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Assistant principal granted appeal

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

An employee suing the Grosse Pointe Public School System for gender discrimination and retaliation will have the opportunity to make her case in front of a jury. An appeals court reversed a summary judgment in favor of the school district, remanding the case for trial.

Debra Redlin, assistant principal at Parcels

Middle School, filed the complaint Nov. 15, 2016, in the U.S. District Court Eastern District of Michigan Southern Division, alleging while an assistant principal at Grosse Pointe South High School, she was discriminated against on the basis of her gender under Title VII, the portion of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that protects an individual from employment discrimination on the basis of

race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Redlin claimed she was the victim of sexual harassment and discrimination during the 2014-15 school year and was transferred to Parcels for the 2015-16 school year as retaliation for filing a complaint. Moreover, she alleged discrimination and retaliation for taking a leave from Parcels under the Family Medical Leave Act. Seeking eco-

nomie and non-economic compensatory damages, punitive damages and attorney fees and costs, she requested a jury trial.

In a May 10, 2018, ruling, Senior U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman granted the school district's motion for a summary judgment — a court order stating no factual issues remain to be tried and therefore all causes of action in a complaint can be decided upon without

trial — concluding “no reasonable jury could find that defendant discriminated or retaliated against plaintiff based on her gender or because she took a (family medical) leave.”

Redlin filed an appeal June 1, 2018. After reviewing depositions and listening to March 14 oral arguments by attorneys for the plaintiff and the defendant, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit reversed

Friedman's ruling on the gender and discrimination claims, remanding the case to the district court with instructions to permit Redlin to present her claims to a jury. The court affirmed the judgment on Redlin's FMLA retaliation claim.

Redlin's appeal was based on the question of whether the district court erred in not granting her a

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2019-20 budget season begins

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK, CITY AND FARMS — While this year still feels young, cities already are looking ahead to next year.

City officials are working to put together budgets for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1. The Park, City and Farms have set public hearings for their proposed budgets. The Park will hold its budget workshop at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.

City City Manager Peter Dame provided council with a preliminary budget at last week's council meeting to receive feedback before it goes to the public. He said residents shouldn't expect tax increases from the city other than the Public Safety and Works facility bond levy.

A public hearing is set

for 7 p.m. Monday, May 13, at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, and the budget will be available for public inspection starting Friday, May 10, at city hall, 17147 Maumee.

“Staff has been working hard to make sure the budget that's presented to council in May is balanced,” Dame said.

Like the City, the Farms is not proposing a tax increase. The Farms' proposed budget is available on its website, grossepointefarms.org. A hearing is set for 7 p.m. Monday, May 13, in council chambers, 90 Kerby.

The tax rate is proposed to stay at 14.95 mills. Like last year, 11.5 mills will be used for general operating, 2.37 mills for rubbish and 1.08 mills for debt.

The Farms estimates revenues will increase by \$450,000 as property tax revenues continue to climb. According to the proposed budget, assessed values in the Farms have increased for the sixth year.

Citywide, assessed values increased 7.8 percent, according to the proposed budget.

The assessor estimates a \$37 million increase of assessed values for the Farms.

Last fiscal year, the Farms collected \$11.2 million in property taxes — its largest revenue source — and expects to

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Musical message

On Easter Sunday, muralist Nicole Macdonald and the AlterCrossing team installed three more murals on the building at 14841 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park. In keeping with the theme of music as a change agent, the new murals depict sound waves and are titled, “The sound of change.” The murals are a project of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association. The AlterCrossing display also includes portraits of Aretha Franklin and Marvin Gaye.

Movie night comes to The Village

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The movies are coming to The Village en plein air.

Marais Market and Cafe is hosting a free movie night at 7 p.m. Friday, May 17, outside at the vacant Sunrise Assisted Living property in The Village behind CVS Pharmacy. Wayne County Community College District also is helping sponsor the

event. The movie hasn't been announced yet, but it will be family friendly.

“We're just looking to do a big free movie night for anybody who wants to come,” said David Gilbert, owner of Marais Market. “It's a pretty simple idea. We have great funding from Wayne County Community College and ... we just want to do more activities for our residents.”

Gilbert said depending on its success, he hopes

it will turn into a monthly event through October.

“Our vision as business owners and property owners (is to) put on a great free event and hope it really becomes a pattern that we can do this every month, we can do it annually and it'll turn into bigger and better events.”

There will be no food, beverages or alcohol served on site; however, Gilbert said Marais Market will sell refreshments outside the mar-

ket for movie-goers.

Attendees also are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs and blankets, as seating will not be provided. The movie will be screened on a 17-foot LED screen.

Mary Ellen Stempfle, chairwoman of the WCCCD board, said the college is happy to help support the community event.

“The community college is thrilled to partner

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A feast of favorites

Auction winners treated to 5 Italian dinners

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Every fall, The Helm at the Boll Life Center invites supporters to a fundraising gala so it may continue providing essential services to seniors in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. Last year's event, sponsored by Ascension St. John Hospital, took place Oct. 11 and followed the theme "Once Upon a Time: An Enchanted Evening of Glitz, Glam & Giving."

Among those in attendance were Judge William Giovan and Susan Sisk of Grosse Pointe Farms, who let their appetites do the bidding for them.

The pair was the highest bidder on a series of gift cards from five Italian restaurants, followed up with a story of their expe-

riences in the Grosse Pointe News.

Giovan said it was a pleasant surprise to see all their favorite restaurants in one auction item.

"It was very attractive," Giovan said. "I'm Italian all the way through. My DNA says I'm 96 percent Italian and the rest is not too far away. I love Italian food and love to go to Italian restaurants."

The restaurants — Antonio's in the Park, Ristorante Bucci, Da Edoardo, Salvatore Scallopini and Trattoria Serventi — are favorites of Giovan and Sisk.

"We like to go to them anyway," Giovan said, "and of course, it's for a charitable cause, so what's not to like?"

The pair embarked on their spree on "wildly separated intervals," Giovan said. For some, they brought guests,

while at others they dined alone.

"They all serve great food," he added. "Each of them has its own special attraction."

While Giovan usually orders pasta wherever the couple goes, he left his comfort zone to try a few new dishes during their Italian tour. Sisk mainly stayed with her favorites, though did try a few new entrees.

