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John Fildew

Fildew honored

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A resolution, called “somewhat long overdue” by Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak, was made to honor longtime city attorney John Fildew during the council meeting Monday, Oct. 19.

“Before I read the resolution, I just want to say that I really wish that the newer council members that didn’t get a chance to work with John had had a chance to work with him,” Tomkowiak said. “He was the most gracious and patient person when it came to bringing a newbie council member up to speed on all matters legal and certainly also in terms of decorum and I know I really appreciated his guidance in my early days on council.”

Before becoming the city attorney in the early 1990s, Fildew served in the United States Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps, achieving the rank of captain, and then began a 60-year career in private practice in Detroit, counseling numerous businesses, individuals and communities in southeast Michigan.

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Voters lined up at Mason Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Woods to cast their votes. The process there took between 30 and 45 minutes.

Pointers turn out for presidential election

By Laurel Kraus & Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writers

THE GROSSE POINTES — Grosse Pointe Woods precincts were among Detroit-area locations where lengthy lines had already formed, even as election workers began setting up polls in the morning, Tuesday, Nov. 3. As of noon on Election Day, 1,867 precinct ballots had been cast. By 2:30 p.m., 8,922 absentee ballots had been counted and 94 percent of absentee ballots were returned, officials said.

Of the 1,485 absentee ballots sent out in Grosse Pointe Shores, only 100 were yet to be returned as of noon. By 10:30 a.m., city hall already had seen 235 in-person voters.

“We had people lined up out the door when I came here at 7 a.m. this morning and it’s continually

lined up,” Shores Administrative Assistant Lynn Michaux said. “We thought maybe it was going to lighten up a little bit as the morning went on, but (it hasn’t).”

Grosse Pointe Park reported that 1,670 voters had visited precincts as of 2:30 p.m. The absentee ballot number wasn’t immediately available.

In the City of Grosse Pointe, as of 2 p.m., 3,050 absentee ballots had been returned, while its precincts saw the normal influx of in-person voters between 7 and 10 a.m.

“(COVID-19 precautions) may be part of the reason why there were some lines first thing in the morning, because we are limited to the amount of stations that we can provide,” Grosse Pointe City Clerk Julie Arthurs explained. “Normally we would have double if they were closer together, but

because of social distancing, we have provided a safe environment of all the stations being six feet apart.”

Additional precautions at precincts included personal protective equipment, Plexiglas screening and hand sanitizer. In the Shores, each in-person voter was asked to run their own driver license through the card swipe.

By midday, most Pointe precincts were not anticipating any delays in getting results to Wayne County, with the Farms aiming for 8:30 p.m. and the City for 10 p.m. “Not at this time, but you don’t know how many people are going to be coming in closer to the close of polls,” Arthurs said. “If there are people in line, they will be allowed to vote, which may cause the returns to come in a little

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Parking changes coming

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Following six months of discussion with parking vendors and experts, as well as unanimous votes during the council meeting Monday, Oct. 19, a new mobile parking system, the replacement of the parking gates in the municipal parking structure and trading out the gated system for pay stations in Lots 2 and 3 are all expected to be implemented by the end of the year.

The Passport Mobile Parking system will replace ParkMobile in the City and offers a 25-cent convenience fee for the entire parking session, which is 10 cents cheaper than ParkMobile.

Already used in cities including Grand Rapids, Lansing, Detroit and Chicago, the mobile parking system features iOS, Android and mobile web options; reminder notifications, email receipts and remote session extensions; and a merchant portal where local businesses can provide validation codes for their customers.

A partnership with Google will allow users

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State champs

Members of the University Liggett School girls field hockey team celebrate after beating rival Grosse Pointe South 2-1 in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 2 state championship game Saturday, Oct. 31, at Dexter High School. It’s the Knights’ second state title in three years. For the story, see page 1C.

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15 vie for council seat

GROSSE POINTE PARK — More than a dozen candidates are expected to campaign for the council position vacated by Daniel Grano in September.

Among the 15 applicants who put in bids to complete the term that expires November 2021 are community activists, a metro Detroit public relations specialist, longtime Park residents and relative newcomers to the city.

The council has announced plans to begin interviewing candidates as soon as this month. A special election will be held to confirm

the seventh member if no suitable applicant is selected by the council by spring 2021.

The following applications were received by the deadline of 4 p.m. Oct. 28:

- ◆ Paul Burgoyne
- ◆ Patrick Coletta
- ◆ Michael De Fauw
- ◆ Graig Donnelly
- ◆ Robert Farhat
- ◆ Lawrence Gannan
- ◆ Jeffrey Greer
- ◆ Nicholas Gwozdz
- ◆ Tim Kolar
- ◆ Thomas Lavigne
- ◆ Darci McConnell
- ◆ Pier King Piepenbrok
- ◆ Mary Rouleau
- ◆ Michael White
- ◆ Max Andrew Wiener

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Brenda Brieden

Home: Grosse Pointe Farms
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Parking lot addition moves forward

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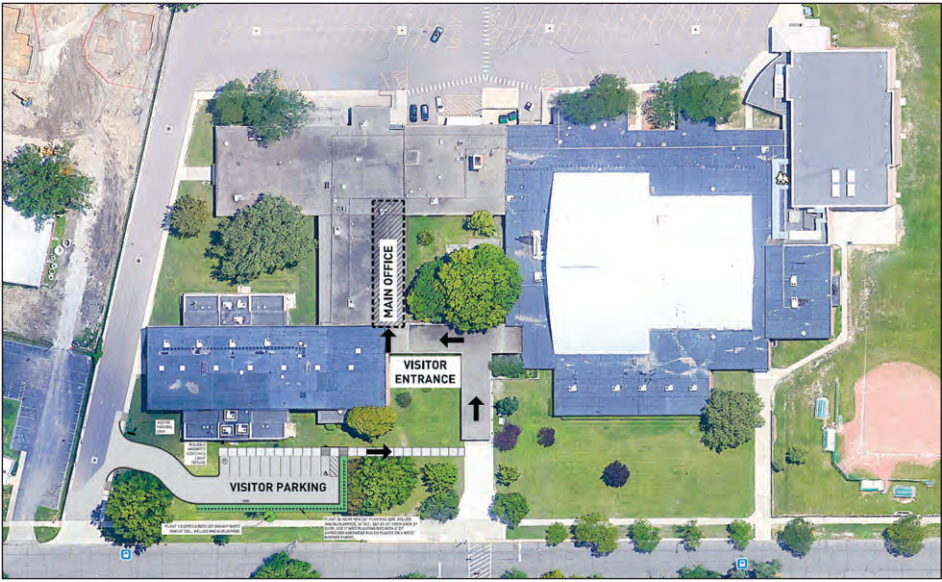
By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Final design plans remain incomplete for a proposed visitor parking lot at Brownell Middle School, but are on their way, following site plan approval from the Farms city council during the second public hearing on the matter at its meeting Monday, Oct. 12.

Using funds from the 2018 Grosse Pointe Public School System bond earmarked for safety in the schools, the parking lot would be placed next to the walkway up to the main office to create a singular entrance into the school during occupied hours.

While the city does not have authority over the school district's proposed changes, as stated by several council members, Principal Rodger Hunwick and the project's architect team returned with alterations to the plan, as requested by council during the first public hearing Sept. 14.

"When I got elected a year ago, I never really thought I would come here to argue in favor of a parking lot, but I'm in support of it," Councilman Neil Sroka said. "... It's worth underscoring the school district is functioning as a good neighbor here.



The most recent design plans show an 11-space visitor parking lot attached to a pathway leading to the main office where visitors would be screened.

They don't have any real obligation to work with us on this other than wanting to be a good public steward and a good neighbor to everyone."

Changes to the approximately \$650,000 project include shifting the number of parking spaces from 16 to 11, with one handicap space; saving three of the four existing trees that were set to be removed; and modifying the screening surrounding the lot from burning bushes — the deciduous plant stands up well to salt and snow piling — to hicksii yew, while moving the plant bed farther from the curb.

The plan also includes five new light fixtures

with lenses to eliminate glare toward neighboring homes and a storm water management system with a restrictor manhole and underground storage system, which incorporates a bottom arch open to the soil beneath it in hopes of some infiltration and less water going to the pump station.

The site plan passed 6-1, with Councilman James Farquhar opposed and in favor of using the back parking lot and conducting internal changes to the structure of the building.

Such a project would cost approximately \$1 million, according to Marc Chamberlin, architect for the project.

Along with its approval, council requested the school district commit to replacing any removed trees near where they were and close off the lot during summer.

"One of our missions here is to work with you as the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council, not to work in opposition to you," Hunwick said. "My respect for the neighbors in this area is paramount and I want this building to look immaculate."

Construction is tentatively planned for summer 2021.

The bond project also will include increased cameras and a possible upgrade to the buzz-in system for doors at Brownell.

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — As the City takes the first exploratory steps toward a potential historic district or districts, administration is requesting those with any historic information on the homes in question or their architecture to send it to the historic preservation team at Kristine@kidorfpreservationconsulting.com.

The following blocks are being considered: Lakeland Avenue from Maumee to Lake St. Clair; University Place, Washington Road and Lincoln Road from Maumee to Jefferson; and the entirety of Rathbone Place and Woodland Place, as well as the lakefront homes and property immediately adjacent to the lakefront homes on Donovan Place, Wellington Place, Stratford Place and Elmsleigh Place.

In addition to information on the homes in

these areas, the city is seeking volunteers to join a historic district study committee. The committee will be responsible for reviewing the report from the historic preservation team.

"That report will include photographs, historic research on each of the properties and an evaluation of whether or not, in the professionals' opinion, there is sufficient historic assets to merit creating a historic district or districts," City Manager Pete Dame explained.

Beginning in January, and intended to be complete by May, the committee will hold four to five meetings to gain public input and have discussions before making a recommendation to the city council, which will ultimately decide.

Those interested should fill out a volunteer application on the

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Furnace work leads to basement fire

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — No one was injured in a basement fire in the 900 block of Lakeshore that broke out at approximately 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, while a contractor was working on the home's furnace. While the investigation is ongoing, it appears the furnace overheated and ignited, forcing the contractor out of the room.

Officers were able to extinguish the fire before it spread and while the furnace room was charred rather significantly,

the water damage was minimal, Director of Public Safety John Schulte reported.

"We didn't flow a lot of water in the basement, but the smoke damage throughout the home is going to be pretty significant," he said. "Smoke is almost as damaging as water sometimes, so there is smoke damage throughout the house, but fortunately the fire was kept to the furnace area and there was no extension into the walls. That's always our concern, that fire will extend between the studs and travel from floor to floor."

Both the Farms and Woods departments also responded to the fire under the mutual-aid agreement to assist with suppression efforts.

"I always stress how grateful we are for mutual aid," Schulte said. "We're the smallest department of the six in our area and we're always so grateful. They come ready to help us. They don't care where they are. They're just all in."

A small kitten in the home at the time was the focus of a room-to-room search after the fire was extinguished. Although

the first attempt at locating him was unsuccessful, he eventually was found, scared but healthy.

"We were concerned about it and the firefighters never gave up on the kitten," Schulte said. "There was a significant amount of smoke on the first floor and it was almost difficult for us to move through it, but one final search (was conducted) before they left the scene and they did find the little guy."

"That's always such a plus," he added. "It's like a happy ending to a bad situation."

Resolution, zoning amendment discussed

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The monthly meeting of city council Monday, Oct. 19, via Zoom, included a presentation of the finalized Mack Avenue Improvement Plan as the involved cities look toward the first stages of implementation, but also focused on a resolution dealing with the use of public space and the first talks of a possible zoning amendment.

Sidewalk, parking area food, beverage sales

When businesses began to reopen in May, city council passed a resolution allowing them to expand into public sidewalk and street space, to maintain social distancing, if it would not unreasonably interfere with public use of the space.

The allowances were issued on a temporary basis for up to one year, until council voted during the Monday meeting for the authority to be granted permanently to the city manager to allow restaurants in the C-1, C-2 and Fisher Road Neighborhood zoning districts use of the spaces for food and beverage sales on an annually permitted basis.

"I think it's a no-brainer," Councilman Don Parthum said,

before the motion passed unanimously.

Various area restaurants, such as City Kitchen, which built a platform in parking spaces on Kercheval Place to expand its outdoor dining area, have taken advantage of the resolution since May.

"I think the experiment has gone very well, particularly for City Kitchen," City Manager Pete Dame said. "Some of the other restaurants have also expanded outside of their normal outdoor dining area to give them more tables."

The extended permits will allow restaurants to operate in the public spaces through the winter, which could bring the use of heated tents or igloos to the Pointes.

Multi-family housing zoning amendment

With the average size of U.S. apartments having shrunk approximately 5 percent in the last decade, the City currently is falling behind the national trend, which could be costing it new development opportunities.

While the City's code allows a minimum of 1,000 square feet in its multi-family housing zones, a report from McKenna cited the national average for apartment size is 941 square feet and the state average is 882.

With this in mind, council will

hold a public hearing during its next meeting Monday, Nov. 16, to discuss a potential amendment to the city zoning code, which would allow for smaller-size multi-family dwelling units.

"I think this could make a big difference in terms of getting development that we have needed in here," Councilman Dan Williams said. "This is an example of a zoning ordinance that I'm very glad we're going to address and hopefully we can move forward, because I think we all agree getting more investment into The Village and into the city, it's going to make a big difference."

The potential change would deal with the C-2, T-1, T-2, T and R-T districts where multi-family housing currently is permitted and could specify the zoning requirements based on studio, one-bedroom, two-bedroom and three-plus units.

"I think this issue is something that dovetails really nicely with the other recommendations we're going to be making on Mack and is going to expand the investment potential of the City, which is especially important right now," said Julie Connachie, principal planner at McKenna. "We're seeing downturns in retail trends in commercial development, but the housing market is as hot as ever."

The Week Ahead

- MONDAY, NOV. 9**
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council Committee of the Whole meeting, 6:45 p.m. via Zoom.
 - ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.
 - ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- TUESDAY, NOV. 10**
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Finance Committee meeting, 10 a.m.
 - ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens Recreation Committee, 7 p.m. via Zoom.
- WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11**
- ◆ City offices closed in observance of Veterans Day.
- THURSDAY, NOV. 12**
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Pension Commission meeting, 7:30 a.m.
 - ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.
- FRIDAY, NOV. 13**
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Ethics Ordinance Drafting Committee meeting, 6 p.m.

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Spreading kindness one flower at a time

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

What started as a small project to grow flowers in her backyard and give them to neighbors as an act of kindness grew significantly when Brenda Brieden, a nurse manager at Ascension St. John Hospital, began growing dahlias, cosmos and zinnias on the hospital rooftop for patients this summer.

The Farms resident is one of 14 Michigan ambassadors for the Growing Kindness Project, which was created by flower farmer Deanna Kitchen in Washington, when she

began giving out extra flowers in her neighborhood and saw the effect it had.

“The most incredible conversations have started just over a little bouquet of flowers,” Brieden said, of her experiences giving flowers to neighbors she’d never had the chance to speak with before.

Adopting the project’s mantra of starting where you are, using what you have and doing what you can, Brieden and her team were able to give away 167 bouquets to patients at the hospital.

