of physical activity for children, especially in an era when childhood obesity and chronic disease are affecting children at higher rates,” she said. “Safety and preventing accidents from becoming serious injuries should also be front of mind. The bigger picture is that happy, healthy children lead to happier families, a happier community for all of us.”

For more information, visit fb4kdetroit.org.

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Football

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen get momentous win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For the first time in a little more than two years, the Grosse Pointe North varsity football team tasted victory after going on the road and beating St. Clair 17-0 in a Macomb Area Conference Gold Division contest.

The Norsemen played its most complete game in a while, dominating both sides of the line of scrimmage.

For head coach Joe Drouin, the bus ride home was full of players and coaches with wide smiles on their faces and

the feeling of fulfillment with a job well done.

“Giving Roseville a win last week didn’t sit well with the team,” Drouin said. “The story of the game was the defense and the offensive Line. Some retooling on the o-line helped set the tone for the week.

“Ben Bessert moved from tight end to offensive tackle to sure up some blocking. After having eight fumbled center-QB exchanges last week, Giacobbi Bush and Joe Plieth had no problems Friday night. The line protected Plieth by not giving up any QB sacks and Kennard

Williams topped 100 yards rushing for the second week.

“It helps our offense that we have to practice against our defense — they are good, and they are only getting better. They are a scary group with Stewart, Bell, and Hunter Abdellaoui up front clogging up the run lanes.

Tim Cleland flies around from the Linebacker position. Ben Bania, Colin Duffy, and Drew Hill are throwback type kids - they make me think of that typical Grosse Pointe North football player from a different era — nice kids

off the field but once they step inside the white lines you’d better look out.”

The Norsemen scored on their first possession and gained momentum from that point.

Plieth connected with Zontini for 43 yards to set up a 1-yard run by Plieth.

The defense stood strong with three fourth down stops and stopped two St. Clair drives inside the 10-yard line.

The Norsemen took a 7-0 lead into the half and got things going in the third with a nice drive highlighted with Plieth connecting with LaCroix for 29 yards to keep the

drive alive and capping things off with a Williams 9-yard TD run.

Hill had a timely interception in the fourth quarter to set up Zontini’s 27-yard field goal.

St Clair was pushing to spoil the shutout when D.J. Caldwell came up with an interception in the end zone to end the game.

Ray Bell was a force on defense making a couple of big plays, while JaVontae Stewart picked up where he left off last week, disrupting the Saints’ run game.

On offense, Plieth was 6 of 20 for 123 yards, and Zontini had three catches

for 68 yards and Ethan LaCroix had three catches for 55 yards.

Williams ran the ball 22 times for 122 yards with one touchdown, while Plieth had five carries for 52 yards with one TD.

Defensively, Hill had eight tackles and an interception, while Cleland had 10 tackles. Stewart added eight tackles, and Caldwell had an interception.

Grosse Pointe North is 1-1 in the MAC Gold and overall, and plays its home opener at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, against division leading Eastpointe.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Roose airs it out in win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Junior Carson Roose looked like vintage National Football League quarterback Dan Fouts when he lit up the scoreboard, leading the host University Liggett School football team to a 54-0 win over Mount Clemens last weekend.

Roose completed 27 of 41 passes for 423 yards and seven touchdowns with zero interceptions.

He threw three touchdown passes in the opening quarter, added two more in the second period, one in the third and his final in the fourth.

It was different from the season opener the week before when he threw four interceptions to go with four scoring strikes.

He spent the game in the shotgun, which gave him time to lock down his reads on the vast number of pass plays head coach Tarif Kumasi calls.

To add to the win was the impressive display put on by the defense, which forced six turnovers.

Senior Malik Pierce, junior William Edwards and junior Justin Nazarko recovered fumbles, while junior Louis Gormely, sophomore Jake Martin and junior Darrius Samples had interceptions.

“We played very well and earned our first win,” Kumasi said. “It was a great effort on both sides of the ball, and we didn’t get any injuries.”

The Knights opened the scoring on the first drive of the game when Roose hit sophomore Jack Jones on an 80-yard pass. The extra point was missed, but it was 6-0.