At Da Edoardo, they both had Steak au Poivre, new to both of them. At Antonio's, he had Lasagna and she ate Salmon Caprese. She opted for grilled salmon at Bucci, while he tried the Veal Romana. At Salvatore Scallopini, Sisk tried the Pasta Mezzogiorno while Giovan ordered the special — Filet di Manzo. She ordered the Atlantic Salmon at Trattoria



Judge William Giovan and Susan Sisk look over the menu at Trattoria Serventi in Grosse Pointe Woods.

PHOTO BY JOHN MINNIS

Serventi, while he ate the Manicotti Alla Trattoria.

At no time during their adventure was either of them disappointed with their meals.

"It was a wonderful experience to be able to go to all of our favorite places all over again," Giovan said. "I found a new favorite at Salvatore Scallopini. I always order pasta — their pasta is so good — but for the first time that I can remember, I ordered one of their specials, the filet.

"All of them are restaurants we've been to before, but we're delighted to be able to go back in this special circumstance, having won the opportunity at auction," Giovan said.

Added Sisk, "I agree with everything Bill said. The restaurants we frequent all the time, because they're all good restaurants. We were lucky to get (the auction win)."

What made the tour most special for the cou-

ple was the chance it gave them to support The Helm.

"The Grosse Pointes have a concentrated population of people in their elder years," Giovan said. "The Helm provides one of the most valuable services in our community by serving this population of citizens. Susan and I appreciate what they're doing for our community and enjoy their events and try to make our own contribution as well."

New member

HealthQuest Physical Therapy, 20229 Nine Mile, Ste. 240, St. Clair Shores, provides hands-on physical therapy, rehabilitation and athletic training. For information, call (586) 265-5252. Pictured during a recent ribbon-cutting event are, from left, Regan Stolarski, administrator with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce; Rachel Palazzolo, office manager; Todd Cummings, co-owner; Caitlin Hall, co-owner and director; Jennifer Boettcher, president of the Grosse Pointe chamber and Linda Reid, the chamber's director of membership.



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'Music on the Lawn' bands commissioned

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Residents can mark their calendars for this year's "Music on the Lawn" summer concert series.

City council recently approved entertainment contracts for the 2019 performances, which will take place on the front lawn of city hall. Contracts were submitted for approval by the Community Events Committee following its planning meeting Thursday, March 14.

The longtime Detroit dance band Sun Messengers will get residents on their feet 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, June 28.

Detroit Social Club Blues Band, known for

Motown-inspired R&B, blues and jazz numbers, will play 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, July 26.

West Bloomfield's rock and soul band Buggs Beddow and the Good Stuff will perform 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23.

Sonic Freeway, which covers hits from the 1960s through the present, will get the crowd moving for the season's final concert 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21.

Food vendors being considered by the Community Events Committee include Stix & Stone — Wood Fired Pizza, National Coney Island and Walking Taco.

—Melissa Walsh

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with the community to do fun events," she said. "This is what we're here for."

"Dave (Gilbert) really went out of his way to, as a business owner in The Village, to say, look, what can we do?" said Mayor Christopher Boettcher. "What can I do to get something done? And Sunrise ... who owns the properties, was very gra-

rious ... that (if) we could do something productive on it, that they would be more than happy with the appropriate insurance certificate to allow us to have some kind of event. So thank you, Dave, for doing this and then thank you, Wayne County Community College, for helping fund and sponsor an event that is for all of its citizens. And I think that a movie on a grassy knoll is kind of a cool thing to have in your downtown community on a Friday night."

For more information on the event, visit the event Facebook page, "Marais Movie Night in The Village."

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collect \$11.7 million in fiscal year 2019-20. The Farms total budget is expected to be approximately \$15.7 million.

With the increase in revenue, the Farms also looks to spend more. Public safety, rubbish collection and "other functions," according to the proposed budget, are expected to receive the largest increases next year.

Along with finding the Farms proposed budget online, copies are available for inspection with the city clerk.

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Park officers awarded

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety officers were honored during the department's annual awards Monday, April 8, at the city council meeting.

"This is always a privilege for me to do this because I work with some of the greatest guys and gals in the world," Director of Public Safety Stephen Poloni said. "Residents should be well appreciative of the effort that they put forward. They are constantly training, working with the community to get better at their jobs all the time."

Below are this past year's awarded officers.

Life Saving Award

Public Safety Clerk Jill Mazzara

Dec. 6, 2018, Mazzara received a 911 call from a mother whose infant child began choking. The mother stated the infant was not breathing. Mazzara was able to remain calm, dispatch the medic and instruct the mother on when units were arriving. Her ability to remain calm, dispatch officers and relay vital information to all parties played a role in saving the infant's life.



PHOTOS BY ANTHONY VIOLA

Public Safety Officers Kevin Remus, Paul Pionk, Erik Davis and Sgt. Michael Miller with Mayor Bob Denner after receiving a department unit commendation Monday, April 8, for their work in 2018.

Public Safety Officer Adam Bremer

During the same incident Dec. 6, Bremer was met outside by the mother who handed him her unconscious child. Bremer immediately attempted to clear the infant's airway by delivering several back blows. The infant's airway was cleared. Because of his quick actions and continued care to the hospital, the infant's life was saved.

Public Safety Officer Steven Thiel

May 21, 2018, Thiel was dispatched on a report of an unknown problem with an adult female. When he arrived, Thiel found a 45-year-old woman unresponsive on the dining room floor. The woman momentarily regained consciousness and had respirations

before beginning to choke on food.

Thiel immediately administered six to eight thrusts, at which time the food was expelled and the woman began breathing again.

Civilian Civic Life Saving Award

David Lawrence M.D., Ashley Nosek M.D. and Combat Medic Sarah Jetter

June 29, 2018, while at Windmill Pointe Park, Lawrence, Nosek and Jetter jumped into action when a 4-year-old boy was believed to have had a seizure and went under water. After a resident pulled the boy out, the three civilians began to work on the child, keeping his airway open and clearing the boy's lungs. They also applied an auto-

matic external defibrillator. When Park medics arrived, the boy was breathing.