“It’s taught me that this kindness, it’s really just more powerful than you



PHOTOS COURTESY OF BRENDA BRIEDEN

The 12 plots, approximately 6 by 8 feet, on the rooftop garden facing Moross.

think and people can choose to be politicized (and) divisive, but when it

comes down to kindness, it’s unifying and it’s grateful and it’s all the positive things that we sometimes just forget,” she said. “... Even if it’s fresh flowers or gestures or good deeds or just simply a smile, everybody has something that they can do that’s positive. And everybody can make a difference in a small, little part of their own world and that’s what I learned from doing this.”

Many days, the team would go to the charge nurses running the floors to see if there were any patients in particular who were having a tough time or would benefit from the flowers. In one instance, registration employees were able to pull up a list of patients with birthdays that day and Brieden coordinated a birthday delivery.

Beyond help from volunteers, a drive held in June supplied hundreds of vases for the effort.

“Being in the hospital environment, we really had March, April and May, just an unprece-

dent amount of time that we were here and time that was spent at work,” Brieden said. “Our lives were pretty upended and it really just gave me something like, ‘OK, if I’m having a bad day, I can’t wait to just walk out into the garden.’”

Plans to continue the project next year could include adding a few more plots, incorporating grow-

ing greenery and welcoming more volunteers.

“Anyone can become a Growing Kindness gardener,” Brieden said. “You can follow Deanna Kitchen @growingkindnessproject on Instagram to share kindness in your community. It doesn’t matter if you’ve never grown a garden before. All it takes is a little bit of dirt and a big heart.”

Three-alarm blaze challenges firefighters, leaves no injuries

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — A three-alarm fire around 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, resulted in no injuries at a home in the 1300 block of North Renaud, where residents were alerted by a smoke detector.

Firefighters arrived at the residence that had already been evacuated to find the attached,

empty garage and a nearby vehicle in flames. While officers tried to extinguish the blaze, it spread to the kitchen, and second and third alarms were called, drawing assistance from the Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Farms and Harper Woods departments.

After the fire was

believed to be under control, the home was secured and closed with wood boarding, but smoke later was seen coming from the roof, signaling that the fire rekindled. The blaze was again extinguished. The cause of the fire is being investigated.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.

STUDY:

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City’s website and return it to the city clerk at city hall or via jarthurs@grossepointecity.

org before Thanksgiving. City council will appoint committee members at its December meeting.

Residents of the City are preferred, but not required.

“It would be helpful to

have some knowledge of historic preservation principles or architecture, but it’s not required,” Dame added. “Having an interest in historic preservation is the basic requirement.”

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Only the beginning

A 62-year-old Detroit woman located after stealing various hygiene products from a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval Avenue at 12:52 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, was issued a misdemeanor citation.

Pizza problems

A resident of Lexington, Ky., contacted public safety at 7:56 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, after his debit card was fraudulently used to place an order at a pizza place in the City.

Curbing your intake

Following a vehicle crash at Cadieux Road and Jefferson Avenue at 10:21 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, officers made the scene to find a 31-year-old Rochester Hills woman’s vehicle off to the side of the road with tire damage, possibly from running over the curb.

A preliminary breath test found her blood alcohol content to be .233 percent and she was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol.

Domestic violence

Officers were called to a home on St. Clair at 10:42 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, after a man struck his wife on her head over an argument about her ex-

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husband and then forced her to leave without shoes or a coat.

The woman did not want to press charges.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

All that and a bag of chips

A 25-year-old Detroit man was arrested for retail fraud at 7:10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, after first being reported for soliciting and being unwilling to leave a business in the 18000 block of Mack Avenue.

When officers arrived, he was exiting the store with a bag of chips he hadn’t paid for.

Fail once, try again

A 62-year-old Detroit woman who received a ticket for retail fraud in the City an hour prior, attempted to steal \$206 worth of alcohol from a

business in the 18000 block of Mack Avenue at 1:44 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28.

While an employee was able to grab the purse containing the items, the woman fled the area before officers arrived.

One way to destroy evidence

After a witness confronted a 41-year-old Dearborn Heights man who had just stuffed four bottles of liquor into his waistband in a business in the 18000 block of Mack Avenue at 2:21 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, one of the bottles fell out of his pants and broke on the floor. Officers arrested the man for second degree retail fraud.

Operating under the influence of drugs

After being found passed out over the steering wheel at Mack Avenue and Moross Road at 9:57 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, a 33-year-old St. Clair

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OUR VIEW

Last election for 14th District?

Whatever the election results — unknown as this is written — one thing is sure: This was the last election for the gerrymandered 14th Congressional District, which includes the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. That’s because the districts used for the Nov. 3 election were shaped by the 2010 census. The 2020 census, which ended abruptly in October due to court action, will provide the population numbers to determine future congressional districts. Michigan is expected to lose a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, meaning its districts will drop in number from 14 to 13. Barring a miracle, a 14th District won’t even exist in 2022. Part of the effort to get a strong census count in Michigan was to ensure that the state keeps a 13th District. Assuming that proves true, some credit will go to participation from places such as the Pointes and Harper Woods. Locally, the final self-response rates were:

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods: 88.4% (80.7% online)
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms: 87.7% (81.1% online)
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores: 84.8% (76.3% online)
- ◆ Grosse Pointe: 83.9% (75.3% online)
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park: 82.1% (75.8% online)
- ◆ Harper Woods: 76% (60.6% online)

For the state as a whole, the average self-response rate was 71.3 percent, which means every local community did better. The nationwide average was even worse: 67 percent. Across the country, according to the Census Bureau, field workers caught up with enough people to reach a 99.9 percent response rate. Given the difficulties caused by the pandemic and court cases, that figure may strain credulity. In early September, for example, statistics showed that response rates had fallen behind those of 2010 — by only 2 percent in census tracts known to be mostly white, but by bigger percentages elsewhere. Tracts with mostly Black residents had 11 percent fewer responses; those high in Latino households had dropped 15 percent, according to a data analysis by USA Today. However the count turns out, the Census Bureau intends to meet the Dec. 31 deadline for its report to the president and to the states, which use the numbers to shape congressional and legislative districts.

And that’s where matters will change even more in Michigan, as its independent redistricting process gets underway for the first time. Voters approved the change a couple of elections ago, removing the power to redistrict from the state Legislature. The independent commission is intended to end gerrymandering, the practice of which resulted in districts like the 14th. As an example of a packed Democratic district, the 14th is strung together by a computer and not by common sense. It starts in downtown Detroit, ribbons its way along the Detroit River to the Pointes and then stretches along the south side of Eight Mile Road in Wayne County, eventually crossing into Oakland County and winding around until it ends in Pontiac. In this vaguely S-shaped district, a Southfield resident represents the Pointes and the most eastern slice of Detroit. (No disrespect intended to U.S. Rep. Brenda Lawrence, just an acknowledgement that some issues — Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River, or Wayne County concerns in general — may not come naturally.)

And when it comes to the Michigan House, the Pointes and Harper Woods have reason to hope that, going forward, they can form a district almost entirely on their own, without being cracked apart and attached to two separate Detroit districts as they are now. But before local communities get any sense of how the districts work out, there’s likely to be plenty of drama. Census results may face legal challenges; even the new redistricting process may end up in court. At the most basic level of partisan politicking, 2021 may prove to be another complicated year.



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Pure Grosse Pointe

Dewey, who lives in Grosse Pointe Farms with his family, Cathy Shovan and Rod Petschauer, enjoys the Grosse Pointe News with his favorite reading glasses and a steaming cup of coffee on a cool fall Michigan morning.

OUR VIEW

Signs, signs, everywhere are signs

If signs were trees, Lakeshore Road would qualify for a big carbon offset. A forest of more than 180 road signs appeared recently after Wayne County finished repaving the drive along Lake St. Clair in Grosse Pointe Farms. Apparently practically each cut-through in the boulevard merited its own set of signs telling drivers which way to go or not to go. It doesn’t take long to realize how redundant some of the signs are, while others — particularly the Do Not Enter signs — are confusing. Similar conflicts have shown up after road work on Mack Avenue, where a boulevard with cut-throughs also presents differing interpretations for signs and results in occasional Do Not Enter signs in perplexing spots. Grosse Pointe Farms is right to pursue a solution

with Wayne County, whose contractor appears to have so conscientiously followed signage rules. Surely the signs can be thinned considerably — indeed, have to be removed in places where they cause confusion. Mayor Louis Theros recently reported to the city council that the county, according to the Michigan Department of Transportation, does have discretion in signage. “We’re on it and we’ll continue to be on it,” the mayor added. So at least there’s some hope. And the desire for less sign clutter has merits even before noting that Lakeshore Road has always held top honors for scenery in the Pointes; the overabundance of signs creates both a detriment to the view and additional distractions for drivers who are just trying to enjoy the drive.

Seawall comes with big price tag

Gulp. The preliminary estimate is \$23 million for seawall work along Lakeshore Road in Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Shores. That’s a big chunk of change, even for Wayne County, which built the original seawall and maintains Lakeshore as a county road. The solution — hopefully before a lot of emergency repairs are necessary — depends on rounding up federal dollars with help from Michigan’s congressional delegation. The price estimate resulted from an engineering study of the three-mile stretch, with soil borings to determine the proper depths for pilings for a new seawall. The tentative plan is to drive sheet metal in front of the existing seawall, with the height raised in some places to accommodate higher lake levels. The study, done by Hubble, Roth and Clark, dis-

misses other options as unworkable or too expensive, which duplicating the current seawall is considered to be. The seawall already has had one major disruption, when a sinkhole endangered the Shores’ sanitary sewer system. A steel sheet was inserted behind the seawall and the space was filled with stone and cement. Shane Reeside, city manager in the Farms, doesn’t rule out the possibility of more emergencies, where sewer systems or the road itself might be threatened. The county would make the repairs, he said. Meanwhile, the concrete on the existing seawall continues to crumble. Lake levels, while down a bit, remain high and occasionally threaten to flood the shoreline under the right wind conditions. Everyone involved needs to maintain a sense of urgency, no matter how intimidating the price tag.

GUEST VIEW By Annie Gough

Feeling the unemployment blues

I would like to share what feels like an incredibly isolating experience, yet which sadly I share with many. No, I still haven’t received my unemployment. It’s coming up on eight months, and I still have not received a cent of my unemployment benefits. I’m approved for unemployment. The fact I haven’t received any of what I am due is maddening to say the least; I am only grateful I have no dependents other than my two shelter dogs. I’m angry that nobody is trying to fix this flawed unemployment system, not just in Michigan, but across the country, because the people who are associated with jobs worth losing during a pandemic are a non-priority to our national government. There are plenty of us living a financial nightmare due to no fault of our own. Time has taken on new meaning and malleability in 2020, but no matter how you slice it, eight months is a long time to go without benefits promised to you. Too long for me to remain silent.

Like everyone, I felt like the rug was swept out from under me when the coronavirus pandemic cascaded over Michigan, and hit Detroit particularly hard. Just before March, I had struck a very pleasant balance of working in a lucrative bar, getting freelance writing gigs, and dogsitting, all while setting aside time for my fiction writing. I felt that I had made the right decision in moving home from Scotland a couple of years prior, in moving out of my parents’ house, in not giving in to the reliability of an office job. Then, I lost my bar job; all of my dogsitting clients naturally didn’t need my services. Even my freelance writing dried up, with most clients opting to give projects to salaried employees. I was denied regular unemployment, I believe, because I didn’t have enough industry work experience built up since being back in the U.S. Fortunately,

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I SAY By Jody McVeigh

Post-Halloween chills and thrills



I’ve always been a fan of scary movies. Books, too. Stephen King was the first author whose works I devoured as a child. While I’ve got a few friends who share my enthusiasm for a good spine-chiller, my husband cannot be counted among them. However, he has a friend who is helping bring some Halloween-esque excitement to our little circle. If all goes as planned, tomorrow night I will be walking the dilapidated hallways of the former Eloise Psychiatric Hospital in Westland with a small group of friends. One pal happens to own the building, where he operates Eloise Haunted Tours. Another buddy is a member of the security staff; both

will be guiding us through. I’m not sure I believe in ghosts or that we’re “not alone,” but Jim on the security team has shared some pretty creepy photos and told us of odd occurrences during his security shifts. And while we will be joined by a paranormal researcher on each floor, I am just as curious to hear stories about the complex, which operated from 1839 to 1981. In my brief research, I’ve discovered Eloise started out as a poor-house and farm, then developed into an asylum, sanatorium and hospital. In its prime, the complex consisted of 78 buildings on 902 acres with 10,000 patients and 2,000 staff. It was the largest psychiatric facility in the country. Few of its buildings remain today; the land that once was Eloise now includes a strip mall, golf course and condos. The two buildings still in use, including one the halls of which I shall walk tomorrow night, are reputed to be haunted. The last couple of years, during the Halloween season, of course, Eloise has been open to tours at which paranormal investigators lend their services. There’s no telling how long this treat will last as the owner’s development company has other plans for the property. There are plenty of creepy details on the website, eloisehaunted-tours.com, describing the wretched conditions

of the complex in its heyday. Reports include patient beatings, employee theft, mismanagement, unsanitary conditions and inmates chained to walls. If there are “others” among us, this is one place I bet they’d be. There’s a cemetery on the property, in it the graves of nearly 8,000 people, their markers brick stones printed only with a number. I wonder if any of them will come out and play tomorrow night.

UNEMPLOYMENT:

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I was quickly approved for pandemic unemployment. That is where the good fortune ends. My claims weren’t processing, and I was caught up in a fraudulent investigation report. Even though I submitted all of the identification that was listed, I received nothing but radio silence. I tried calling, emailing, even using the “Chat With An Agent” option through the portal, but it was all crickets. With each month, I kept thinking surely everything will clear up any day now. But any day now didn’t come. It hasn’t come. My savings (which I was building up for a trip to Europe) have been obliterated to pay rent, utilities, car payments, groceries, vet bills. I was able to get a couple of decent projects from a loyal client for some writing and editing work. I’m now earning just above minimum wage at an animal shelter, and still playing a massive game of catch-up with my bank account. A friend taught me a trick to get through to the unemployment phones, and I eventually heard a live human voice on the other end. It took several phone calls over several weeks before an error in my claim was discovered, and I had to open a new account. But why had I not received any letter, any email, any anything? Why did I have to hunt down an astute agent, all while any public statements the unemployment office has published have advised against calling? I started my new, seemingly correct claim at the start of August, and the hope then felt more tangible than ever. But there’s always a new fire to be put out. Mixed messages from agents, glitches in the system requiring me to call (dozens of times at a time), refiling all my weeks starting from March. One way I try to stay sane through my personal fiasco is by reminding myself how fortunate I am. That I am a single person, and I only have to support myself and my two rescue dogs. That I had savings in the bank. That I have family and friends who have offered to help (and, several times, have). That I am healthy. That the pandemic has only affected me with financial loss, and not personal loss. But that’s just the thing. What if I had kids and an aging parent to support? What if I had no savings? What if I had ongoing medical expenses? Nobody should have to go through what I am currently living, and while I’d like to believe that I am taking away suffering from somebody else by getting the short end of the stick, I know that is not the case. There are plenty of short ends of sticks in this outdated system to be had by all. I am not alone in my situation, even though I wish I was for the sake of others. So I write this to shed a light on the disorganization of the system. The coronavirus pandemic has been shaking up our sense of normality for so many months now, I worry that stories like mine are forgotten. I’m angry that nobody is trying to fix this flawed unemployment system, not just in Michigan, but across the country, because the people who are associated with jobs worth losing during a pandemic are a non-priority to our national government. There are plenty of us still living in a financial nightmare due to no fault of our own. So please, remember your empathy. Be kind to your cashiers and servers and delivery drivers. Use your resources and skills to help others. Vote for the changes you want to see made. And never assume somebody who is unemployed chooses it willingly. Annie Gough is a Detroit-area freelance writer and editor. Her bio and work history can be found on LinkedIn.