After Nazarko recovered a fumble, Roose

ended a drive with a 1-yard scoring pass to sophomore Ryan Jones. Roose found Pierce in the end zone to complete the two-point conversion, making it 14-0.

Another 1-yard scoring pass to Pierce and a two-point conversion made it 22-0, and it was going to be an uphill climb for the Bathers.

Gormely intercepted a pass on the Bathers’ ensuing possession, and the Knights went to work.

Starting on their 15-yard line, the Knights used 13 plays to score their fourth TD of the game. This time, Roose connected with sophomore Oliver Service for the score. A missed PAT made it 29-0.

Roose and Service connected a second time for a TD, and the Knights had a two-point conversion to give the home team a commanding 37-0 lead at the half.

With a running clock in the second half, the home team had 26-yard Roose to Ryan Jones TD pass, and a 30-yard Roose to Jack Jones TD pass.

Junior Matt Belcrest ended the scoring by making a field goal.

Jack Jones led all receivers with seven catches for 164 yards with two touchdowns and two two-point conversions.

Pierce had six receptions for 52 yards with one TD and one two-point conversion, and Edwards caught five balls for 57 yards with one two-point conversion.

Service was next with four catches for 83 yards with two scores.

The Knights ran 44 plays with 41 passes, two runs and one that took a knee at the end of the first half.

ULS is 1-1 overall, and travels to Macomb



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

University Liggett School junior Carson Roose threw seven touchdown passes in the Knights’ win over Mount Clemens.

Luthern North for a 7 p.m. division game on Friday, Oct. 2.

“This is going to be a tough game,” Kumasi said. “We have to be ready to go.”

After Lutheran North, the Knights host another division opponent,

Madison Heights Bishop Foley at 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 9.

“We have back-to-back tough division games against Lutheran North and Bishop Foley,” Kumasi said. “We have to play well to win these games.”



University Liggett School sophomore Oliver Service turns this catch into a touchdown.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils beat Ike

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

So far, so good for the Grosse Pointe South football team as it treads water in the tough Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

Last weekend, head coach Tim Brandon and his Blue Devils made it two-for-two with a 17-7 win over host Utica Eisenhower.

They led 3-0 at the half, thanks to a 44-yard Bennett Smihal field goal, but the Eagles scored a touchdown in the third quarter to take a 7-3 lead with one quarter remaining in the defensive battle.

With 6:51 left in the game, Anthony Benard scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 1-yard plunge, and Smihal added the extra point to give the visitors a 10-7 advantage.

Luke Srebernak secured the win by returning an interception for a touchdown. Smihal kicked the PAT and it was 17-7 with only 20 seconds left on the clock.

Each team had trouble moving the ball with the Blue Devils gaining only 104 yards of total offense to only 148 for the Eagles.

The Blue Devils ran 49 plays to the Eagles’ 44. They had the ball for 26:44 to 21:16 for the home team.

Ball control was important.

Benard was 10 of 23 for 93 yards with one interception.

John Williamson led all receivers with 52 yards on three receptions, while Will Johnson also caught three passes for 13 yards. Justin Maccagnone had two receptions for 23 yards.

Defense was the name of the game, and the Blue Devils’ defensive

coordinator, Chad Hepner had his players attacking the ball.

They forced four turnovers and seven punts.

They intercepted three passes and recovered one fumble.

They also recorded one quarterback sack.

Now, the schedule gets interesting. South hosts perennial state power Macomb Dakota at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, and then travel to Chippewa Valley for a 7 p.m. game Friday, Oct. 9.

Their final division game is Friday, Oct. 16, at Sterling Heights Stevenson.

Now that every team makes the state playoffs, the MHSAA grouped squad in respective districts within the eight divisions.

The Blue Devils are in district No. 7 with Detroit Renaissance, Detroit U-D Jesuit, Ferndale, Lincoln Park, Oak Park, Wyandotte Roosevelt and rival Grosse Pointe North.

The first-round district games are set up with No. 1 vs. No. 8; No. 2 vs. No. 7; No. 3 vs. No. 6, and No. 4 vs. No. 5.

These games are the weekend of Oct. 30.

There is a chance that South could face North in back-to-back weeks.

In the regional round of the playoffs, the winner of district No. 7 most likely plays the winner of district No. 8.