Unit Life Saving Award

Public Safety Sgts. Michael Miller and Anthony Blain and officers Kevin Remus, Paul Pionk, Steven Thiel and Christopher Jones

During the same incident June 29, officers responded to Windmill Pointe Park, arrived on the scene and continued medical treatment already started by three civilians, and transported the 4-year-old boy to Ascension St. John Hospital.

Department Commendation

Public Safety Officer Scott Gilchrist

March 2, 2018, Gilchrist observed a vehicle traveling south on Nottingham fail to stop at a red light. Gilchrist attempted to stop the vehicle, which failed to stop and fled. Gilchrist pursued the vehicle, until it crashed into the cement planters at Wayburn and Mack. The driver then fled on foot, but was apprehended without incident. Heroin, marijuana and cocaine were recovered from the vehicle.

Public Safety Officer



Director of Public Safety Stephen Poloni, left, awards Public Safety Clerk Jill Mazzara and Public Safety Officer Adam Bremer with life saving awards Monday, April 8. Pictured with the officers is Mayor Bob Denner.

Aristides Reyes

Feb. 8, 2018, Reyes observed an SUV traveling at a high rate of speed on Cadieux and failing to stop at the stop sign at St. Paul. Reyes pursued the vehicle, which eventually crashed through a fence at East English Academy High School. The suspect then fled on foot and Reyes continued to pursue. The suspect eventually surrendered.

Found in the suspect's vehicle were an unregistered loaded semi-automatic handgun and 52 grams of methamphetamine.

Department Unit Commendation

Public Safety Detective Sgt. Michael Narduzzi and officer Steven Thiel, Kevin Remus, Paul Pionk and Brady Baetens

April 4, 2018, while patrolling an area where several breaking and enterings of garages had occurred, Baetens observed a subject standing near a garage with a large pair of bolt cutters. The subject was found to be on parole for home invasions and was wanted.

While searching the subject, another officer located a Mercury car key in his pocket. Officers

were able to locate two Mercurys at Alter and Charlevoix, one of which contained stolen items from garages on Maryland.

Remus later went to the address where the arrested subject lived and spotted the second Mercury.

Narduzzi obtained a search warrant for the location, entered the house and found other evidence connected to larcenies in the Park. Two subjects were arrested and both confessed to other incidences in the Park.

Public Safety Officers Erik Davis, Pionk and Remus and Public Safety Sgt. Michael Miller

Jan. 13, 2018, officers responded to a report of a home invasion in progress. Miller observed a sedan on Windmill Pointe Drive traveling at a high rate of speed.

Remus stopped the vehicle at Alter and Fairfax. When Remus approached the vehicle, the driver drove off. The vehicle eventually slid into a field at Korte and Lenox after a pursuit. After chasing the subject on foot for approximately a half mile, Remus overcame the subject and apprehended him.

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jury trial.

The "ultimate question," according to the court's April 16 opinion, was whether "the evidence presents a sufficient factual disagreement to require submission of the case to a jury, or whether the evidence is so one-sided that the moving parties should prevail as a matter of law."

According to case law, a plaintiff may show discrimination by direct evidence or indirect evidence under the framework of McDonnell Douglas Corp v. Green. Under this framework, Redlin needed to demonstrate she was a member of a protected class, was qualified for her job, suffered an adverse employment decision and was replaced by a person outside the protected class or treated differently than similarly situated non-protected employees.

According to the opinion, "It is undisputed that Plaintiff was a woman who was qualified for a position as a high school assistant principal, satisfying the first two elements."

As a middle school assistant principal, Redlin received a lower rate of pay than a high school assistant principal for two years, although the intent, according to Superintendent Gary Niehaus's testimony, was to continue to compensate her at the higher salary.

"While Plaintiff ultimately did receive backpay for these two years, this does not change the fact that she was transferred to a lower paying (and therefore less prestigious) position. Additionally, because no one would be aware that Plaintiff was ultimately paid at a higher rate than was standard for her position, Plaintiff's transfer outwardly appeared to

result in a loss of both salary and prestige," the court stated.

As further evidence she suffered an adverse employment decision, Redlin received a "minimally effective" rating in her evaluation, resulting in a one-year contract rather than a two-year rolling contract and loss of eligibility for merit pay or a step increase.

The final requirement was to show she was treated differently than similarly situated non-protected employees. In Redlin's case, while she was disciplined for actions she acknowledged were wrong, another assistant principal at South also "engaged in equally (if not more) blameworthy conduct and was not transferred," according to the decision, providing "evidence that the transfer was retaliatory."

GPPSS did not, according to the decision, identify nondiscriminatory reasons sufficient to justify its decision to transfer Redlin. In fact, while in Friedman's ruling, he wrote, "Niehaus testified that he transferred plaintiff to avoid staff conflict and because it appeared that South's atmosphere of trust was destroyed," the appeals court found "no such testimony exists in Niehaus' deposition."

Regarding Redlin's final claim the school district retaliated against her for taking FMLA leave, the court ruled her case did not meet the third element of an adverse employment action. While she claimed, upon her return from medical leave, she was given an interim rather than final evaluation for the 2015-16 school year, kept on an individualized development plan and denied the rolling two-year contract typically given to administrators, she produced no evidence to rebut the district's testimony she did, in fact, receive a full evaluation, was not on the individual

development plan for the 2016-17 school year and was placed back on a rolling two-year contract after receiving an "effective" rating.

"We need not decide whether it is possible that giving an employee an interim rather than final evaluation might constitute an adverse employment action, because in this case no such thing occurred," the court concluded.

According to a statement issued by Niehaus, "The district is disappointed that not all of the case remains dismissed, but is prepared to continue with the legal process. The next step in the process is under consideration. The district remains confident that it will ultimately be found not to have violated any of Ms. Redlin's rights."

Noted in the release was the fact the 6th Circuit "made no determination about the merits of Ms. Redlin's claim; it simply determined that a trial

should take place."

Robert Palmer of Pitt, McGehee, Palmer & Rivers P.C., who represent Redlin, said he was "very pleased" with the decision.

"I think that (Redlin) was treated improperly," Palmer said. "We fought this battle for two and a half years now. It was great to have the 6th Circuit of Appeals unequivocally state her concerns were valid and will go to trial. So we're looking forward to resolving it or trying the case."