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YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1945
75 years ago this week
NEWS PASSES FIVE-YEAR MARK: The first issue of the Grosse Pointe News was published Nov. 7, 1940. Many changes have been noted in the Pointe during the five years the paper has been serving this community. Soon the offices will be moved from the Punch and Judy block into the beautiful new building now nearing completion at 99 Kercheval in the Farms.
CITY ELECTIONS SET RECORD: The Grosse Pointe City elections brought out the largest vote ever polled in a local election in the history of the city. City Clerk Norbert P. Neff, who has an intimate recollection of things political in the Pointe for many years back, gave this as his opinion. The cause for the big turnout centered around the re-election of Chester F. Carpenter.
Obituaries: Pfc. Phillip C. Newnham

1970
50 years ago this week
HOSPITAL VS. CITY BATTLE CONTINUES: Testimony continues in Wayne County Circuit Court before Judge George E. Bowles in the case instituted by Bon Secours Hospital against the City of Grosse Pointe, in which the hospital is challenging the validity of the City’s present zoning ordinance as applied to it, which prevents the hospital’s planned expansion.
CITY MAYOR DIES AT 56: David E. Burgess, mayor of the City of Grosse Pointe and one of the Pointes’ most beloved citizens, died suddenly on Tuesday in Bon Secours Hospital. He was 56 years old. Mr. Burgess became mayor in 1963, and was admired for the efficiency and charm with which he conducted city council meetings.
Obituaries: Curtise W. Keegin, Alberta Elaine Franco, Oscar F. Kolberg, James E. Sweeney, Diane Goodman, James E. F. Moorman, Germaine Meyer, George C. Mitchell, Marguerite B. Brown, Fred W. Toepel

SOUTH SET BAD EXAMPLE: Teen smokers around the Grosse Pointe South High School campus remain a problem despite state laws and local ordinances prohibiting use of tobacco products on and around school grounds. Merchants along Fisher Road in the City of Grosse Pointe and homeowners who live along the perimeter of the campus have registered complaints with the police department and one resident addressed the school board.
WOODS DOESN’T WANT DISTRICT COURT: Joining with the other Grosse Pointe communities, the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council passed a resolution stating the city’s opposition to municipal court reform plans currently being discussed. But in addition to that, Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke has also scheduled a meeting with Ann Mervenne, Gov. John Engler’s director of his southeast Michigan office.
Obituaries: Emil D. Berg, Elsie McMillan Caulkins, Louise Higgins Jones, Lloyd R. Shaw, Elizabeth Longfellow Dulmage, Joseph J. Michalak, Frederick Scott Winfield, Victorine Mary Knowlton, Stanley Snider Cook, Mary Jane Lyford

2010
10 years ago this week
KROGER OPENS: Fanfare marking this Sunday’s grand opening of Kroger in The Village also signals plans to demolish a city-owned building the grocery chain leases on Mack near Moross. The completely rebuilt store opens Nov. 14; the date coincides with the prior Kroger store opening in the same block 70 years ago.
WOODS WELCOMES NEW SERVICE PROVIDER: There will be a new provider of cable services for Grosse Pointe Woods this spring, as the city entered into an agreement with the Wide Open West network to provide cable, internet and phone services to 7,000 households. According to the 10-year contract agreed to by a unanimous vote of the Woods city council, 5 percent of WOW!’s gross revenue will be paid to the city as a provider fee.
Obituaries: George Batcha, Sybil Smart Craig, Gloria Joan Kitchen, Carl J. Ground, Sarah Deeb

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Maire PTO hosts virtual fun run

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Principal Ryan Francis accepted the challenge — to camp out overnight on Maire Elementary School’s front lawn if students met this year’s PTO Fun Run fundraising goal of \$15,000. It was the fourth annual event, but the first held virtually rather than as an in-school event.

Even though students are back in the building in cohorts on alternating days for hybrid learning, organizers decided the safest option during the pandemic was to host the event over the weekend, allowing students to choose individual times and families to join in the fun.

The Fun Run was held Saturday, Oct. 24. Event co-chairperson Mary Howlett said organizers scaled down the event this year due to COVID-19, including reducing the fundraising goal from \$30,000 last year to this year’s target of \$15,000.

What Howlett described as “a skeletal crew” working behind the scenes to organize the event included Howlett and Gina Gabel, event co-chairs; Dana Zarzycki, sponsorship chairperson; Kristin Mann and Chris Waldmeir, sponsorship team; Lisa Manning, treasurer; Courtney O’Reilly, information technology specialist; Holly Maks, virtual fun run coordinator; and



COURTESY PHOTOS

Pictured clockwise, from top left, Maire Principal Ryan Francis sets up camp for the night; Kerby Principal Walter Fitzpatrick, left, and Maire teacher Neal Gross kept Francis company for part of the night, joining him by the campfire for s’mores; a screenshot of Maire Principal Ryan Francis reading a book to students while camping out on Maire’s lawn for the night; and students roast marshmallows on Maire’s lawn.

Emma Shettler, communications. Main sponsors for the year were Grosse Pointe Orthodontics, present-Ortho sponsor; and Linnell & Associates, GT Global Telecom Solutions and Hampton, Fox & Associates, Bear Den sponsors. Among activities planned was a scavenger hunt, which included a stop by the school to visit

Francis while he set up camp. Later that night, Francis posted live videos and even read a story to the students. “The great thing about Ryan Francis is every year he is totally game to do anything he thinks will get the kids excited and involved,” Howlett said. In past years he was duct-taped to the wall and “slimed” by stu-

dents. “Our organizers do such a great job of organizing the event each year and this year was no different,” Francis said. “... It is amazing that our community has been so generous year after year. We knew this year was a challenge during a pandemic and we did not want to put any unnecessary pressure on families that are dealing with

hardships. Their goal was keeping it fun, family-focused and still allowing those who could donate to do so.” A highlight was seeing so many families come by his campsite. “I’m not going to lie,” Francis admitted. “It was cold at night, but the experience for the kids is why we do fun celebrations as fundraising goals. I had families stop

by late into the evening and even got some time by the fire with (Maire teacher Neil) Gross and (Kerby Elementary School principal Walter) Fitzpatrick before calling it a night. I am just thankful to be part of a great school, with a creative and supportive PTO and generous families.” The event exceeded its fundraising goal, raising \$29,550, including all in-school fundraising and sponsorship donations. In the past, money has been used for specific enhancements like replacing a playscape on the playground, creating a maker space and updating library furniture to enrich Maire’s educational experience. This year, Howlett said, organizers sought to replenish the operating budget. While in normal times, this money would be used to fund assemblies, field trips and lunchtime enrichment, the focus during the pandemic is having money available to support specific teacher needs for technology or anything that arises. “We need to make sure we’re prepared to support teachers with whatever comes up,” Howlett said. The event exceeded expectations beyond any fundraising goal, she added. “Everybody was super positive. Everybody was excited. The kids were excited. It was overall a good experience. Different — but good.”

District creates council on race, equity and inclusion

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

A recommendation by the Michigan Department of Civil Rights to the Grosse Pointe Public School System nearly a year and a half ago is coming to fruition. While the recommendation was to hire an equity officer or create an equity office, the administration is adopting a different approach, according to GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus — a council on race, equity and inclusion. That council will report directly to the superintendent and present recommendations to the Board of Education

on board policies, curriculum and hiring practices. Presenting the concept and mission of the council at the Oct. 26 regular meeting of the GPPSS Board of Education were Roy Bishop, principal at Mason Elementary School, Geoffrey Young, assistant principal at Grosse Pointe North High School and Lillie Loder, supervisor of student services. **Why a council?** According to the presentation, there is a clear, data-informed problem surrounding race in GPPSS and a professional and human mandate to fix it.

“We continue to hear that outcry from our community, from our students, from our staff, of wanting more,” Bishop said. “Of wanting to have spaces and opportunities to be able to talk about their experiences in a way that everyone will feel included. “The formation of a council allows us to be able to be connected to more people,” he continued. “It allows us to pool our resources; it allows for us to look at our different strengths and areas in which we influence the community and to get more information from our community. So when we think about why a council and why

not just a person, it’s so we can extend ourselves to think about how we’re embedded in our district in everything we do.” According to Bishop, the council would collaborate with everyone in the district, including the board, community, staff and teachers to ensure “we are connected together to have one vision that we can say is supporting all of our students that are marginalized.” “The result is more people and resources in the work,” Young said, adding a benefit of a council rather than a single representative is it uses a system to combat a system. “We know that when we talk about racism, oftentimes people refer to it as systemic, meaning that it is intertwined — woven — in the foundation of a system. If that is a problem, the thing you need to do to combat that problem and mitigate its effects also is a system. If you have one person, that creates one vehicle for a system, but if you have multiple people with multiple experiences who draw through and with a variety of processes, knowledge and understanding, then you wind up having a whole system that you can use to combat a system.”

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around race, equity and inclusion. Key areas of focus of the council will be on policy, learning, staffing and feedback. Guiding principles are outcomes that are data driven, systemic and focused on education and safety. “What students learn and what staff learn ought to support the understanding of diverse populations,” Loder said. “It should also promote equity, anti-racism and compel inclusion thinking and practices. ... We’re all in this to learn. We’re going to learn from each other. We’re going to learn together. ... But our key thing is we want to make sure our content ... is matching those learning experiences” through curriculum review and professional development. Loder emphasized the importance of students feeling safe. “If a student is ready to take an educational risk, that means that they feel safe in their environment,” she said. “... At that particular moment when a student feels safe, they will learn.” Young said the overall goal of the council is diversity, equity and inclusion throughout the district. “We say diversity because sometimes the perception is, ‘that’s just about race’ and then it gets in a little box. ... If the issue is living and real for, let’s say, Black students and Black staff and you target that prob-

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Guiding principles Young pointed out the council is not a judicial body that hears complaints and weighs in on those complaints, nor is it a primary decision-making body. Rather, it exists to inform and help members of the Board of Education and central administration “make best decisions for all” by connecting, unifying and supporting initiatives

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Auditors render clean opinion on district financial statements

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

For the third consecutive year, auditors from Plante Moran gave the Grosse Pointe Public School System an unmodified, or clean, opinion of its financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30.

This represents the highest level of assurance an organization can receive from an audit, according to Plante Moran Partner Laura Claeys, as it indicates there were no material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, findings or questioned costs identified during the audit process.

In other good news, Claeys reported an increase in fund balance — also known as a rainy day fund — from \$14.9 million as of July 1, 2019, to \$18.4 million for fiscal year 2020. This increase was largely due to savings in the operating budget due to the COVID-related shutdown last spring.

An audit does not verify every transaction, Claeys said, but it does verify accounting is done within rules and regulations of the state and governmental reporting and includes a look at internal controls and assurance the school district is following the policies and procedures in place.

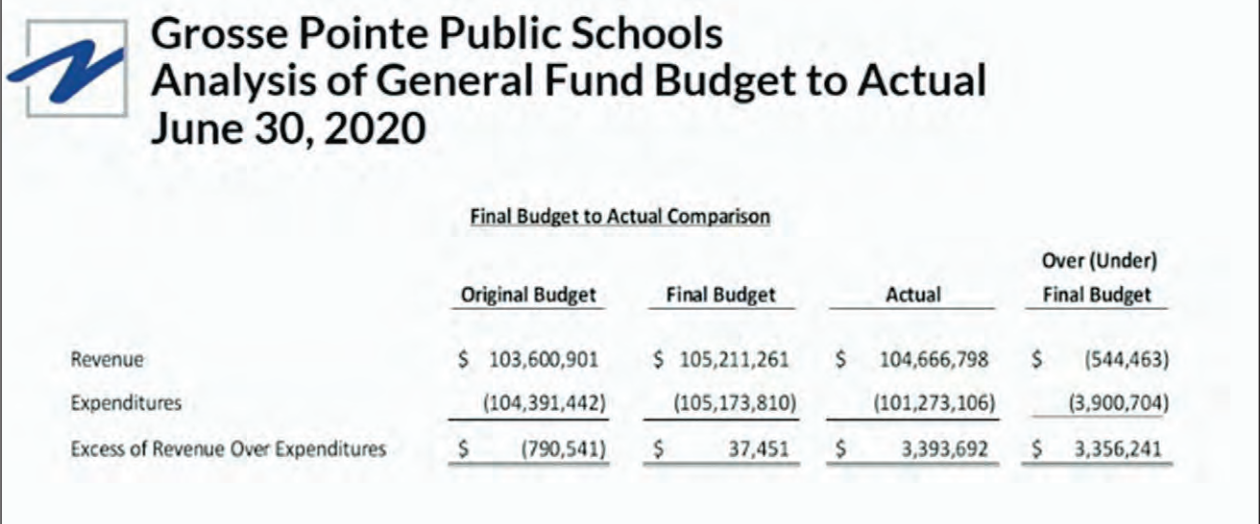
Plante Moran also audited the district's federal programs to ensure these awards were in compliance.

Revenues

Plante Moran presented highlights from general fund audit results at the Oct. 26 regular meeting of the GPPSS Board of Education.

According to the report, the largest portion of total revenues of \$104 million — \$66.5 million — comes from the state. This includes the state portion of the per-pupil foundation allowance as well as categorical spending, which are funds earmarked for specific programs such as special education, transportation or interventions for at-risk students.

Included in the state revenue is \$6.7 million funding from the retirement system. This money



is recorded as both revenue and an expenditure.

The next largest component of \$22.7 million is primarily property tax revenue of \$21.8 million.

Because GPPSS is a hold harmless district, the percent of revenue from property taxes is higher compared to other districts, Plante Moran Partner Lisa Vargo said. Hold harmless districts are historically higher spending districts that are allowed to tax their local property owners additional mills for school operations.

The inter-district revenue is \$9 million and mainly represents special education, or ACT 18, funding from Wayne Regional Educational Service Agencies.

Finally, revenue from the Wayne County enhancement millage came in at \$3.2 million, compared to \$3.3 last year. This funding, approved by Wayne County voters in 2016, is up for a six-year renewal Nov. 3. Results were not available as of press time.

Of federal revenues of \$2.8 million, the largest program was funding from the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act at \$2.1 million.