The teams in district No. 8 are Fraser, Harrison Township L’Anse Creuse, Port Huron, Port Huron Northern, Roseville, St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, St. Clair Shores Lakeview and Warren DeLaSalle.

The regional championship game is set for the weekend of Nov. 20, with the state semifinals Saturday, Nov. 28, and the state finals are set for Dec. 4-6.

Soccer

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Solid week

The Grosse Pointe North boys soccer team stayed right behind division-leading Warren Cousino last week, tying the Patriots 1-1. A couple of days later, the host Norsemen dominated the game from the opening whistle and beat L'Anse Creuse North 4-0. Tom Sheffield had two goals to lead the home team. James Streberger and Ben Sheffield had the other tallies. Head coach Brad VandeVorde and his Norsemen are 3-1-1 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 3-2-1 overall. Cousino is in first place at 4-0-1 in the division.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Miracle finish wins game

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys soccer team pulled off a miracle last week, beating visiting Utica 2-1 when senior Ryan Caldwell scored with only three seconds left in the game.

With the game looking like a tie, Caldwell was left alone in front of the Chieftains goal after an initial rush up the field forced all of the visiting defenders to move to the player bringing the ball up the sidelines. With the focus on the one player and the clock

ticking down to 0:00, Caldwell was all alone when the ball came his way. He tapped the ball into the back of the goal to win the game. It was 1-0 South for most of the game. Junior Nicholas Litsas scored five minutes into the first half.

It remained a 1-0 game until the Chieftains tied it with only 4:22 left in the second half. Earlier in the week, the Blue Devils beat L'Anse Creuse North 6-1 to improve to 2-2-1 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and overall.

Tennis

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

MAC Red champs

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Check off the first goal, winning the Macomb Area Conference Red Division regular season title. Head coach John Willard and his Grosse Pointe South boys tennis team accomplished that by beating runner-up St. Clair 6-2. "The boys played very well against a very talented team from St. Clair," Willard said. "The highlight of the match were two 3-set matches. At No. 2 singles, Corbin narrowly lost a very well-played match, and at No. 2 doubles our team communicated very well and defeated a very tough doubles team." Winning matches for the Blue Devils were juniors Luke Holowinski and Owen Sanford, who each won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3 and No. 4 singles. Seniors Jacob Harris and Jackson Marchal won 7-6, 6-2 at No. 1 doubles, while Alex Prather and Blake Discher won 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 at No. 2 doubles. The No. 3 doubles team of seniors Will White and Will Sine won 6-1, 6-4, and the No. 4 doubles squad of seniors Matt Kornmeier and Joe Brennan won 6-3, 6-0. South also beat Utica Eisenhower 7-1 to finish the season 4-0 in the MAC Red Division. Sophomores Connor Stafford and Corbin Ifkovits won 6-4, 6-0, and 6-0, 6-1 at No. 1 and No. 2 singles. Holowinski was a 6-1, 6-4 winner at No. 3 singles. The Blue Devils swept the four doubles matches. Harris and Marchal cruised 6-0, 6-1 at No. 1, while Prather and Discher also cruised to a 6-3, 6-0 victory at No. 2. It was White and Sine winning 6-3, 6-1 at No. 3, and Kornmeier and senior Cam Buhler winning 6-0, 6-3 at No. 4.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights stay red hot

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys soccer is making up for lost time with a schedule loaded with busy weeks. Last week the Knights played three games, including a 6-0 home win over Riverview Gabriel Richard.

"Any time we can beat a good team like this, it's something special," head coach David Dwaihy said. Senior Sheikh Manneh got the Knights on the board early in the first half, assisted by freshman Claudio Cavallo and junior Doug Wood. Cavallo scored the next two goals with

Manneh assisting on the first and junior Alex George assisting on the second. Freshman Cass Cooley scored his first varsity goal to conclude the Knights' first-half scoring. Junior Jake Carron and senior Cassius Catallo had the assists. In the second half, senior Stewart Smith

scored on a penalty kick, and Cavallo recorded another hat trick with his third goal, assisted by junior Leo Muller. Earlier in the week, ULS blanked visiting Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 2-0 and beat visiting Allen Park Cabrini 6-1. ULS improved to 6-0 in the Catholic League.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Tough foes