According to Palmer, it's unusual for a court of appeals to publish an opinion for public record and mandate it for trial.

"They don't publish every case they hear. They publish cases they think are important and significant. Again, it's unusual in that regard. It'll be a matter of public record ... (that) can be cited to support other cases."

"It was a great victory for us," he said. "My client is ecstatic."

The Week Ahead

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◆ Spring Beautification Committee meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 795 Lakeshore.

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◆ Grosse Pointe Park Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m. at the Tompkins Community Center at Windmill Pointe Park, 14920 Windmill Pointe Dr.
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Investigative reporter digs deep for change

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Heather Catallo marked several milestones early in her broadcast journalism career.

Her first interview, while an undergraduate at Syracuse University, was with first female vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro. The first story she produced aired on CNN while she was an intern in the Chicago bureau. Her first professional live shot was with David Muir — before he moved on from the small station in upstate New York to serve as ABC World News Tonight anchor. And she won her first award while an investigative reporter with WXYZ-Channel 7 in Detroit, where she has worked nearly 20 years.

Catallo, who lives in Grosse Pointe Farms, admits to being a news geek from a young age.

"When I was little, I used to love to watch the Today Show with my mom," she said. "... I loved Jane Pauley. I started saying, 'I want to be Jane Pauley when I grow up.'"

She even did an eighth-grade statistics project in math class — "during the whole Deborah Norville, Bryant Gumbel and Jane Pauley drama" — on which teams people preferred — Jane and Bryant, Jane and Deborah or Deborah and Bryant.

The winning pair, based on her "very scientific" survey, was Jane and Deborah, Catallo recalled.



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Heather Catallo interviews Mary Barra, chairwoman and CEO of General Motors Company, at the 2019 North American International Auto Show.

"Back then you didn't really pair two females together," she added. "It's much more common now, but that was the one that came out as number one."

In middle school, Catallo loved theater and forensics, but it was in high school she was introduced to the radio.

The Detroit-area native attended Andover High School, now Bloomfield Hills High School, in Bloomfield Hills. Her sophomore year she took a class called fundamentals of radio broadcasting. In this class, she had the opportunity to live her dream of being on the radio.

"I credit the WBFH radio station for giving me the skills of learning how to be on the air. I wasn't very good, but at least I had that experience," she said. This included serving as a disc

jockey, learning how to write wire copy and honing her writing skills in general.

The experience helped her get accepted into Syracuse's highly competitive S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, Catallo's first choice for studying broadcast journalism. It was there she walked in to the NPR station on campus run by students and NPR staff and, on her first day, interviewed Ferraro.

After her freshman year, she interned at Channel 7 in Detroit — an internship generally reserved for upperclassmen — and the summer between her sophomore and junior years, CNN offered her an internship at its Chicago bureau.

That summer Chicago was selected to host the National Democratic Convention. It was 1996

and President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore were nominated for reelection. Covering the event as an intern, Catallo brushed shoulders with the likes of Peter Jennings and George Stephanopoulos, who was working with the Clintons at the time. That experience provided her "an extraordinary glimpse" of life on a network, but at a bureau small enough she had the opportunity to do more than "just get coffee," she said.

During her senior year, Catallo earned an internship at a tiny station in Watertown, N.Y., about an hour north of Syracuse. Her intention was to get on the air as an intern — and she did.

"I annoyed them enough that they put me on the air," she said. "That was technically my first job on the air while I was still in school that I got paid for."

She did her first live shot with Muir at the state fair. At the time, Muir was working at the station as the 11 o'clock news anchor.

Catallo graduated early

and signed her first official contract in Spokane, Wash. In her two years there, she covered a serial killer and deployments from the air base and went on a fueling mission with a stealth bomber, among other noteworthy experiences.

At 23, she applied around the country and ended up with an offer back in Detroit at Channel 7. Since college, after her parents divorced and her mother remarried and moved to the Farms, Grosse Pointe had served as home base.

"In our business, it's not very common you get to work in your hometown and (I was) pretty lucky my hometown is an awesome news market," Catallo said. "... It's just a great group of reporters. It's a legacy station. I walked in and it was Mary Conway, Cheryl Chota, Val Clark, John Klecamp, Mike Huffman, Bill Proctor.

"It was such a blessing to come to a station with so much history," she added.

In nearly two decades with the station, Catallo has made her own reputation as an award-winning investigative reporter, earning 10 Emmy awards, including an Emmy for Best Reporter and Best Investigative Reporter, and the DuPont-Columbia Award, considered the most prestigious prize in broadcast journalism. The Michigan Association of Broadcasters named her Reporter of the Year multiple times, most recently in 2013.

Catallo said while she is grateful when her work is recognized nationally, what matters most to her is making change for the better.

Her favorite part of her job is "when we get something to change or

something good to come of it."

This includes Catallo's investigation into the probate courts in southeast Michigan, resulting in the passage of Public Acts 13-14 of 2018. Her work forced the resignation and termination of three public officials and changed the way public administrators can handle probate estates after someone dies.

In addition to holding public officials accountable, her work has prompted FBI investigations, such as with the historic Kwame Kilpatrick corruption trial, exposed flaws in the way some children are removed from their parents in the state's foster care system and prompted significant change in the Wayne County bail bond system.

Sometimes her work angers people, but Catallo recognizes that as part of the job.

"If you're going to take on tough issues, you're going to make people mad, so I accept that," she said. "But sometimes I wish people could understand better how much goes into what we do. There's a lot of discussion about ethics and there's a lot of discussion about how I'm going to ask questions and how I'm going to pursue different angles. There are a lot of legal considerations that go into what I'm going to put in a story, what I'm going to leave out of a story.

"Right now (journalists) are under attack," she continued. "It's very easy to throw stones. I may be a professional stone thrower in some respects, but I have a lot of research and a lot to back it up when I throw stones."

A single mother, Catallo devotes time outside of work to her 12-year-old daughter, who is active with swimming and theater — most recently cast in Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "Annie" — and their family pug, Rocco, who makes occasional Instagram appearances.