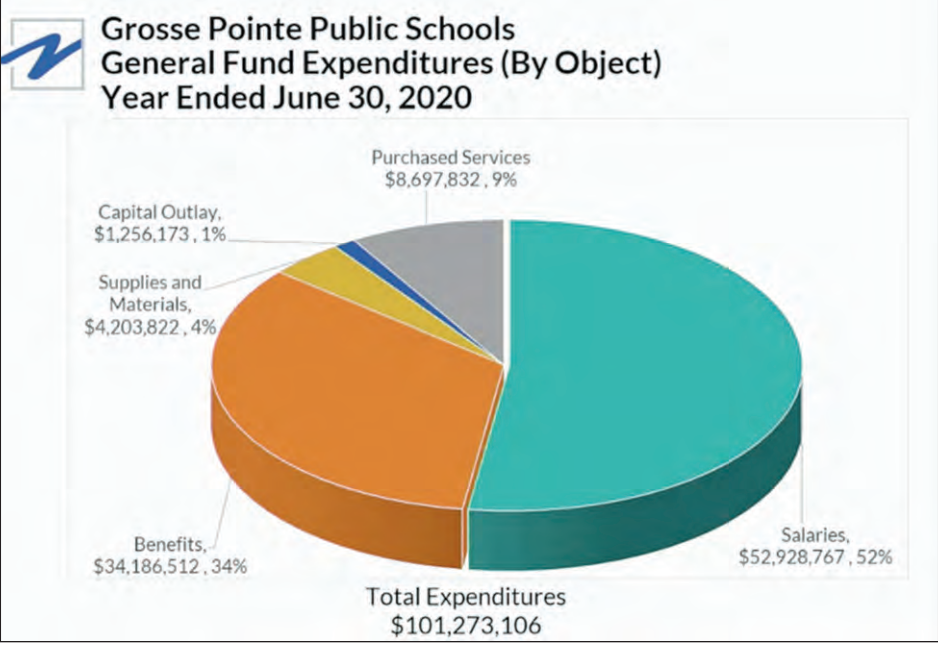
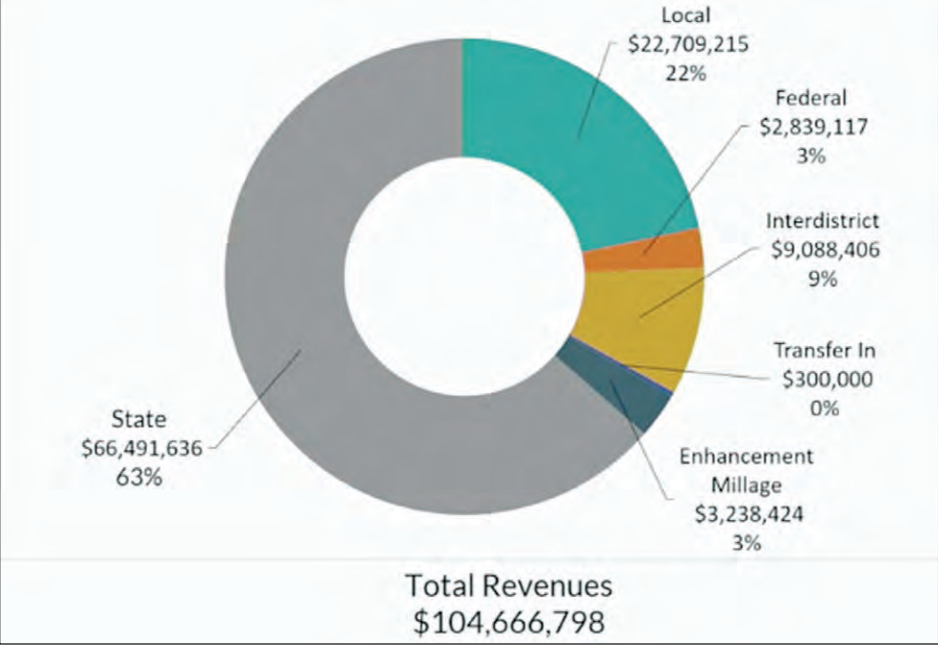
Expenditures

Total expenditures for FY year 2020 were \$101.2 million.

By function area, the largest component was instruction at 61 percent followed by pupil and instructional services at 13 percent.

"This is up 1 percent from the prior year, which shows the focus on keeping resources in the classroom," Vargo said.

Eighty-six percent of total expenditures are payroll related, including



salaries and benefits, comparable to last year "and what we see in many districts throughout the state," she added.

Total employee benefits are \$34.1 million, with \$21.2 million of that representing retirement costs.

The district also must contribute approximately 27 percent of all salary costs as a required contribution to the plan. Vargo said she expects that percentage to increase in

future years.

The other largest component is health care costs of \$9.2 million, which includes claims on health care insurance.

Expenditures under budget

Uncertainties about cuts in the state foundation allowance on the revenue side and the unpredictability of costs due to COVID on the expenditure side led to

some variances this year, Vargo pointed out.

"Budgets are management's best estimate as far as anticipated revenue and expenditures," she said. "When you look at the overall accuracy, the percent of accuracy of actual compared to final budget is approximately 3.8 percent of expenditures."

The excess of \$3.4 million — the difference between revenues of under \$105 million and

expenditures of \$101.2 million — was largely due to savings in the operating budget when school buildings closed as a result of the pandemic.

This resulted in a savings of \$1.6 million in wages and benefits; \$700,000 in building operations such as utilities; \$600,000 in building and site improvements; \$500,000 in programs such as performing arts and athletics and federal programs; \$300,000 in substitute teachers and hall monitors; and \$200,000 in building repairs and maintenance.

Fund balance

An important metric for school districts, according to Claeys, is the fund balance as a percentage of expenditures, which is 18.2 percent as of June 30.

The district's goal is "to have that number be somewhere between 15 and 20 percent of expenditures," she said. "That is the recommended amount that comes from the state associations and that allows you to weather any fluctuations that may occur primarily in state financing, which is a substantial portion of your funding."

Claeys pointed out in a budget of a little more than \$100 million, \$18.4 million represents just over nine weeks, or 66 days, of operation.

"Although the dollar amount is very large, it really wouldn't last very long if you were to see reduced funding or no funding from the state of Michigan," she said.

Another reason she said it's important to build up the fund balance is because it allows the district to borrow less while bridging the gap between when school operations begin in September and funds are allocated from the state in October.

Typically, GPPSS spends more than \$200,000 each year in interest to bridge that gap, she said. That number has lowered to \$100,000 or less with the reduced need to borrow.

The growth in fund balance the last several years mirrors the district's receipt of funds

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National merit semifinalists named for 2021

One Grosse Pointe North and three Grosse Pointe South high school seniors were named semifinalists in the

annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Students obtain semifinalist standing by scoring in the top 1 percent of

U.S. high school students who took the Preliminary SAT test, or PSAT.

To become a finalist, a semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official and write an essay. As finalists, they have the opportunity to compete for 7,600 National Merit Scholarships awarded in the spring, earning the title of Merit Scholar.

Grosse Pointe South's semifinalists in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship competition are Eva McCord, Amanda Rigotti and Jacquelyn Wang.

Grosse Pointe North's semifinalist is Benjamin Uram.

A number of additional students received letters of commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise. While these stu-

dents' selection index scores are below the level required to be named semifinalists and they do not qualify for National Merit Scholarships, they

are eligible for special scholarships sponsored by corporations and businesses.

Commended scholars from South are Bridget

Clark, Kathryn Ennis, Henry Greer, Alston Smith, Ian Swanson and Nicholas Vandenbrink.

Commended scholars from North are Maya Goossen, Michael Hart and Victoria Treder.

— Mary Anne Brush



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from the Wayne County enhancement millage. Claeys commended the board for its decision to use the enhancement millage to build up fund balance or to spend it on one-time items rather than rely on funding that may expire.

“You have built that fund balance up to the point where you have a bit of a cushion,” Claeys said. “In years past you were near or below 10 percent.”

Looking ahead

Claeys recommended keeping an eye on K-12 funding from the state. While for now the state predicts funding to be flat, Claeys said it is unlikely it will make up for the \$175 per-pupil cut the district experienced in August.

Moreover, the less the state collects in sales taxes and other funding sources as a fallout of the pandemic, the greater likelihood its ability to fund school districts will be impacted.

For example, when the state cut per-pupil funding for 2019-20 on Aug. 20, the school district already had spent that money, Claeys said.

“When the state has to make those cuts ... they have to make (them) immediately and you don’t have time to react. Having fund balances gives you the ability to react a little more slowly and measured so it doesn’t impact the students.”

While the \$300 per-pupil funds from the federal CARES Act—required to be recognized as revenue in fiscal year 2021—will help alleviate any additional state cuts, Claeys compared this to

the recession in 2008-09 when school districts experienced a substantial decline in state funding.

“There were federal funds that plugged some of that gap, but when those funds went away, so did \$470 per pupil,” she said. “Hold harmless districts suffered as much or more than those traditional districts. That is what we need to be watching and be mindful of because there are federal dollars now being allocated for 2020-21 and many of it is intended to cover specific costs incurred due to the pandemic, but those funds will run out and if states aren’t rebounding and they don’t have the funds available to distribute to local districts, I think we could be looking at the same situation—maybe not to the same magnitude ... but those are the things you have to be mindful of.”

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lem, then you’re going to produce systems that work for all groups, whoever they are. You’re going to produce a system that works for everybody.”

Bishop quoted Martin Luther King Jr. in his closing comments: “The time is always right to do what is right.”

“An open invitation exists to examine school policies and partner with one another to do right by our students ... do right by our employees ... do right by each other,” Bishop said. “... We all are involved. ... Everyone is ready and available to be able to help lead in and be all in for our students in this work. As we examine all of these policies and we are listening to what the Board of Education is saying and

what our community is saying, we are here to be able to help support each other to make sure that we are creating equitable environments for everyone involved.”

“The goal is to ensure access, that sense of belonging; to bring back that joy of education,” Loder added.

BOE kudos

Board members praised the educators for their approach.

Trustee Joe Herd congratulated them on addressing the issue from a systemic perspective and Trustee Chris Lee called it “an historic moment.”

“I’m impressed by the word ‘council,’” Trustee Cindy Pangborn said. “... That word alone makes it all encompassing.”

“I am much happier with a council than I am with an officer—with one single person,” board

President Margaret Weertz agreed. “I’m really grateful for the work you have put in and for starting this off.”

“I appreciate the systemic approach because taking the problems individually isn’t changing the environment in which they happen,” board Vice President Kathleen Abke said. “I’m especially grateful you’re including safety in the discussion because it’s imperative. ... We have heard feedback after feedback from kids who don’t feel safe to talk about their experiences. These are difficult discussions. These are uncomfortable conversations. This is a long time coming.”

“Please let us know how we can help,” she added. “This board is going to look quite different in a couple of months because we have five seats open, but this work needs to continue.”



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From left, Charles Logan and other scouts hit the trails in Philmont, N.M.; scouts canoed 75 miles in five days during the second High Adventure in Minnesota; and Logan checks out the view during his Sea Base High Adventure.

Great scout! Farms teen achieves rare Triple Crown award

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

In just 12 months, Grosse Pointe Farms Boy Scout Charles Logan achieved what most scouts never will. He is one of a handful of Boy Scouts in the United States to earn the Triple Crown, given to scouts who complete three Boy Scout High Adventure activities. The 16-year-old Grosse Pointe South High School junior said he didn't plan to embark on the quest, but his love of nature and being outdoors drew him to it. Plus, his father, Glen Logan, signed him up for the first adventure without him knowing. "I was nervous and scared," he said, "but it

turned out to be the best time of my life." Logan's Triple Crown started with a 12-day trip to Philmont, N.M., in July 2019. "Philmont in New Mexico is a 200-square-mile ranch," said Troop 96 Scoutmaster Adam Prokop. "It's not uncommon for scouts to go to Philmont. ... They're hiking from campsite to campsite at elevations between 8,000 and 12,000 feet. For two weeks, they walk 80 miles with 50 pounds (of supplies) on their backs." Logan, who's been involved in scouting since third grade, said the other High Adventure sites weren't even on his radar at first. "I was just going to go

to Philmont, the big one, but then one thing led to another and I signed up for Northern Tier and Sea Base," he said. "I ended up doing it without planning it out." Just more than one month after his Philmont undertaking, Logan traveled to northern Minnesota, where he participated in the Northern Tier High Adventure — canoeing 75 miles in five days, as well as fishing and other outdoor activities. This past July, he traveled south to participate in the Sea Base High Adventure, off the coast of Key West, Fla. He and other scouts spent a couple of weeks snorkeling and coral reef sailing, among other activities.

"Every trip was unique and special in its own way," Logan said. "It's hard to compare them, because they were all so different — sailing, hiking, canoeing. The really big theme in all three was getting outdoors, getting away from society ... enjoying time with just what you're carrying on your back or in your canoe." The trips, he said, helped him get in touch with himself and become self-reliant. The locations also allowed him to see some unusual sights: He saw four bald eagles in one day in Minnesota, came across baby sea turtles in Florida and was amazed by the breathtaking views of nature in New Mexico, where he

can't remember spotting one piece of trash. Boy Scouts of America sets an age requirement for High Adventure participants; scouts must be 14 to participate, Prokop said. "High Adventure is an extreme camping opportunity. ... These are physically and mentally taxing trips," he explained. "They teach self-reliance for young men. They're cooking their own meals, sleeping outside every night. It's tough. It really toughens them up physically and mentally." "I've been around Boy Scouts for 15 years and I've never seen this," he added of Logan's Triple Crown. "It's rare to do all three, but it's extremely

rare to do all three in 12 months." Logan said earning the Triple Crown has meant a lot to him. He thanked his parents for affording him the opportunity. "It is a big deal," he said. "I can look back and say, 'I did that.' I was physically able to carry everything on my back that I needed for two weeks or in my canoe for one week. It's rewarding to look back. I'm proud of what I did." Glen Logan also is proud of his son's accomplishment. "This is scout-led," the elder Logan said. "The expectation is that the boys plan things out and lead things. They pick a

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Hollyfest honors 20 years of Family Center help

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

For 20 years, The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods has been empowering families to successfully navigate life's social, emotional and physical challenges. Building resilient families through community engagement and educational programming, as well as sharing numerous resources, The Family Center has been a trusted source for many people in many situations. Now it's the community's turn to show its support. The Family Center's annual Hollyfest gala takes place at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20. The largely virtual event includes presentations and an auction. "We don't want to let go of our 2020 celebration," said Patty Sunisloe, executive director, noting initially the

event was going to include several small, in-person parties at which supporters could watch the online celebration together. "That's still the plan with one caveat," she explained. "With (COVID) numbers increasing, fewer and fewer people are comfortable sponsoring other people in their homes. The Family Center would never, ever encourage people to put anyone in harm's way. We know there will still be some celebrations going on, people gathering with a few family members or friends and neighbors — and we know they're going to do it safely — but we're not going to push for those parties to happen." Instead, those interested in "attending" Hollyfest can simply scan a QR code to be taken to the event. Following the directions of the OneCause platform, guests may watch



the presentations and participate in the auction. Among this year's auction items are a one-week stay at an apartment in historic Umbria, Italy; a weekend at the Homestead in Glen Arbor; a wine-tasting and hors d'oeuvres party for eight at the home of The Family Center founders Diane and Ron Strickler; a bourbon-tasting

package; and several baskets geared toward families. "These are experiences, things you can do with your family, things to keep your kids occupied," Sunisloe said of the baskets. "These are the kinds of things people want right now — hands-on family activities to do at home." Proceeds from the auction, as well as sponsorships and general donations, support The Family Center programs. "Our theme this year is family resiliency," Sunisloe said. "We did a lot of discussing with our programming committee. We asked ourselves, 'What do we really need right now?' We all need the same thing: to find a way to be resilient." The Family Center showed its resilience by not canceling its 2020 event, rather altering it to keep people safe. "To some level, everyone is

struggling with something," Sunisloe said. "We want to be able to rise to the challenge and provide to people where they are with what they need. ... And we never want to lose sight of the importance of people's connection to each other, to the community, serving a purpose. We have to have these things in our lives. That's why we didn't want to throw in the towel." "This (pandemic) is taking its toll," she added. "The community needs The Family Center even more now. We are all dealing with these challenges. ... The demand is high and we continue to work really hard, trying as best we can to meet the needs of this community, at this time." To register, text 'hollyfest' to 243-725 or scan the QR code on this page. For more information, visit familycenterweb.org.