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It was back to the Catholic League slate last week for the University Liggett School boys tennis team. The Knights played 4-4 ties with Novi Catholic Central and U-D Jesuit. Against CC, the Knights split four singles matches, and then duplicated the four doubles matches. In the U-D match, the Knights finished 1-3 in singles and 3-1 in doubles for force the tie. ULS was back on the courts last weekend, hosting Birmingham Seaholm, Ann Arbor Greenhills and Fraser. "We played some tough teams this week," head coach Mark Sobieralski said. "We played OK. These matches will help us in the long run."

The Knights lost 6-2 to Seaholm and 8-0 to Greenhills, but came back to end the quad by beating Fraser 8-0. Cooksey and Anusbikian won their matches against Seaholm. The matches against Greenhills were close, but the Knights didn't play their best tennis. The Knights came back strong against Fraser, winning all eight matches in straight sets. Playing singles matches were William Cooksey, Sebastien Courtright, George Anusbikian and Gerry Sherer. The doubles players were Vince Maribao, Jacob Tomlinson, Tarun Jarial, Tommy Ugval, Bennett French, Campbell Marchal, Rocco Scarfone and Brendan Connors.

Volleyball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils drop two

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South volleyball team would rather put its matches it played last week in the rearview mirror and never revisit

them. Head coach Janeil DiVita and her Blue Devils lost 3-0 to host Fraser and 3-0 to visiting Detroit Country Day, coached by former Grosse Pointe North head coach Kim Lockhart

and former standout player Allison Liddane. The Yellowjackets came out of the gate in the first game, taking an 11-0 lead. That set the tone for the rest of the night. The Blue Devils went

on to lose 25-7, 25-19, 26-24 to fall to 1-2 overall. Junior Jada DiVita led the offense in kills. Coming up is a home match Monday, Oct. 5 against Utica. It's senior night.

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ZONING VARIANCE REQUEST

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Public Act No. 110 of 2006 of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, as amended, and the Grosse Pointe City Code, that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Said hearing will be held virtually or physically. The meeting, if held physically, will be held at the Neighborhood Club at 17150 Waterloo, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230. Information regarding the meeting location, and/or how to attend a virtual meeting, can be found on the City's website or by calling 313-885-5800. The Board of Zoning Appeals will consider the variance requests for the following property owner:

Kerry Ruggeri – 11 Sycamore Lane – Variance from Sec. 90-351(2), rear yard setback and lot coverage

Public comment is welcome. If you are unable to attend the hearing, written comments will be accepted until 12:00 noon on October 19, 2020. Public comments can be mailed to City Hall at 17147 Maumee or sent via email to jarthurs@grossepointecity.org. If further information is needed, please contact the Grosse Pointe Building Dept., 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI. 48230, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Telephone: 313-885-5800.

Julie E. Arthurs,
City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS – 2020 SEWER REHABILITATION BY FULL LENGTH C.I.P.P. LINING, AEW PROJECT NUMBER 0160-0429. Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Work consists of Full Length C.I.P.P. lining of approximately 900' of 8" sewer, 2,550' of 10" sewer, 1,400' of 12" sewer, 800' of 15" sewer, 450' of 18" sewer, and 1,150' of 21" sewer. Plans and specs will be available after 12:00 pm on Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS – LAKE FRONT PARK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - AEW PROJECT NUMBER 0160-0425. Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Work consists of removing the existing timber superstructure and replacing with a new superstructure with all the work needed to perform this project. Plans and specs will be available after 12:00 pm on Thursday, October 1, 2020.

Plans and specifications for both projects must be obtained through BidNet Direct at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn. An electronic, public viewing copy is available on the City of Grosse Pointe Woods website at www.gpwmil.us. Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding, and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk

Field hockey

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights get key victory

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls field hockey team took a giant step in the right direction last week, beating Birmingham Marian 2-1. It's the first time the Knights beat the Mustangs. "This is a huge win for us," head coach Amanda Amine said. "The girls were in a battle against a Division 1 team that is really good." Senior Ella Karolak got the home team on the board with a goal late in

the first quarter. The Mustangs tied the game with a goal with only seconds remaining in the first half. "We can't give up goals that late in quarter," Amine said. "It was a lack of communication. I'm glad the girls shrugged it off and played great after that." Neither team scored in the third quarter. For the Knights, sophomore netminder Alexandra Karolak made several outstanding saves to keep it a 1-1 game. With the home team putting pressure on the



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

University Liggett School senior Ella Karolak is the offensive leader for the Knights.