As far as future investigations are concerned, Catallo continues to advocate for positive change through her reporting. For example, while acknowledging the value of the foster care system and good intentions of most people involved, she said she receives weekly, if not daily, emails from people whose children have been taken away.

"I feel like there's more to be done there for sure," she said.

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Grosse Pointe Shores

Expired insurance

◆ A 19-year-old Westland man was arrested for driving with expired insurance at 9:05 p.m. Thursday, April 18, after an officer scanned the plate of the car he was driving and initiated a traffic stop.

◆ A 48-year-old Macomb Township man was arrested for driving with expired insurance at 10:38 a.m. Friday, April 19, after an officer scanned the plate of the van he was driving and initiated a traffic stop.

◆ A 38-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving with expired insurance at 12:08 a.m. Monday, April 22.

The arrest occurred during a welfare check of the driver, who was stopped on Lakeshore near Lochmoor with his car's hazard lights on. The driver told the officer he pulled over to see what the red flashing lights were across the lake.

Expired license

A 29-year-old Detroit woman was arrested at 11:35 a.m. Sunday, April 21, for driving with an expired driver's license.

The officer pulled the driver over for speeding and non-functioning brake lights.

—Melissa Walsh

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Larceny from purse

A private caregiver to a patient at an assisted living facility in the Woods reported money stolen from the wallet in her purse while it was left in the patient's room.

The woman told responding officers she left her purse in the room at 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 15, for approximately 10 minutes while facility personnel washed the patient.

When she noticed \$300 missing from her wallet at 2:10 p.m., she alerted facility management and called public safety.

Officers interviewed the employees who attended to the patient during the time of the reported theft. One employee submitted to a vehicle search. The money was not found.

Disorderly conduct

Officers responded to multiple reports at approximately 10 p.m. Monday, April 15, of a man speaking loudly from a Jeep Grand Cherokee parked in the 1900 block of Fleetwood Drive.

Responding officers found the man lying in the passenger seat of the Jeep making a call, which was audible through the vehicle stereo system.

He had an open can of beer next to him. Vomit was on the ground next to the passenger door.

The man, who smelled of alcohol and was slurring his speech, told officers his girlfriend drove him to the location, which was in front of his daughter's mother's house, before taking an Uber ride home.

An officer interviewed the man's daughter's mother, who said the man in the Jeep had been tex-

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ting and calling her for more than 40 minutes.

When officers told the man he must be removed from the location, he became "belligerent and erratic" and "verbally hostile," according to the report.

The 36-year-old New Baltimore man was arrested for disorderly conduct. The vehicle, registered to a Warren man, was impounded.

Man found dead

Officers responded to the anonymous report of a death in a house in the 1400 block of Brys at 5:58 p.m. Wednesday, April 17.

Responding officers were met by a female resident of the home. According to the report, she was a known heroin user and appeared to be "high or extremely intoxicated."

The woman told officers she had a confrontation with the deceased earlier that day and left the house. When she returned, she took a nap. Later, she found him unresponsive.

The officers found the deceased man in a bedroom. He had been dead for "quite some time," according to the report. He was believed to be a 25-year-old known heroin user.

Drug paraphernalia was found near the man and on the kitchen table.

The body was sent for autopsy to confirm the man's identity and determine cause of death.

—Melissa Walsh

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Wrong plates

◆ A 26-year-old Detroit man was cited for driving an unlicensed and uninsured vehicle at 5:50 p.m. Sunday, April 21, on Mack at Kerby. An officer first observed the maroon Chevrolet van driving

westbound on Mack near Gateshead with a brake light so dim it appeared to be out. The license plate also had more dirt and grime on it than the rest of the vehicle and had multiple registration stickers.

The vehicle turned around and began traveling eastbound on Mack as the officer ran the plate through the Law Enforcement Information Network. The license plate came back belonging to a 2008 Dodge Avenger. A traffic stop was initiated at Mack near Kerby after the officer observed the vehicle drive in the parking lane and proceed through a red light on Kerby.

The driver said the vehicle was his deceased father's and he had taken the license plate from another vehicle. He also did not have insurance.

The vehicle was towed and the driver was cited and released at the scene.

◆ A 16-year-old Inkster juvenile was cited for driving an unregistered vehicle and having no insurance at 5:40 p.m. Saturday, April 20, on Mack at Ashley.

The vehicle was pulled over for driving with extremely tinted windows. As the officer approached the vehicle, the car rocked back and forth, which the officer said was consistent with the two front passenger changing seats. The windows were so tinted the officer was unable to see inside the vehicle, according to the report. The vehicle also did not have a metal license plate and only had a 15-day paper registration, which are no longer used by car dealers. The officer noted it looked obviously fraudulent.

The front-seat passenger said he had just purchased the vehicle and did not register it or have insurance. A LEIN search showed the vehicle title transferred in August 2018.

The 16-year-old driver also said she never received a license. The citations were issued and

the vehicle towed. The two occupants were released at the scene.

Suspended license

A 25-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for driving with a suspended license at 10:20 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, in the 100 block of Kercheval.

An officer observed the woman stopped in the north alley in a no-parking zone and ran her plates while driving past. When no record of the plate was returned, the officer turned around and initiated a traffic stop. The driver admitted to not having insurance and did not transfer the title or register the vehicle.

A LEIN search also revealed the woman had multiple suspensions and warrants for her arrest.

—Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Suspended licenses

◆ A 28-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for driving with a suspended license and having warrants at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 17, on Mack at Balfour. She was pulled over for speeding.

◆ A 28-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving with a suspended

license, having warrants and resisting and obstructing an officer at 9 p.m. Sunday, April 21, on Mack at Harvard. The man was pulled over for speeding.

Double trouble

A 67-year-old Park man was arrested twice in three days for violating bond conditions. He previously was arrested for assault and told not to return to a residence in the 1300 block of Bedford as a condition of his bond. He first went back to the location at 10:40 a.m. Thursday, April 18, then again at 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20. He was arrested both times.

Drunken driving

A 44-year-old Eastpointe woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 21, on Jefferson at Yorkshire. She was pulled over for weaving through traffic.

Assault

A 36-year-old Detroit man was arrested for assault at 3 a.m. Saturday, April 20, in the 1300 block of Wayburn. The man assaulted a friend after a disagreement over money.