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Couple credits author, newspaper for COVID adventure

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Frank and Denise Mullen were in Florida when COVID-19 first swept the country. When they returned to their Grosse Pointe Park home March 18, “and hunkered down from then on,” Denise Mullen said, she was grateful for the magazines and newspapers that filtered in, happy to have reading material to pass the time. She read with interest one particular story published in the Grosse Pointe News about a new book coming out. “I came across the

article on Katie Doelle’s book, ‘Grand Estates of Grosse Pointe,’” she said. “I thought, ‘Wow, I would love to know more about this.’ She has been here since 2012, from London; she married a Grosse Pointe native. I came here as a remarried widow in 2013; I married a Grosse Pointe native. I have the same interests as Katie has.” Both women have a keen interest in history, said Mullen, who hails from Erie, Pa., where she spent 12 years on the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. “I really appreciate

history,” Mullen said. “History attracts me. Architecture does, too, but I always want to know more.” After Mullen received a copy of the book — and read it cover to cover — she posed a simple question to her husband. “I said, ‘Why don’t we go see these houses in this book?’” she recalled. “Frank is still working at 83, but he wasn’t working then. So why not walk to see the houses?” Their trek to check out the book’s 130-plus “grand estates” began in April. The couple used a Grosse Pointe Chamber

of Commerce map to guide them; however, after their first couple of outings, Frank Mullen decided things could be made easier. “So he made an index, according to street, address and the page in the book where we could read the description,” Mullen said. “Did that ever make it easy. Now, as an example, I turn to Balfour in the index; (it says) we have seven houses on Balfour, so we look at all of them.” The further the couple got from their Grand Marais home, they drove to their destination, parked and walked the neighborhood, Mullen said.

Since April, the couple has completely “walked the book.” They’re still getting out for walks, though not as much now as Frank Mullen is back to work.

“I discovered neighborhoods I never knew about,” Mullen said. “There are a few streets I want to explore some more. We also made all sorts of discoveries of other gorgeous houses. And we added Lakeshore Drive — walking by the water and looking up at the houses. It’s a different perspective than driving along.” She wasn’t the only one to make discoveries. Her husband, who grew up in the City of Grosse Pointe, found some “new” streets of his own.

“We turned a corner and he said, ‘I’ve never been on this street before,’” Mullen laughed. “I said, ‘You’re the native!’ But that happened quite a few times.”

Mullen said all of their walking — from one and a half to three miles a day — had benefits besides getting them out of the house.

“He lost all sorts of weight,” she said. “We’re both healthier.” Though Mullen said



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Grosse Pointe Park residents Frank and Denise Mullen were inspired by Katie Doelle’s book, “Grand Estates of Grosse Pointe,” to get out and walk the Pointes.

she couldn’t label a single house as her favorite, “There are really many areas I fell in love with, like Cloverly. There are areas of town I really hadn’t driven through. My whistle is whetted. ... I have the impetus now to find out more about where I’ve been transplanted. I feel fortunate, grateful to be here; this is a wonderful place.”

“Coming from Erie, I get big small towns,” she added. “There a many wonderful friends I’ve made here, but I also get that I’m a newbie. This is a wonderful area to live. Being from the outside, I appreciate it.”

Serving as a docent during the 2016 Junior League of Detroit Designer Show House first helped her reach that realization. The Windmill Pointe house, designed for Col. Jesse Vincent, vice president

of engineering at Packard Motor Car Co., features a unique canal that runs from Lake St. Clair to a dry dock under the living room.

“It made me realize there’s a whole archive of car history, of Prohibition history tucked into these wonderful houses in these neighborhoods,” Mullen said. “I’ve learned so much about Grosse Pointe. This is a beautiful, special place.”

And what does Doelle think about the Mullens’ trek?

“Katie was delighted,” she said. “She was really pleased. This means her work is not sleeping. People are actively enjoying it and using it. She took it as I hoped she would — as a complement to the author.”

Hoping other people literally follow in their footsteps, the Mullens are making the index available for others.

“We enjoyed it so much,” Mullen said. “If we can help someone else enjoy it, that’s great. I give all the credit to Katie. Without her and her creation and the story in your newspaper, this wouldn’t have occurred.”

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sauce cups (no pouches); small individual-sized packages of cookies, crackers and snacks (homemade items cannot be accepted); low-sugar juice boxes; individual packets of oatmeal; coffee, tea bags and individual packets of hot

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League sponsors 'Life's Challenges in the Coronavirus Community'

By Margaret Freundl
Guest Writer

Local League of Women Voters chapter members have asked the questions: How have people in our local community been dealing with the challenges of COVID-19 and what changes have occurred in people's lives since the pandemic? What can be learned from others that can be applied in our own lives?

The LWV of Grosse Pointe has invited a broad panel of speakers to share, via Zoom, their personal experiences in coping with the virus and how their lives have changed since the pandemic. Each of us has our story; this is theirs.

Panel members include Jennifer Boettcher, president, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce; Zack Roberts, AAA employee; Maxwell C. Murray, student at DePaul University; and Sarah Colandro, nurse at Beaumont Hospital.

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leader who figures out what to do to be successful. It's great to see these boys mature. They grow a lot because of that. I saw a lot of growth; they were working well together, staying focused on the task at hand. ... To see these kids — and my son in particular — not just survive, but thrive in these conditions, I'm proud as a father."

Prokop agreed: "Boy Scouts is intended to be scout-led. Everything is led by senior scouts — older scouts who mentor and lead the younger scouts. It's something our troop is very proud of. All decisions are led by senior scouts. Charles has been a great leader among the scouts. He regularly guides and leads the boys. That's one thing I'm really proud of with him; he continues to be a leader."

Logan said he plans to return to Philmont next year. His first trip there had more of an impact than he expected.

"This is something I reminisce about a lot," he said. "It was the best two weeks of my life. ... My goal is to do as much outdoors as I can while I'm young."

ASK THE EXPERTS By Dr. Ashley Falco

Helping children through pandemic-induced stress

Q: How can I tell if my child is struggling with pandemic-related stress and what can I do to help if I am concerned?

A: In many children, signs they are struggling to adapt or feeling isolated or alone may be subtle. Difficulty sleeping or too much sleeping, increased irritability, crying spells or withdrawing from family are all signs your child may be facing emotional difficulties.

A return to normal sleep schedules and eating patterns, and limiting screen time may help. Children who have excessive anxiety about their own health or the health of their family members, or who are unable to complete day-to-day tasks due to their mood, may need a more significant intervention. This is where your pediatrician and behavioral health specialists can provide support.

Most children should get between eight and 10 hours of uninterrupted sleep. Since the onset of the pandemic, the loss of day-to-day schedules

has many adolescents going to sleep late at night or even early in the morning. This disrupts the circadian rhythm and can make it challenging for children to re-adjust as they return to school. Adhering to a set bedtime and creating a bedtime routine, removing electronics from the bedroom and providing a dark quiet space for sleep are all

technology to connect with peers. Going outside, taking a walk, riding a bike and playing in the backyard are all safe to do if families abide by social distancing and wear a mask if meeting people who live outside their home.

There is no one-size-fits-all solution to the variety of stressors that teens and adolescents are facing during the

Coming up

Dr. Ashley Falco and Ashton Taylor, LMSW, are doing a Facebook Live program for The Family Center at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, about the effects of the pandemic on kids and how to cope. The Family Center will record it for its YouTube channel and website.

Henry Ford Health System and lead pediatrician at Pierson Pediatrics. She is committed to providing comprehensive medical care to patients and families from birth through young adulthood, with emphasis on prevention, nutrition and developmental counseling.

The Family Center is a non-profit organization that provides resources and preventive education to empower families to successfully navigate life's social, emotional and physical challenges. The Family Center is completely supported by community donations. To learn more, visit familycenterweb.org or email info@familycenterweb.org.

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strategies to improve sleep hygiene.

Increased physical activity, with a goal of one hour per day, is especially important. Many organized sports have been canceled or rescheduled and adolescents are spending large amounts of time indoors completing online schooling and using

COVID-19 pandemic. Being aware of your child's moods and monitoring for any new or progressing symptoms of anxiety, depression and isolation are important first steps in providing them with the help they may need.

Dr. Ashley Falco is a senior staff physician for

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Elizabeth Houk Miller

Elizabeth Houk Miller of Harbor Springs and Grosse Pointe passed away peacefully in her sleep Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2020, at The Rivers Grosse Pointe, surrounded by her loving family.

Affectionately known to many as “Betty,” Elizabeth Mabel Houk was born Feb. 16, 1925, in Toledo, to Elizabeth Van Deman Houk and John Moulton Houk. She was predeceased by her husband of 46 years, Alfred William Miller.

Betty and Al were married June 28, 1945, in Seattle. They settled in Detroit and moved to Grosse Pointe after World War II.

Betty attended the University of Michigan. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority and remained active in its national chapter for many years. She volunteered at several charitable organizations and was recognized at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church for more than 50 years of patronage. Betty belonged to the Grosse Pointe Garden Club, the Nomads travel club and enjoyed her bridge club. She loved being on the water and was a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club for more than 50 years.

Betty and Al each cherished their friendships. They traveled the world extensively and held good company on their adventures. Together they made their second home in Harbor Springs at the L’Arbre Croche Club, where Betty spent her favorite seasons until 2012. Her stories and vivid memories sustained her as she made The Rivers her final home.

Betty is survived by her brother, Dr. John M. Houk Jr.; sons, Dr. Robert W. Miller (Diane) and John C. Miller (Karen); Robert’s daughters, Anne and Katherine; and John’s daughters, Kamren (Kurtis Katnik), Jacklan (Dr. Robert G. Klever Jr.) and Amywren.

A private memorial service was held Oct. 24, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

In lieu of flowers, dona-

tions in honor of Betty, her beloved dog, Panda, and her affection for all animals may be made to the Little Traverse Bay Humane Society, 1300 W. Conway Rd., Harbor Springs, MI 49740; or ltbhs.com.

Judith Kay DeFauw

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Judith Kay DeFauw (nee Ruedisueli), 78, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2020, at home, surrounded by her family. She was born Sept. 3, 1942, in Detroit, to Louis G. and Eleanor M. (nee Bauer) Ruedisueli, both now deceased.

Judith was raised in Harper Woods and a member of the first graduating class at Regina High School. She earned a bachelor’s degree in nursing from Mercy College and embarked on a career as a registered nurse.

Judith married her husband, Norman, Feb. 21, 1969. She continued her nursing career until the birth of their first child. Judith thereafter dedicated her life to being a homemaker and caring for their four children. When her children were grown, she volunteered at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Harper Woods. After volunteering many years, the church offered Judith the position of secretary, which she graciously accepted.

She also enjoyed spending time with her family and grandchildren.

A dedicated volunteer with a big heart and strong faith, she will be greatly missed by all who knew her, Judith’s family said.

Judith was the loving wife of Norman; dear mother of Thad DeFauw (Joseph Kelaghan), Dorothy Dombrowski (Kenneth), Catherine Nies (James) and Randy DeFauw (Jeanne); cherished grandmother of Abigail and Emma Dombrowski, Robert, Elizabeth and Madeline Nies, and Greg and Owen DeFauw; and beloved sister of the late

Richard Ruedisueli.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 2, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Judith’s name may be made to Regina High School, reginahs.com; or the Alzheimer’s Association, alz.org.

Arrangements are entrusted to Chas. Verheyden Inc.

Roland John Rinke

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Roland John Rinke died peacefully Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020, at home with his family by his side. He was 95.

The oldest of six children, Roland was born Sept. 14, 1925, in Center Line, to Norbert and Ceceila (nee Buechel) Rinke. He was a proud American and member of the Greatest Generation — hardworking and reliable, a strong Catholic, a good businessman and loving husband and father. An engaging conversationalist with a quick wit and a twinkle in his eyes, Roland saw humor in most any situation and loved to make others laugh.

Born just before the Great Depression, Roland’s formative years were marked by frugality and responsibility. During his years at De La Salle Collegiate High School, he worked evenings and weekends at his family’s automotive dealership.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps at age 17. He was deployed to the Pacific Theater, where he saw active duty in New Guinea, Okinawa, Guam and the Philippines. He arrived in Tokyo three days after Japan surrendered and spent a year at Tachikawa Air Base with the Allied Occupation Forces.

Roland returned to the U.S. and his father’s business in 1946. He used the GI Bill to earn a college degree at the University of Detroit. In addition to managing the auto dealerships, he served as a Center Line city councilman from 1954 to 1957. During that time, the Rinke family represented every division of General



Elizabeth Houk Miller



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Roland John Rinke

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Roland designed and constructed his new Pontiac dealership at the corner of 11 Mile Road and Van Dyke in 1966; soon after, he became president of the Detroit Area Pontiac Dealers Association. A charter member of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association, the most respected dealer association in the country, Roland was named its president in 1969. He was presented with “Time” magazine’s Quality Dealer Award in 1970, and served as chairman of the Detroit Auto Show in 1977.

Philanthropy and community were important to Roland; he assumed leadership roles at many organizations. An active member and president of the Men’s Guild at St. John Hospital, he also served as a trustee many years and as a McQuade Society member after the hospital was acquired by Ascension Health. During the same years, Roland gave back to his high school alma mater by fundraising and offering scholarships to new students. His key contribution to De La Salle — the establishment of a Christian Brothers Dinner — was made in collaboration with his brother, Roger, and grew from 100 to more than 1,000 attendees within a few years; it remains De La Salle’s largest fundraiser.

Roland was an active parishioner and contributor at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

His affiliations included the Crisis Club, Solanus Casey Center, St. Bonaventure Capuchin Monastery and The Holley Institute. He also was a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Detroit Yacht Club, The Old Club and PGA National Golf Club.

Roland treasured his wife and family more than anything. He was introduced to his wife, Janice Skillman, by his best friend and brother, Roger, in 1952. Roland and Janice were married a year later; they celebrated 68 years of marriage in June.