Mustangs' defense, sophomore Lexie Gormely scored the winning goal on a backhand with only 2:15 left in the fourth quarter. Earlier in the week, ULS beat Farmington Hills Mercy 8-0 in game ended early by the mercy

rule. "We were flying around the field and very focused," Amine said. ULS improved to 3-0 in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 2 East standings and 4-0 overall.

Cross country

NORTH & SOUTH

Dual meet victories

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's cross-country team has been making changes to its schedule, thanks to the pandemic. Original events have been canceled, and coaches just want their competitors to get the chance to run. Last weekend, the Norsemen ran against Macomb Dakota and Utica with the girls winning with a perfect score of 15 and the boys took second with 35 points. For the girls under head coach Scott Cooper, the top seven finishers were senior Annaliese Thomas with a time of 21:27.40, freshman Amelia Streberger with a time of 22:28.00, senior Anna Lisa Lynch at 22:33.90, freshman Penny Roustemis at 23:01.00, junior Becca Moin at 23:29.20, junior Danielle Lubinski at 23:37.90 and sophomore Drew Lovell at 23:45.10. "The girls all looked great and strong in this race," said Cooper. Head coach Diane Montgomery and her boys' team were led by sophomore Alex Agius, who was second with a time of 17:39.90. Junior Max Kluge was sixth with a time of 18:46.40. He was fol-

lowed by sophomore Charlie Bomgaars, eighth at 18:50.80; freshman David Rochon, ninth at 18:51.00; junior Michael Villeneuve, 10th at 18:56.10; junior Ryan Spiteri, 13th at 19:03.00; and senior Noah Lawson, 16th at 19:07.30.

South results

Grosse Pointe South's girls cross-country team ran an exhibition race against Farmington Mercy last week.

The Blue Devils took 13 of the top 20 places and were led by freshman Kloie Roy, who covered the 5k Mercy course in 22:08.

Roy was followed by teammates May Eger (22:42), Anna Czech (23:05), Marrin Harris (23:24) and Grace Wininger (23:25).

Rounding out South's top 10 were Ava Carr, Mairin Heimbuch, Zosia Greer and Dianne Dollison.

Others top finishers for the Blue Devils were Caroline O'Dell, Ella Paradise, Paloma Beacham, Lucy Goodstein, Scarlett Draper, Lucy Van Syckle, Megan DeGrand, Emma Jacobs, Caroline Jeup, Katherine Nelson, Claire Zurowick, Ellie Costello, Natalie Lemmen, Addie Waller, Hailey Satler and Julia Tibbitts.

NORTH & SOUTH

Norsemen, Blue Devils win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls field hockey team finished 2-1-1 last week, tying Farmington United 1-1, losing 2-0 to Detroit Country Day and beating Warren Regina 5-0, as well as Dearborn 3-1. Against Farmington, senior Ashlyn Senter scored the sole goal to tie it up in the very last minute of play.

In the win over Regina, sophomore Katherine Listman scored three goals while senior Ashlyn Senter and sophomore Sophia Borowski had one goal apiece. The Norsemen ended a busy week with a big 3-1 victory over Dearborn. "This is a huge win for us as they tend to be a top team in our division," head coach Emma Yee said. Senter scored early to get the momentum

going. After Dearborn tied it up, Erin Murphy scored off of a penalty stroke to take the lead. Sophomore Lucy Driscoll has been solid in net stopping shots in big moments. The Norsemen stand 1-1-2 in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 2 East standings.

South results

The Grosse Pointe

South girls field hockey team is 4-0-1 in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 2 East standings at 4-0-1. Last week, the Blue Devils beat visiting Dearborn 2-1 and went on the road to beat Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood 1-0. Against Dearborn, seniors Carly Gesell and Kate Skupien scored the goals.

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