—Anthony Viola

Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety, (313) 822-7400.

City of Grosse Pointe

Hiding out

A 26-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for narcotic paraphernalia at 3:45 a.m. Monday, April

22, in the 300 block of University.

Officers were dispatched to the area on a report of people going in and out of a vehicle parked in the street.

When they arrived, they found a man sleeping in the car and eventually spotted the woman hiding in a bush, smoking a cigarette.

The woman said she was hiding because she was afraid of police and was there to meet someone who lived at the residence.

After questioning the woman, she admitted to being there for prostitution. A Law Enforcement Information Network search showed she also had multiple warrants for her arrest. Two syringes, which she said were used for heroin and crack, also were found on her person.

Attempted B&E

A resident in the 300 block of Lincoln reported an attempted breaking and entering at 7 p.m. Monday, April 15.

The resident said he discovered multiple holes in his window screens as well as a couple of them popped out.

The resident also mentioned on Saturday, April 13, he spotted someone in a black Ford Fiesta outside taking photos of his house. When the resident went out to see what the person was doing, the vehicle fled southbound toward Jefferson.

—Anthony Viola

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OUR VIEW

Democracy or republic?

William Faulkner famously said, "The past is never dead. It's not even past." That's something proved again in the current debate over school standards for teaching social studies, which will go before the Michigan Board of Education in June for final approval.

The controversy, well documented by Bridge Magazine and followed up even in national publications such as the New York Times, has focused both on word choices and on what events and people to include or skip. Michigan's dustup has been four or five years in the making as committees met, wrote, added new members and wrote and revised again.

At that point in 2018, the draft had cut references to climate change, Roe v. Wade and gay rights. Those issues have been restored in the current draft, primarily in the civics section, although largely listed as examples that "may" be included for discussion.

Brave, competent teachers should be able to teach the controversy — and students are likely to benefit as they hone their reasoning to take on contemporary topics. One very current example: The U.S. Supreme Court has just accepted three LGBTQ discrimination cases for hearings in its next term.

The debate over word choices throughout the standards largely focused on use of the words "democracy" and "democratic," as in the phrase "democratic values." The proposed alternative: to stress that the United States of America is a "constitutional republic."

The chief objector to use of the word "democratic" is a Tea Party Republican who has denied that his complaint was rooted in partisan aims, just as those defending "democratic" have denied theirs. Still, it's worth noting that the state Board of Education now has a 6-2 majority of Democrats, who likely have few qualms about how often "democracy" and "democratic" appear.

In any event, the furor resulted in the 2018 draft going back for another rewrite with more controversial events being restored in the current draft. The use of small-d "democratic" is generous. It's not helpful to presume that teachers can't discuss "democratic values" without making it sound partisan — or that they will fail to teach that the U.S. Constitution established a republic, not a direct democracy.

The standards serve mostly as teacher guidelines, and they matter because they determine the material that appears on statewide tests. In the broadest sense, they specify what eras and principles get tested at which grade levels. In the narrowest sense, they may determine which people and events — and yes, word choices — become part of the common background for students throughout the state.

Tests aside, the main goal should be a social studies curriculum that prepares students to take their place as part of the body politic — well grounded in history and the key ideas upon which the country is founded. Covering over the flaws of previous generations and avoiding recent controversies do not serve to strengthen civic participation. (To that point, a very recent addition to the standards was *Korematsu v. the United States*, the U.S. Supreme Court decision that upheld confinement of Japanese citizens during World War II.)

What students need most, of course, are talented teachers who can stir excitement about their subject and sustain its relevance. Grosse Pointe teachers surely can rise to the challenge of interpreting guidelines while demonstrating to students that the past should never be relegated to any so-called dustbin of history.

To learn more:

Bridge Magazine's coverage can be found at bridgemi.com by searching on "social studies standards."

The Michigan Department of Education is holding "listen and learn" public meetings around the state. The nearest remaining meeting is 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 29, at the Oakland Schools, 2111 Pontiac Lake Rd., Waterford.



Pure Grosse Pointe

Grosse Pointe South High School senior Charlotte Brecht thought it was a typical Sunday with friends at her favorite spot, Starbucks on Mack and Radnor. What she didn't know was classmate Ryan Downey would be there, waiting to "take a shot" and invite her to senior prom Saturday, May 8. (She said yes.)

PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

OUR VIEW

Edison progeny back LEDs

The great-grandsons of Thomas Edison want you to stop using one of their great-grandfather's greatest inventions — the incandescent light bulb.

Even though the incandescent light bulb is among the greatest of Mr. Edison's 1,000-plus inventions, the great-grandsons wrote in a recent op-ed piece in the New York Times that he recognized how wasteful the bulb was, giving off almost 90 percent of its energy in heat instead of light.

"(T)hough the bulb worked extremely well in its own time," the great-grandsons wrote, "he never saw it as the end game." The famous inventor always believed that his inventions could and should be improved.

Fortunately, we have come a long way in light bulb technology over the past 100-plus years. First there were fluorescent fixtures and bulbs, followed by LEDs. In 2007, Congress approved and the president signed the Energy Independence and Security Act, calling for typical light bulbs to be 65 percent to 70 percent more efficient than incandescents by January 2012. Specialty light bulbs — three-way, reflector, globe-shaped and candelabra-style bulbs — were slated to meet the new, high-efficiency standards by January 2020.

In February, however, the U.S. Department of Energy announced plans to step back the expansion of the efficiency guidelines. The decision follows the federal government's refusal in 2012 to fund enforcement of the Energy Independence and Security Act.

If the energy efficiency standards are not extended, the Edison great-grandsons maintain, consumers

will miss out on an estimated \$12 billion in annual savings in their utility bills, or about \$100 for each household. Specialty incandescent light bulbs alone require the power of 25 power plants that spew the equivalent amount of pollution of 7 million automobiles a year.

Incandescent bulbs have been phased out in the European Union, Ireland, Australia and Iceland, leaving the United States and Canada as the "dumping ground" for the less energy-efficient bulbs.