Roland is survived by his wife, Janice; children, Elizabeth Eugenio (Don) and Kevin Rinke (Janine); grandchildren, Nicholas (Blair), Kristin, Morgan, Amanda, Grant and Katie; and siblings, Joseph Rinke and Anne Gilleran. He was predeceased by his son, Michael.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Michael David Rinke Excellence in Nursing Fund, Ascension St. John Hospital Foundation, 19251 Mack Ave., Suite 102, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236; or the Solanus Casey Center, solanuscenter.org/ways-to-help/donations; or St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore Rd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, or stpaulonthelake.org/give.



Suzanne Jehle

Suzanne Sutherland Jehle

Former Grosse Pointe resident Suzanne Sutherland Jehle of Tequesta, Fla., passed away Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2020. Born Oct. 7, 1926, in Detroit, to Arthur and Florence (nee Gerlock) Sutherland, she was 94.

Suzanne graduated high school from the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Grosse Pointe Farms. A 1948 graduate of Manhattanville College in New York City, she accepted a position at the Detroit News, which she fondly recalled as an interesting and fun job.

She met her husband, Alfred Joseph Jehle, when his mother accepted an invitation for Alfred to go sailing with Suzanne and another couple Sept. 11, 1949. On their second date, they played bridge, a card game they enjoyed throughout their marriage. Alfred proposed to Suzanne July 25, 1950.

Suzanne and Alfred were married April 15, 1951, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. They lived in Grosse Pointe more than 30 years and raised their family. Suzanne was a former member of the Junior League of Grosse Pointe and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

A devoted member of the Children of Mary, Suzanne had a wonderful spirituality and love of God that she passed on to all her children. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

Suzanne loved reading, sailing the Great Lakes and traveling with Alfred. She particularly loved family summer camping trips in the Porcupine Mountains State Park in Ontonagon. Her children and grandchildren have wonderful family memories of time spent with her on the shores of Lake Superior.

A 30-year resident of Tequesta, Suzanne was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church in Tequesta and a former member of the Tequesta Country Club.

Suzanne is survived by her children, Alfred Jehle Jr. (Cynthia Peters) of Lakeville, Minn.; Michael Jehle (Holly Hegarty) of Glenview, Ill.; Kathryn Jehle (Paul Campbell) of Tequesta, Fla.; Suzanne Wolf (Edward) of Rice Lake, Wis., and Elizabeth “Lisa” Rice (James) of Bellevue, Wash.; and brother, Malcolm Sutherland; and sister-in-law, Virginia Sutherland (nee Braun). In addition,



Jerome Harden

Suzanne was blessed with 14 grandchildren, Ryan, Alyssa, Laura, Kathryn, Christina, Daniel, Alexandra, Clara, Matthew, Kevin, Timothy, Christopher, David and John; four great-grandchildren, Ezra, Jude, Charles and Adeline; and a niece and three nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Alfred Joseph Jehle; parents, Florence and Arthur Douglas Sutherland; brother, Arthur Douglas Sutherland Jr.; and sister-in-law, Julie Sutherland (nee Thurber).

A memorial Mass will be celebrated Saturday, July 10, 2021, at St. Lucy Catholic Church, 23401 Jefferson, St Clair Shores.

Memorial contributions in Suzanne’s name may be made to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Detroit, svdpdetroit.org.

Jerome Harden

Jerome Harden of Scottsdale, Ariz., passed away peacefully Friday, Oct. 23, 2020, in Phoenix, at Sherman Home-Hospice of the Valley. Born Jan. 18, 1935, in Detroit, to Harold and Waunita Harden, he was 85.

Jerry graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1953. He earned a degree in physics from the Virginia Military Institute in 1957.

He and Linda Hepburn were married April 12, 1958. They were blessed with three children, Ted, Joe and Elizabeth. He and his family were actively involved at St. Michael’s Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Jerry retired from Intel Co., in 1996.

He was a lifelong fan of the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Linda; children, Ted (Diane) of Tempe, Ariz., Joe of Prescott, Ariz., and Elizabeth (Mark) of Des Moines; grandchildren, Ted II, Katie (Jordan), Bill (Chelsea), Zach and Andrew; great-grandsons, Ryan, William and Carter; and sister-in-law, Maxine Harden. He was predeceased by his parents and brothers, Norman and Roger.

A private memorial service will be held Friday, Dec. 11, 2020, at St. Barnabas on the Desert Episcopal Church in Paradise Valley, Ariz.

Donations in memory of Jerry may be made to Ballet Arizona, blog.balletaz.org; or Hospice of the Valley, hov.org/donate.

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John Glynn Conley

John Glynn Conley, age 79, died on October 31.

Glynn and his wife, Ann, enjoyed 43 years of marriage. He was a loving husband and father.

All who knew Glynn will remember him for his kindness and for his astounding talent for telling jokes, on request, on any subject you could name, often accompanied by its own funny story about when he learned the joke or the other people he told it to at just the perfect time.

He was a fourth-grade teacher for many years, first



University School (Class of 1959), where he was an all-state athlete in football and baseball, both sports that he went on to coach for the school for many years. As a baseball coach, he was inducted into the Michigan High School Hall of Fame.

Glynn is dearly loved by his wife Ann, his daughter Kate, his sisters Tina Elliott and Vicki (Pat) Springstead, his brother Kevin (Amy), his many nieces, nephews, cousins, and lifelong friends, who can all remember at least one of his jokes which they will treasure and tell forever.

at Guardian Angel, and then at University Liggett School for thirty-five years, from 1974 to 2009, where his talents for jokes of all kinds served his students well. He too was a student at ULS, then Grosse Pointe

Arrangements have been handled by A.H. Peters Funeral Home. A memorial and celebration of Glynn’s life will be held at a later date, when, as he dearly wished, there will be baseball again and a new President.

Donations in Glynn’s memory may be made to the University Liggett Baseball Program, 1045 Cook Rd, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

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Bettejean Ahee

Bettejean Ahee (nee Joseph), owner of edmund t. AHEE jewelers in Grosse Pointe Woods, died Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020. She was 91.

Mrs. Ahee helped make the family name into what is virtually a Grosse Pointe institution, and her passing marks a lifetime of accomplishment rooted not just in hard work but also in faith and family.

Mrs. Ahee, head of the multi-generational family at edmund t. AHEE jewelers, had a long life filled with accomplishments. The store's presence is a local constant, as is the family's commitment to charitable endeavors, such as supporting the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in particular. It's easy to forget that this was a business built from the ground up.

Bettejean Ahee married store founder Edmund T. Ahee in 1947, the same year he set up a retail operation in his uncle's bowling alley in Detroit at Harper and Van Dyke. Jewelry and vacuum cleaners, luggage and radios — its inventory didn't exactly foretell its long-term destiny.

But in 1950, the course perhaps was set by what is now part of the Ahee legend: Mr. Ahee, having brought in Mrs. Ahee's engagement ring to be polished, ended up selling it to a customer who had not been satisfied with any of the diamonds available. Asked if she was upset, Mrs. Ahee later said, "No, I knew he would replace it with a larger diamond."

Mrs. Ahee largely worked at home, raising seven children, but was always a part of business discussions and the force behind any interior decorating. The first move from the bowling alley was to a shop on Van Dyke near I-94 in Detroit. Next, in 1968, came the move to Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods, which involved taking over a former DeSoto dealership. Mrs. Ahee handled the makeover.

In addition, "she's always been nuts about all of our grounds look-



Bettejean Ahee

ing special," son John Ahee told Instore magazine in 2016. "My mother is still in charge of that, making the interior and exterior look very new and fresh."

By 1971, the Ahees had added a workshop of master craftsmen. In 1981, they inaugurated major community outreach with the first Capuchin Soup Kitchen benefit. In 1987, occupation and faith came together when Ahee jewelers designed jewelry for the visit of Pope John Paul II.

The family has built various product partnerships and earned numerous awards through the years, continuing the path set by the elder Mr. Ahee before he passed away in 1999.

That's when Mrs. Ahee began working daily at the store. With all the children already having chosen to join the business, she was clearly the matriarch — but she also gained the title of CEO, and the store reaped awards such as being named America's Best Jeweler by two different national rankings.

Perhaps the most significant honor was the American Academy of Hospitality Sciences International Star Diamond Award, the first time the prestigious award went to a jeweler and a rarity for any retailer. Joseph Cinque, the academy president, summed up Mrs. Ahee's achievements when the award was celebrated here in 2015. "She was an active partner with her husband, Edmund, since the very beginning in 1947," he said, "while at the same time raising seven children, all of whom have become participants in the business themselves. It's an incredible success story."

Mrs. Ahee had the rare distinction of being the Grosse Pointe News'



Grace M. Breen

Pointer of Interest two different times. The constants both times are family and faith. "I look at my life and I know that I have been truly blessed with family and friends," she said in 2001 — family and friends and many more who join in recognizing her remarkable life.

A lifelong philanthropist, Mrs. Ahee also was a founding parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The Ahee family has lost a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. The community lost one of its truest friends.

She was the beloved wife of the late Edmund T. Ahee; loving mother of Lowell (Gina), Pamela (Chuck Thomas), Peter (Lisa), Gregory (Beth), Christopher (Julie), John (Connie) and the late Edmund T. Jr. (Eoanna); dearest grandmother of Lowell Jr., Erica (Scott Thomas), Jennifer (Matthew Savage), Brielle, Alexis, Charles Thomas (January), Alex Thomas, Jonathan Thomas, Edmund III (Kari), Nicholas (Megan), Stefan, Andre, Adrianna (Max Birnbaum), Anthony (Megan), Alexander (Nicole), Gregory, William, Christopher (Theresa), Lauren (Mark Aliahmad), Zachary and Anna; and dearest great-grandmother to 23 great-grandchildren.

Due to COVID-19 precautions, no public visitation or public funeral will be held. The Funeral Mass of Resurrection will be live streamed at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 6, on the Solanus Casey Center website, solanuscenter.org.

In keeping with the lifelong efforts of Edmund and Bettejean to feed the hungry and clothe the poor, the Ahee family appreciates



James E. Decker

memorial contributions in their honor be made to The Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207, thecapuchins.org/ministries/detroit.

Arrangements are entrusted to Chas. Verheyden Inc.

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Grace M. Breen

Grace M. Breen, 91, passed away peacefully Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020. She was born Oct. 30, 1928, in Detroit, to Leonard and Ethel Wenz.

Grace was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She cherished the time she spent with family and friends.

An avid bridge player, Grace was fortunate, at the young age of 91, to still have so many friends her age with whom she enjoyed playing the game. Her family said she will be dearly missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

Grace was the beloved wife of the late Francis. She is survived by her dear children, Michael, David (Julie) and Patricia DiVirgil (the late Steven). She was the cherished grandmother of Stephanie, Jeffrey, Patricia, Grace, Evan, Kelly, Caroline and Suzanne; loving great-grandmother of Isabelle, Maxwell and Elizabeth; and sister of Anne Van Hollebeke.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairfield, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial contributions in Grace's honor may be made to the Full Circle Foundation, 70 Woodland Shores Dr., Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236; or full circlefdn.org.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.



Jeanette Irene Stump

James Edward Decker

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident James "Jim" Edward Decker of Harsens Island passed away Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2020. Born July 18, 1936, in Detroit, to Loretta and William Decker, he was 84.

Jim is survived by his sister, Elaine "Bonnie" Scenga (Dar); second wife, Joy Decker; children, Karen Hoppe (Allen), Robert Decker (Megan), Erika Christenson (R.J.), Emily Decker and William "Mac" Decker; and grandchildren, Jason, Chad, Chandra, Evan, Brandon, Aaron, Liam and Logan. Jim was predeceased by his son, James Kenneth Decker; first wife, Lynn Decker; sister, Lynn Brickman; and brother, Jack Decker.

A member of the printing and binding community more than 50 years, Jim was the president and CEO of Best Binding LLC, and former owners of John Christian Co. A loyal, generous and kind man, Jim built his businesses on relationships; he cherished and was thankful for each one.

Jim held an honorary Doctorate of Science degree in business from Cleary University.

He served on the Board of Trustees at University Liggett School, Jefferson House, Harsens Island-St. Clair Flats Association, the Warren Manor Homeowners Association and Bi-County Community Hospital. Jim also served as a deputy reserve sheriff in Macomb County. He co-founded iCare of Michigan and was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus and the Aircraft Club of Detroit.

Jim will be remembered for always putting others first and will be dearly missed, his family

said.

A Celebration of Life gathering was held Oct. 30, on Harsens Island.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Jefferson House, 8311 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48214.

Jeanette Irene Stump

City of Grosse Pointe resident Jeanette Irene Stump (nee Rucinski), 76, passed away Friday, Oct. 30, 2020. She was born Aug. 23, 1944, in Hamtramck, to Irene and Eustace Rucinski, both now deceased.

Jeannette was the loving mother of Jan-Michael Stump (Jenna) and Andrew Stump (Emily); cherished "Babcia" of Henry, Lucy and Jack Stump; and beloved sister of Dr. James Rucinski (Nancy) and the late Jan Rucinski. She was predeceased by her former husband, Michael John Stump.

Jeanette served with the Red Cross in Korea during the Vietnam War. It was a life-defining experience of which she was always proud.

A 1966 graduate of Michigan State University, she earned a bachelor's degree in journalism. Her love for MSU remained strong long after she graduated, as a fan in the stands of Spartan Stadium and an active member of the Eastern Wayne County Spartans alumni club.

Jeanette was passionate about her Polish heritage and enjoyed Polish culture, food and especially dancing.

She loved her work at the Detroit Free Press, Detroit newspapers and particularly the Newspapers in Education program.

Jeanette was fiercely proud of her sons and their accomplishments and delighted with their families. Her happiest calling was being "Babcia" to her grandchildren.

Visitation takes place 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. Jeannette will lie in state Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9:30 a.m. until a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Donations mean more now than ever before

GPAAS makes annual appeal

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

One month after the March opening of the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society's new home — the Thomas A. Mackey Animal Adoption Center — COVID-19 forced it to close its doors to the public.

"It was so exciting and then 30 days later, it was over," GPAAS Executive Director Corinne Martin said. "Who could have predicted it? And it's impacted people in so many ways."

Every fundraiser the nonprofit had planned

since then has been canceled, resulting in the loss of the revenue it relies on to function.

"Next year will be our 25th year," Martin said. "This is the first year, in 2020, like with so many other businesses, that nothing has happened. Adoptions have been limited. We're turning to our savings, because we have no money coming in. Everything is at a standstill. It's been difficult."

"We can't be there for you unless you're there for us," she added. "We need support now to recover from 2020 and launch us into 2021 or I

don't see us surviving."

The lack of revenue is the only financial change GPAAS has seen this year; all of its bills are still flooding in. Veterinary care, staff wages and building maintenance are among its expenses.

"People think we are funded by the state, by the municipalities, by grants," Martin said. "We are not. We are solely supported by community donations."

She noted that online requests for material items often are filled quickly.

"People are great about donating stuff. If we need

cat food or dog food or toys or paper towels, we post something online and people come running," she said. "But for veterinary care, staff, maintenance, we have no money coming in for any of that. We have to use our savings for it."

"Veterinary care doesn't stop with COVID," she continued. "When we adopt a dog or a cat, we make zero; we actually lose money. If we adopt an adult cat, for example, the fee is \$90, but we pay \$250 for veterinary services."

Since reopening, GPAAS has adopted new protocols, as well as minimized its staff and volunteers. Curbside veterinary

appointments have doubled basic care time and the organization schedules individual appointments instead of group events because the animals do not respond well to people wearing masks. Public spaces are open by appointment only.

According to its annual appeal, GPAAS is the only state-licensed animal shelter for the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. Almost all the animals that come in are strays; only 30 percent are reclaimed by their owners. The rest are evaluated, vaccinated, spayed or neutered, treated medically if necessary and placed for adoption.

This year, GPAAS has

seen an uptick in animals coming in — the result of increased deaths, evictions, hospitalizations, divorces and other life events resulting from the pandemic. Conversely, adoptions have slowed down.

"We're ending up with all these animals," she said. "Where would these animals go if it wasn't for us?"

"We're there for you no matter what happens in your life," she added. "We need your support now more than ever so we can continue to be here for you when you need us. Every penny helps."

For more information or to make a donation, visit gpaas.org.

Grosse Pointe Yacht Club hosts state sailing championships

The Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation sponsored the State of Michigan High School Sailing Championship, which took place Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Grosse Pointe South High School served as the host school for the competition, which drew 18 high school teams from around the state. Three teams were from the Traverse City area, four from the Grand Rapids area the remaining teams from metro Detroit. The weather — sunshine and a light breeze — was perfect for the event, organizers said.

This year's winner and State of Michigan Sailing Champion was Novi High School, led by Mike and Connor Kirkman, both local sailors. Grosse Pointe South finished a close second, followed by Cranbrook Kingswood, Traverse City Central



Grosse Pointe South High School's sailors.



Grosse Pointe North High School's sailors.

and Troy high schools.

Grosse Pointe South sailors led the way most of the day, only to be edged out by Novi in the final three races.

The Grosse Pointe North High School team, while less experienced, sailed well throughout the day.

Other competitors



Student sailors from 18 high schools across the state converged on the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Oct. 17, for the State of Michigan High School Sailing Championship. The team from Novi High School took this year's title.

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GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM ADVERTISEMENT

The Board of Education of the Grosse Pointe Public School System ("Owner" or "School District") will receive sealed Bid Proposals for:

PROJECT - SUMMER 2021 WORK PROGRAM - MAIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENOVATION

Bid Proposals will be received by Amanda Matheson, Deputy Superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, at 389 St. Clair Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48230, on or before 11:00 a.m. (local time) on November 24, 2020 ("Due Date"). The Board of Education will not consider or accept a Bid Proposal received after the Due Date, the date and time specified for Bid Proposal submission. Bid Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately following the Due Date at the same location. Due to COVID restrictions attendance is not required for the opening and will be restricted to (1) representative from each company. Additionally, for those who wish to attend the opening virtually, please utilize the following link immediately following the Due Date listed above Join Microsoft Teams Meeting or dial-in using 636.373.8636, Conference ID 360 915 944#

A Pre-Bid Proposal meeting will be held on the following date:

November 5th, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m. at Maire Elementary School located at 740 Cadieux Rd, Grosse Pointe 48230. All persons attending the Pre-Bid will be required to meet at the main parking lot off of Waterloo St. This is an active school so face masks will be mandatory and temperature scans will be required in order to enter the building.

Each Bid Proposal must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education or the Superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System. The Board of Education will not accept a Bid Proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

Each Bid Proposal must also be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement certifying that the Contractor is not an Iran Linked Business. The Board of Education will not accept a Bid Proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized statement.

Each Bid Proposal must also be accompanied by a bid bond in the amount no less than five percent (5%) of the total bid amount(s).

The Grosse Pointe Public School System's Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Bid Proposals, either in whole or in part, to waive any informalities or irregularities therein, or to award the contract to other than the contractor(s) submitting the best financial Bid Proposal (low bidder), in its sole and absolute discretion.

Bid documents, including Bidders Information Manual, scopes of work, Drawing and Specifications will be made available Monday, November 02, 2020 at the following website:

<https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/54f0e584a238df0800778ee6/> (Search for Grosse Pointe Summer 2021 Work Program Maire Elementary School Renovation)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Nick Kuelske at (313) 596-0520 or email at nkuelske@tcco.com, and Luke Augspurger at (313) 402-7014 or email at LAugspurger@tcco.com.

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cocoa; chocolate candy and hard candy, including sugar free; personal-sized hand sanitizer, large print puzzle books and monetary donations to purchase items.

Items should be delivered to The Helm, 158 Ridge Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, by Friday, Dec. 11. Call The Helm at (313) 882-9600 for more information.

For more than 10 years, The Helm has collected donated non-perishable food items, assembled items into gift bags and delivered them to homebound seniors in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. Seniors truly appreciate this gift of useful surprises.

War Memorial unveils refurbished art gallery

The War Memorial recently announced the opening of its new art gallery in tandem with the opening of the new Grosse Pointe Artists Association exhibition, “Soul Searching.” Occupying the former public access television studio, the new gallery space is located in The War Memorial’s Education and Community Wing. This exhibition will be one of the first public community programs hosted on The War Memorial’s campus since it began a phased reopening in June. The renovated gallery will host “Soul Searching” through Thursday, Dec. 17.

For the exhibition, artists were asked to share their work done during the COVID-19 pandemic. As anticipated, they were “Soul Searching,” savoring memories and preparing themselves for a bright future. Grace Serra, curator for the Wayne State University Collection, as well as The University of Michigan North Campus Research Complex and Detroit Medical Center, juried the show. A record 41 artists, primarily from Michigan but also from adjacent states, submitted 84 pieces to be considered. Forty pieces were selected and will be eligible to receive awards.

“In times like these it is even more clear how important art is in the lives of individuals and the community,” said Grosse Pointe Artist Association President Karen Pope. “Opening a show in this new gallery space is a powerful antidote to COVID fatigue. We can’t thank The War Memorial enough for this new space and we look



“The First Four Months,” by Katie McNamee

forward to people stopping by on Thursday afternoons to see the exhibition.”

Offered to the community in a hybrid format, this exhibition will be available for both socially distanced in-person visits, as well as on the Grosse Pointe Artists Association website. Serra hosted a virtual gallery talk and awards ceremony Friday, Oct. 23. Mark Zapico, a professor at College for Creative Studies, will host a virtual artists forum at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8. Details on how to join will be posted on grossepointeartcenter.org.

Completed this spring, The War Memorial gallery is a newly refurbished space, once occupied by the former WMTV public access television studio. Renovations include refinished drywall, fresh paint, an aggressive revamp of the floors, new gallery lighting and art-work hanging systems. In the process, the Grosse Pointe Artists Association offices also were moved to a larger space directly overlooking the gallery. While “Soul Searching” will be the first public program offered in the new space, The War

Memorial looks forward to operating the gallery for additional community programs including intimate concerts, lectures and film screenings.

“During this pandemic,

The War Memorial team has utilized our creative energy to reimagine and revitalize many aspects of our extraordinary space,” said War Memorial President and

CEO Charles Burke. “As we forge ahead with our audacious future, I am inspired by the multitude of ways we can showcase this space; both by work with our community

partners, as well as the broader metro Detroit region.”

The exhibition and gallery space will be open to the public 2 to 7 p.m. Thursdays, through Dec. 17, excluding Thanksgiving Day. Gallery visits will be limited to 10 people at a time and face masks, temperature checks, COVID-19 waivers and social distancing will be required. Individuals with a fever will not be permitted to enter the building; likewise, anyone who has recently been ill, or has come in contact with an ill acquaintance, will be denied entry. To learn more, visit grossepointeartcenter.org.



“Prime Event Center,” by Kale Serrato Doyen

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Julian Ahee and Beckham Ahee take a break on a bench to dig into the candy they got once they were finished with the trail.

Halloween in the Farms



Grosse Pointe Farms recently hosted the Halloween event, “It’s The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown,” based on the book. Signs were printed, one for each page of the book, for families to read along the trail, keeping people socially distanced. At the end of the trail, everyone got a goodie bag with treats from the city and library. Around 400 people took to the trail.

Above, Hadley Hanawalt, Charlie Weikel and Henry Hanawalt stand under the arch at the beginning of the trail. Right, Chase Havlik reads one of the pages of the book along the trail.



American Legion invites high school students to compete in speech contest

In an invitation extended by Post Commander Dan McCrary of American Legion Grosse Pointe Post 303, high school students in the Grosse Pointe/Wayne County area are invited to compete in the annual American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program.

Although the first round of speech competition will not start until January, a contestant must register with the American Legion, Department of Michigan by Friday, Nov. 13. To register, go to michiganlegion.org/oratorical/.

Students whose applications are emailed after Nov. 13, will not be able to participate. Eligible students must be U.S. citizens or lawful residents younger than age 20.

The American Legion Oratorical Contest exists to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Since 1938, the program has presented participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of the nation’s laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. The program has featured numerous politicians and prominent contestants over the years, including former president candidate Alan Keyes, television commentator Lou Dobbs and Vice President Mike Pence.

Speaking subjects must be on some aspect of the U.S. Constitution, with some emphasis on the duties and obligations of citizens to the U.S. government. Speeches are 8 to 10 minutes long; 3- to 5-minute speeches on an assigned topic also are part of the contest. They are delivered with no notes allowed.

At the national level, participants may earn college scholarships. The overall national contest winner gets a

\$25,000 scholarship. Second place takes home \$22,500 and third gets \$20,000.

Each state winner who is certified into and participates in the national contest’s first round receives a \$2,000 scholarship. Those who advance past the first round receive an additional \$2,000 scholarship. The American Legion’s National Organization awards the scholarships, which can be used at any college or university in the U.S.

At the state level, scholarship awards range from \$800 to \$1,500, with zone runners-up receiving \$200. At the first and second rounds of competition, scholarships range from medals to cash awards of \$150 to \$800.

After registration, students will be notified of the dates, times and locations of all contests at the district and zone levels. Competition begins at the post level and advances to state competition. The local contests begin in January. Winners go on to a zone contest, which will be conducted before Feb. 14. The state contest will be conducted March 6, at a place and time to be determined. One winner of the state contest will compete in the national finals in Indianapolis April 9 to 11.

Legion department representatives certify one winner per state to the national contest, where department winners compete against each other in two speaking rounds. The contest caps off with a final round that decides the three top finishers. The American Legion will pay the expenses of state winners at the national contest.

The contests are subject to state restrictions in Michigan executive orders at the time of the event.

For resource and video help with the oratory content, rules and topics of the contest, visit legion.org/oratorical or legion.org/oratorical/resources. Questions may be emailed to GrossePointePost303@gmail.com.

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Park hosts Halloween

Grosse Pointe Park hosted its Halloween trick-or-treat event Saturday, Oct. 24, with two socially distanced trails marked by hay bales, Halloween decorations and inflatables. Three time slots and shorter trails helped attendees stay distanced, but still collect plenty of candy and doughnuts. Volunteers dressed up and decorated stations where candy was given out.



Above, Domenica Rusilko as Daphne; Francesca Rusilko as Shaggy; Paul Rusilko as Fred and Katy Rusilko as Velma — characters from Scooby-Doo — found a picnic table station that featured the Mystery Machine. Right, stopping to pick up a doughnut, Macee, Charlee and Rilee Piornack came to the event dressed as Wednesday Addams, a little old lady with curlers in her hair and Hermione from Harry Potter, respectively.



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Field hockey

RIVALS

ULS beats South to win state title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

First-year head coach Amanda Amine led her University Liggett School girls field hockey team to a Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 2 state championship last weekend, beating her former team and rival Grosse Pointe South 2-1.

The game was played at Dexter High School.

“Senior captains Ella Karolak, Delaney Garvey, and Kaitlyn Gray continually set the tone for us all season long, and really showed up for us when it mattered the most,” ULS head coach Amanda Amine said. “Sophomore Brooke Summers, junior Elese Kogel and junior Tory Roth also had an outstanding game.

“But wow, Alexandra Karolak’s incredible sliding kick save with under two minutes to go in the game was probably the best field hockey save I’ve ever seen. She worked incredibly hard all season long and it truly paid off in the most important moment.

“I want to give credit to South for their nice season and for a great game on Saturday. They played incredibly hard and really put the pressure on us in the second half.

“I am beyond proud of this entire team and the Liggett field hockey program as a whole, because both on and off the field they are truly a great group of girls!

My assistant coaches Jayant Trewn and Ally Saigh were awesome all season long and couldn’t have done this without them. Ally joining our staff this season really was an “X Factor”, and her work with not only the goalies, but our entire team, was so beneficial.

“We had our sights set on winning the state championship from day No. 1 of the season, so it was emotional for all of us to finish the job on Saturday. We looked at this as a “Business Trip” and the girls were incredibly focused and ready.



University Liggett School players and coaches pose with the state title trophy after beating Grosse Pointe South in the Division 2 championship game.

PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE SAIGH

In a year when we didn’t even know if we would be able to have a season, it is so rewarding for this team, their families, and for Liggett to come out on top as the champions.”

Ella Karolak and Allie Roth scored the goals for the Knights, while Kate Skupien tallied for the Blue Devils.

Alexandra Karolak was the winning goaltender.

The Knights entered the state playoffs as the No. 5 seed. During their run to the title, they beat the No. 4 seed, No. 2 seed and No. 1 seed.

Amine and her assistant coach Ally Saigh, a college goalie at Molloy College which postponed its fall season and will play it in the spring, told their players they believed in their ability to take the gauntlet of games one at a time with the confidence of a champion.

“It was high intensity,” South head coach Jessie Rouleau said. “Good game and great season. Proud of this Team.”

ULS ended its season 10-4 overall, while South was 13-2-1.

ULS stunned No. 1 seed and unbeaten East Grand Rapids 4-1 in its

semifinal, setting up the battle with city rival Grosse Pointe South for the state championship.

“We played one of our most complete games of the season,” Amine said.

Elese Kogel had a hat trick, scoring the Knights’ first three goals. Lexie Gormely put the finishing touch on the game with the fourth goal, and Alexandra Karolak got the win in net.

“The midfield unit of Delaney Garvey, Ella

Karolak, Brooke Summers, and Kaitlyn Gray controlled the pace of the game. Defense played great too,” Amine added.

In its semifinal, No. 2 seed South beat No. 3 seed Detroit Country Day 3-2 in overtime.

They trailed 1-0 at the half, and 2-0 when the Yellowjackets scored in the third quarter.

Late in the third quarter, Katelyn Carion scored, with an assist

from Molly Ryszewski. Carion scored on a fast-break play the Blue Devils run. Katherine Bsharah started the play. The Blue Devils tied it in the fourth quarter on an unassisted goal by Veronica VanRossen.

In overtime, each team plays with six players, plus the goalie.

Kate Skupien’s goal lifted the Blue Devils to the win, assisted by Kennedy Mason.

In its quarterfinal, ULS

played at No. 4 seed Chelsea and pulled a mild upset, winning 2-1.

“A very big win against last year’s state runners-up Chelsea,” Amine said.

Garvey had the first goal, while Kogel scored the second goal off of an assist from Ella Karolak.

Alexandra Karolak got the win in goal. Her play has been solid, thanks to the coaching of Saigh, who has worked with her this fall.

“I’m very proud of the girls, and things are really clicking for us at the right time now that our whole squad is back,” Amine said.

In the other quarterfinal, South earned a 3-0 win over Hartland on a cool, rainy night.