The Energy Department's decision not to go forward with energy-efficient bulbs is a shame. There are few less painful ways to save energy than to buy LED bulbs. Not only do they help reduce carbon emissions, they also save consumers money over time. If every household in the United States replaced just one incandescent bulb with an LED, the country's electric bill would be cut by \$5 billion and 2 million tons of carbon dioxide pollution would be avoided.

The Edison descendants conclude their op-ed with a saying attributed to 18th century painter Joshua Reynolds that their great-grandfather had plastered on the walls of his laboratories: "There is no expedient to which a man will not go to avoid the labor of thinking."

After you've thought about it, go online to directives.doe.gov and click on the Contact Us link, fill in your email and name, type "2007 EISA law" and in the memo box, ask the Energy Department to extend the act's efficiency standards to all incandescent light bulbs. The deadline to comment is May 3.

LETTERS

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

Hold harmless

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to the letter submitted by Mr. Steininger in the Thursday, April 18, edition.

While Mr. Steininger was correct in explaining how the funding for schools comes from the state and that we are bound by the state foundation allowance and hold harmless funds, he was in error that the "extra allotted funds" by the hold harmless has been used to "subsidize teacher and administrative salaries."

In 2009, the state Legislature made major cuts to education funding for our state. While the cuts to funding were transparent, the Board of Education at the time chose to continue to spend at the same level prior to the cuts, even though they were well aware of the cuts to funding.

The board at the time ran a fund equity of 22 percent down to just 2

percent within a four-year period. Staff at that time took a 10 percent reduction in salary in 2013 to allow the district to rebuild its fund equity to its current level of just over 10 percent.

Michigan ranks dead last in state funding growth for public education since passing Proposal A 25 years ago. Michigan's spending on K-12 education in 2015 was 82 percent of 1995 spending, when factoring for inflation. That, coupled with declining enrollment are the real reasons our district is faced with some difficult decisions. We can no longer do nothing and expect for teachers and staff to take pay cuts to pay for buildings that are under-utilized.

Our district was built to accommodate 9,000 to 12,000 students. We are currently at 7,600 and are projected to lose 100 to 200 students per year for the next five years.

We need to make changes now. What business model would keep

factories open that were producing at 55 percent? What company would continue to maintain office space that was only 55 percent utilized? The fact of the matter is that they wouldn't, or if they did, they would soon be out of business.

Since going out of business is not an option for public education, we need to right size the district for the student population we have. While teachers have already been reduced to meet the current student population, there are administrative, plant, and secretarial costs associated with each building, as well as the cost of maintaining the building itself.

If we want to continue to be a premier school district, with top tier educators, the time to act is now.

MIKE RENNELL

President
Grosse Pointe Education Association

Oak wilt threat

To the Editor:

Our community is so fortunate to have a beautiful, thriving urban forest which cleans our air, shades our homes and provides shelter for the birds and animals which live in our midst.

Anyone who has trees on their property knows that pests are always with us, but occasionally there is one that can do a disproportionate amount of damage. Think Dutch

elm disease or Emerald ash borer.

Unfortunately there is another "super pest" on our doorstep — oak wilt.

Oak wilt is a fungus which is spread via a tiny beetle that is irresistibly drawn to a fresh cut on an oak tree. The fungus clogs the water passages; a red oak will die in three weeks of becoming infected. There is no cure.

To prevent infection, have oak trees trimmed only during the dormant season — before April 15 and after Oct. 15. If emergency trimming is necessary at other times, paint the fresh wound with tree or latex paint. Those little beetles can find a fresh cut in as little as 15 minutes.

There has been an outbreak of oak wilt on Belle Isle and other places around the state. Red oak is a major part of Michigan's forests (30 percent of our tree canopy), estimated by the DNR at a timber value of \$1.6 billion, so spread the word to friends in and outside of Grosse Pointe who may have oak trees.

Do not transport firewood. That is the unwitting cause of the spread of infection.

To learn more, go to michiganoakwilt.org or contact your community tree specialist.

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I SAY By Jody McVeigh

St. Clare, Verheyden: Paying respect



Kudos to St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, the Rev. Andrew Kowalczyk, Chas. Verheyden Inc., members of the church and the community at large who paid their respect to the nine souls who received a proper funeral Mass earlier this month.

Each year, the church and the funeral home partner to lay to rest the unclaimed — those whose families and next

of kin could not be found, who lost touch with loved ones over the course of time. It's a Corporal Act of Mercy, one the church has hosted since 2015.

This year's Mass, which took place April 10, included traditional hymns, psalms, prayers and readings, as well as a song by the St. Clare Children's Choir and guest pallbearers from Austin Catholic High School.

This year broke from tradition as Mass was hosted for not one, but nine people who lost their lives in recent months — Margaret Campbell, Kathy Chester, Daniel DeLarosa, Sharon Hamilton, Dennis

Konvinski, Spyridon Koukogiannis, Herbert McDowell, Albert Rogers and Geraldine Williams.

Their cremated remains were blessed at the church, then inurned in Verheyden's crypt, so if any family members come forward in the future, they can reclaim their loved one's ashes.

St. Clare hangs memorial crosses at the church following funerals for members and others whose funerals it has hosted. Funerals for the unclaimed are no different; nine memorial crosses were added to the wall in their memory.

I think it is such a blessing to have people — strangers — praying for those lost, remembering and honoring

those who perhaps had no family or were shunned from them or who willingly left loved ones behind. What a blessing to know the otherwise forgotten were laid to rest with dignity.

Fr. Andrew noted that everyone deserves a proper burial and everyone deserves prayer, which he provides at such services on behalf of the family, whoever or wherever they are.

"We become the family," he said, "to do something for someone that cannot do it; for someone who somewhere, somehow was abandoned."

The support from the community was evident during the April 10 Mass. More than half of the

pews were full of mourners paying their respect to people they'd never met, filling in for families lost. What a blessing to know they weren't forgotten.

I was a pallbearer at my father's funeral last September. It was an honor to be part of that ceremony — one of the most difficult, meaningful and powerful moments of my life.

I can't imagine not having been there had he and I been estranged. I can't imagine not sharing those last moments with my mom, brothers, husband, extended family — strengthening family bonds through the beauty of love and the pain of loss.