Despite the poor weather conditions, it didn’t dampen the girls’ spirits as they made the Final Four.

After a scoreless opening half, the home team struck first when Carion scored.

It was quickly 2-0 after Ryszewski tallied, and Skupien put the icing on the cake with her goal midway through the fourth quarter.

Rouleau’s squad dominated the game, putting several more good shots on net. If it wasn’t for the good goaltending of the Hartland goalkeeper, the score could have been 5-0 or 6-0.



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South players gather for a team photo after defeating Hartland in the rainy quarterfinal.

Soccer

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL, GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Knights, Blue Devils fall in regionals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys soccer team saw its season come to an abrupt halt last week when it lost 2-1 to Clarkston Everest Collegiate in a Division 4 Regional final at Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

Head coach David Dwaihy knew his Knights were in for a battle.

He was right as his explosive offenses were

bottled up for a majority of the game.

ULS avenged its only loss of the season, beating Royal Oak Shrine 6-2 in a regional semifinal.

Sheikh Manneh scored a first-half hat trick, with Mac Katz drawing the first two assists and Claudio Cavallo netting the final assist.

“Stewart Smith played one of his best games as at Liggett Knight and controlled the game from his midfield position, and

Mac Katz and Markus Wiegel gave him great support in the middle of the field,” Dwaihy said.

Cavallo scored on a free kick a few minutes into the second half, and he scored again midway through the second stanza to give the Knights some breathing room.

Scoring the Knights’ final goal was Alex George. This came off a corner kick from Cavallo.

“Sam Sword stood tall in goal and was pro-

TECTED well by the defensive line in front of him, led by senior Terrance Hurt and juniors James Dailey, Matthew Belcrest, and Stephen Fozo,” Dwaihy said. “It was a great team effort and everyone pitched in. Dougie Wood, Sawyer Szajenko, Jake Carron, and Cassius Catallo all played exceptionally well on the outside of midfield, and John Keyorkgy gave us great minutes in the middle of

the field and helped to keep things calm and controlled.”

ULS finished its season 13-2-1.

South results

The Grosse Pointe South boys soccer team ended its season early last week, losing 1-0 in overtime to Berkley in a Division 1 regional semifinal at Northville High School.

It’s the second straight game the Blue Devils

went to overtime. They beat Grosse Pointe North in a shootout in their previous contest.

The Blue Devils finished 8-6-1 overall.

“It was another great run,” head coach Francesco Cilano said. “Districts championship, and all difficult playoff. I can’t ask more to our players.”

Cilano loses a dozen seniors to graduation, but some top-level underclassmen return.

Football

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

South endures loss to Oak Park

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For the fourth year in a row, the Grosse Pointe South football team lost its first-round state play-off game.

In 2017, it was Detroit Cass Tech beating the Blue Devils, and in 2018 it was Dearborn Fordson.

Last year, it was Cass Tech again, and last weekend it was winless Oak Park, 35-27.

In a year when COVID-19 limited the season to only six games and everyone made the play-offs, the Blue Devils didn't catch any breaks when they had to host a talented Oak Park squad.

The Blue Devils' script has been familiar the past few years. They play

a great first half before sputtering in the second half.

They got off to a solid start against the Knights, taking a 19-6 lead. Egan Sullivan rushed for a touchdown, Cameron Braithwaite kicked a field goal and Jonathan Drake returned a fumble for a touchdown.

The Blue Devils converted a two-point conversion after each touchdown.

They had momentum on their home field.

The Knights scored to make it 19-14 and looked like they were going to punt the ball back to the Blue Devils deep in their territory with a minute left on the clock.

Enough time for the Blue Devils to put more

points on the board before the half.

Then momentum shifted to the visitors as their punter scooped up a bad snap and raced the length of the field for a touchdown. Just like that, the Blue Devils found themselves trailing 22-19 at the half.

The Knights used their dominating offensive line to allow their quarterback to survey the field, setting up big plays through the passing game and controlling the clock with the running game.

They used two long pass plays to score touchdowns to increase their lead to 35-19.

The Blue Devils used one last gasp to score when quarterback

Anthony Benard hit John Williamson in the end zone with only one second remaining in the game.

The two-point conversion was good, cutting the deficit to 35-27 with an onside kick coming.

The Knights recovered the kick as time ran out.

South was 4-3 overall.

Seniors Max Gavagan, Matthew Hannon, Thomas Hessburg, Aristedis Hilentzaris, Jordan Johnson, Bradford Kemper, Timothy Labadie, Justin Maccagnone, Daniel Maksym, Michael Murphy, Bennett Smihal, Luke Srebernak, Nicholas Vandenbrink and Miles Wujek played their final high school game.



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South running back Egan Sullivan, No. 24, breaks a tackle en route to a touchdown in the Blue Devils' playoff loss.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen fall to U-D in playoff opener

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's football team saw its season come to an end last weekend with its 28-14 home loss to U-D Jesuit.

The Norsemen led 7-0 on a JaVontae Stewart 1-yard run and Mike Zontini extra point.

The Cubs tied it, but the home team went up 14-7 after Rayfielle Garland blocked a field goal, scooped up the ball and handed it to Johnny Bonnell, who raced 95 yards for the TD. Zontini's PAT gave the Norsemen the lead at the half.

This was a huge moral victory, to go into the half leading a very good (and big) U-D team," head coach Joe Drouin said. "To think where things were with this team a year ago and here we are leading

at the half in a playoff game."

They couldn't sustain the momentum and the Cubs were able to tie it with a touchdown in the third quarter and two more in the fourth.

Leading the way for the Cubs was Grosse Pointe resident Patrick McVeigh, who rushed for 168 yards and four touchdowns. McVeigh also passed for 88 yards on 4-of-7 passing.

For the Norsemen, Ethan LaCroix rushed for 30 yards on 10 carries, while Joe Plieth completed 4 of 8 passes for 30 yards.

Another highlight was Zontini's kicking. He made both extra points, and had a 41.2 yards per punt average on four punts with a long of 58 yards.

Defensively, Colin Duffy had seven tackles and two assists, while Drew Hill had six tack-

les with two assists. Bonnell added five tackles and three assists. Darien Stevens had an interception.

Grosse Pointe North finished 3-4 overall.

"We turned the corner," Drouin said. "The culture of the football program is close to where we want it to be. We have to build on this year. We have to build on the leadership of our senior class. The younger guys learnt how to lead from this group."

Drouin loses Hunter Abedellaoui, Benjamin Bania, Ray Bell, John Bonnell, Jakoby Bush, Timothy Cleland, Colin Duffy, Frederick Dupree, Rayfielle Garland, Christian Hopkins, Charles Klatt, Ethan LaCroix, Luke Ladach, Jack Maday, Bryce McNeary, Matthew Mourad, Nolan Pietsch, Plieth,

Connor Rossman, James Shaway, Javontae Stewart, Luke Troupe, Daniel Vogler, James Ware, Williams and Zontini to graduation.

"This year's seniors' work ethic and leadership set the tone for the season," Drouin said. "To finish the season .500 and battle in a playoff game was a major accomplishment. This group made coaching fun, they made practice fun, they gave us (as coaches) something to look forward to during the day. When you spend most the day in school virtually, football gave us and the players a sense of normalcy. I think it made the family bond of the team even stronger, for the most part practice and games were the only social interaction some of these guys got."



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North's Kennard Williams, left, played well in a loss to U-D Jesuit.

Knights lose to Dragons in playoffs



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By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School football team dropped its playoff opener last weekend, losing 46-14 to host Clintondale.

Both teams brought 2-4 records into the Division 7 district playoff game.

The other region No. 3, district No. 2 winners were Loyola, Bishop Foley and Detroit Central.

William Edwards led the team in rushing with 249 yards, while Carson Roose completed 138 of 265 passes for 1,867 yards and 23 touchdowns to 17 interceptions.

Ryan Jones had a team-leading 11 receiving touchdowns, plus scored three two-point conversions for 72 points.

Despite the loss, head coach Tarif Kumasi and his Knights have a lot to look forward to in 2021.

He loses Malik Pierce and Giorgio Malkoun to graduation, but return-

ing are Jack Jones, William Edwards, Joshua Pierce, Darrius Samples, Harry Policheria, Lucas Almeida, Jake Martin, Louis Gormely, Justin Nazarko, Nate Caudill, Oliver Service, Zach Hill, Mason Melgari, Andrew Stalker, Carson Roose, Ryan Jones, Jermaine Calloway and Matt Belcrest.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils beat Marian

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls swimming and diving team earned its best win of the season last week, beating perennial state power Birmingham Marian 102-84.

The Blue Devils won seven of the 12 events, including the 200-yard

medley relay team of Brooke Lezotte, Phoebe Handwork, Sophie Schuetze and Phoebe Bedsworth with a time of 1:51.56.

Olivia Yoo won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:56.90 and Schuetze won the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:10.87 as the Blue Devils won the first three events.

Caroline Rogers was first in the diving competition with 183.60 points, which was just a little more than three points ahead of Marian's Grace Morgan.

In the 100-yard butterfly, Yoo was first with a time of 57.64, and it was Isabella Gelle winning the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:09.90.

Sienna Clark won the

100-yard backstroke with a time of 59.72 to give the Blue Devils their final first-place finish as Marian won the 100-yard breaststroke and 400-yard freestyle relay to keep it close.

Grosse Pointe South is 4-0 overall.

South hosts the Macomb Area Conference Red Division meet.

Cross country

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT

Runners advance

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's Preston Navarre is headed to the Division 1 state finals after taking second in last weekend's regional meet at Chandler Park Golf Course in Detroit.

He finished with a season-best time of 15:40.2, which was a little less than eight seconds behind the winner, junior Peter Baracco of Farmington.

Another Norseman, Alex Agius, placed 42nd with a personal-best time of 17:12.4, while David Rochon was 61st at a personal-best 18:03.2.

Other runners for the Norsemen were Charlie Bomgaars and Max Kluge, who place 64th and 65th with times of 18:12.1 (personal-best) and 18:15.2.

The boys did not compete as a team, so they did not earn a team score.

"I am very excited about the underclassmen on this team," head coach Diane Montgomery said. "They have gained important varsity experience this year."

The girls, on the other hand, qualified as a team and finished sixth with

147 points. Northville, Farmington and Royal Oak made the state finals by placing first and second with 23, 52 and 81 points, respectively.

Leading the way for the Norsemen was Amelia Streberger, who placed 26th with a time of 20:48.1.

Drew Lovell finished 29th at 21:01.8, while Annaliese Thomas and Becca Moin placed 37th and 39th with times of 21:10.3 and 21:16.7.

Anna Lisa Lynch, Penny Roustemis and Elisa Nyquist placed 46th, 47th and 52nd with times of 21:32.1, 21:34.3 and 22:07.9 to round out the Norsemen's competitors.

The Division 1 state championship meet is Friday, Nov. 6, at Michigan International Speedway.

South results

Grosse Pointe South's boys cross-country team finished fourth with 104 points in last weekend's Division 1 regional meet at Chandler Park Golf Course in Detroit.

The top three teams, Novi, Northville and Farmington, made the state finals with 46, 49 points and 93 points, respectively.

The Blue Devils, under



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University Liggett School's Penelope Griffioen is a state finals, joining a handful of state qualifiers from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South

head coach Mark Sonnenberg, did have two individuals make the state finals, Logan Detweiler and Abraham Abouljoud, who finished eighth and ninth with times of 16:14.3 and 16:15.4.

Jack Hurst finished 25th with a time of 16:39.6, and Charles Rulison was 32nd at 16:52.4.

Brendan Downey was 43rd with a time of 17:18.9, and Michael Wholihan finished 50th at 17:29.8. Ronak Parikh placed 57th at 17:46.3 to round out the Blue Devil competitors.

Next for the two Blue Devils is the Division 1 state championship meet on Friday, Nov. 6, at Michigan International Speedway.

Liggett results

The University Liggett School cross-country team held strong in last weekend's Division 3 regional meet at Algonac High School.

Neither the boys nor

the girls squad fielded enough runners to qualify a team score, but they did have some solid individual results.

Head coach Joe Smith watched his four girls earn a spot in the state finals.

Penelope Griffioen was second with a time of 20:30.0 to lead the foursome into the state finals.

Others were Sophia Ma, who was ninth with a time of 21:26.7, followed by Ariana Herman and Kelsey Beckett, who placed 11th and 12th with times of 21:36.3 and 21:39.8 to punch their ticket to the finals.

In the boys meet, Evan Provenzano was the team's top runner, finishing 17th with a time of 18:36.1 to get a spot in the finals.

Jacob Whitton was 26th at 19:11.5, while Garrett Flynn took 37th at 19:44.9.

Next for the five runners is the Division 3 state title meet Saturday, Nov. 7, at MIS.

Volleyball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils lose in five

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South volleyball team dropped its final league game of the season last week, losing 24-26, 25-19, 19-25, 25-22, 15-13.

Jada DiVita, Ellie Martin and Kaitlyn Stafford led the Blue Devils in kills and blocks.

With the regular season coming to an end, head coach Janeil DiVita and her Blue Devils finished 4-5 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

If everything goes according to the plan, South should play host Grosse Pointe North in a Division 1 district championship match at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen drop two

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls volleyball team prepared for the upcoming state district playoffs by playing two tough opponents last week.

The Norsemen lost 3-0 to both Fraser in a Macomb Area Conference White Division match, and 3-0 to Warren Regina in a non-league contest.

Both the Ramblers, the regular season MAC White division champion, and Saddlelites,

brought impressive win-loss records into the matches.

Head coach Chelsea Brozo has watched her Norsemen get better throughout the season, and now the pressure is on to win in the state playoffs.

North hosts the district, and has a chance to play rival Grosse Pointe South in the Division 1 district championship game at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5.

For senior Lindsey Brewer, this is her final Division 1 state playoff run.

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- ACROSS**
- Coagulate
 - Chooses
 - Evil
 - Staffer
 - Father of Japheth
 - Time of your life?
 - Battle zone, often
 - Member of a pride
 - Unsophisticated
 - Creates
 - Yon bloke
 - Use
 - Cage components
 - Cattle call
 - Glasgow gal
 - Retirement plan acronym
 - Museum fill
 - Agt.
 - Quarter-bushel
 - Where — at
 - Crucial time
 - Fate
 - Circle ratio

- Alamo combatant
 - More considerate
 - -Locka, Fla.
 - Half a golf course
 - Prohibit
 - Green land
 - Sportscaster
 - Andrews
 - On in years
 - Judicial garment
 - Start over
- DOWN**
- Eatery
 - Old Italian money
 - Smell
 - Cents to dimes, or dimes to dollars
 - Sans siblings
 - Luau bowlful
 - Author Amy
 - Sometime
 - Stooge
 - BBQ site, often

- Chills and fever
- Society newcomers
- Definite article
- Completely
- Heart line?
- Cookware
- Rend
- Anger
- Contrarily
- Cripple
- Vast expanse
- Bond, for one
- Chiang — -shek
- Main meal
- Allude (to)
- Orchestra's location
- Newsom of baseball lore
- October birth-stone
- Dandling site
- Tragic
- Oklahoma city
- Former attorney general
- Carnival city
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