I will forever be grate-

ful my father was surrounded by family, not only in his final moments, but in the days until he was laid to rest. Knowing there are churches out there like St. Clare who provide such a powerful, thoughtful service eases my mind, cheers my heart and quiets my fear.

It's truly been a privilege to work on stories like St. Clare's — where this amazing community comes together to pay tribute, with dignity and respect, and embrace not only loved ones, but complete strangers too.

I agree with Fr. Andrew, who in advance of the funeral Mass, said, "It's the proper thing to do, the honorable thing to do, the Christian thing to do."

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1944

75 years ago this week

FOUR POST OFFICE SITES OFFERED: It is now reasonably certain that permanent quarters will soon be provided for the Grosse Pointe post office.

The post office department invited tenders for property to lease for not less than five years and no more than 10. It is already known that at least four bidders are in the field.

1969

50 years ago this week

WOODS PARK TAXES EXPLAINED: Back in the long ago, about Dec. 2, 1946, the newly acquired 43.7 acres of land now comprising the Woods' lakefront park, purchased from the Edsel Ford family, was assessed at a local valuation of \$85,275. Taxes paid to St. Clair Shores and Lake Township totaled \$4,405.

In 1968, the Woods paid taxes totaling

\$21,853 to Macomb County, St. Clair Shores and South Lake School District. The property was assessed at \$431,984. For its taxes, the Woods receives police and fire protection and to be classified as a private park opened only to Woods residents and their guests, with admission by passes to all residents.

Obituaries: Walter F. Brey, Windsor R. Davies, Percival Dodge, Dr. John P. Jaxtimer, Michael J. Kelly, George J. Letterman, Susan McMurrin, Choucri K. Riff

1994

25 years ago this week

PHILLIPS BUYS PARK LOT, PLANS TO BUILD CONDOS: In a move that could bring condominiums to Grosse Pointe Park, the city council approved the sale of the Lakepointe Olds property to developer Diamond Phillips for \$385,000.

Phillips presented to the council last year a plan for building 30 condo units along Jefferson. Phillips owns three lots next to the Lakepointe Olds prop-

erty.

Obituaries: William Andries Cole, Paul V. Denis, Helen Gertrude Devine, Henry W. Galarowicz, Jean Robertson Isbey, Eliza Frances Meyer, Mary Louise Osetek

2009

10 years ago this week

TEA PARTY BEATS EXPECTATIONS: About 200 people attended the two-hour grassroots Tea Party anti-tax protest April 15 in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial parking lot. It was one of nearly 2,000 rallies

held nationwide.

FINANCING DELAYS VILLAGE HOTEL: Backers of a hotel in the Village have won an extra six months to come up with a workable plan.

A Lamar Development Services Group representative said it intends to build a 50- to 60-room boutique hotel on Notre Dame, north of Kercheval.

Obituaries: Bruce D. Carey, Dr. Frederick R. Cushing, Alice Cook Dalligan, Robert Hozdish, Kenneth F. Kahn, Jennifer Schmidt, Woodward Henry Warrick, Margaret Elaine Woodbury

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Racing to make a difference

South juniors organize event to benefit palliative care program

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

When Claire Sheeren and Audrey Turner decided to host an event to benefit the palliative care program at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, one of their goals was to raise awareness of the many ways this program benefits children with chronic and serious medical conditions while providing support for their families.

Sheeren experienced this first-hand; her older sister, Elizabeth, was diagnosed with six complex and overlapping chronic and incurable autoimmune diseases that are difficult to treat.

For the past seven years, Elizabeth Sheeren has been in and out of Mott. With the help of the program and her doctor, Kenneth Pituch M.D., pediatric medical director of Arbor Palliative Care, she was able to graduate last spring from Grosse Pointe South High School and has been living at home while receiving treatment typically performed in the hospital.

While she was accepted at the University of Michigan, she deferred admission until the fall while managing her health.

"I'd love to see her get to go to college because she worked so hard," said Claire Sheeren. "She was always such a great student. It would be great to see her go away. She always wanted to be a palliative care doctor so I'd love to get to see her do that."

To palliate means to provide relief and comfort. Often confused with hospice focused on quality of



Above, Elizabeth Sheeren, left, and Claire Sheeren. Right, the Sheeren family, from left, Julie, Claire, Elizabeth and Chris, attended a Flying Horse Farms fundraiser, at which Elizabeth was featured, in Ohio last year. Founded by actor and Ohio native Paul Newman, the camp provides experiences for children with serious illnesses and their families free of charge.



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life during the end-of-life process, palliative care supports suffering over the entire process of a chronic or progressive illness, according to the Mott website. It's a comprehensive approach that focuses on the physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs of patients.

"When I was younger, I never really understood what (Elizabeth) was going through," Sheeren said. "Also my parents didn't tell me that much because I was 9 when she got sick. ... Once I got to high school and realized all she was missing, it really hit me this was really hard for her. It really changed my perspective watching her miss prom and all those fun high school events. All those things you do your senior year and she didn't get any of that."

Sheeren and Turner, both juniors at South and friends since third grade, started brainstorming ways to help Elizabeth. An obvious choice was to raise money for the program that had such a positive impact on her life.

"After all Elizabeth went through last year, we wanted to do something to give back and help others," Sheeren said. "We picked the palliative care department because in palliative care, they help

kids with quality of life. They don't have the big galas the oncology department has and the cardiology department. ... We thought it would be a great group to give back to."

As athletes — Sheeren participates on South's track and cross country teams and Turner is a member of South's competitive dance team — they contacted track and cross country coach Stephen Zaranek about organizing an event similar to South's Run The Pointe, an annual fall athletic fundraiser.

The event took off from there, with help from Zaranek and the South community and participation from schools across the metro Detroit area, including University Liggett School and Grosse Pointe North, Groves, Marian, University of Detroit Jesuit and Brother Rice high schools.

Run, Walk 'n Roll 5K is scheduled 1 p.m. Sunday, May 5. The chip-timed race on a USTF-certified course begins and ends on South's track. Sheeren and Turner encourage community members to register as individuals or a team at eastsideracing.enmotive.com/events/register/run-walk-n-roll.

Participants receive a free T-shirt and bib with registration. An additional bonus is a free cone donated by Wally's Frozen Custard truck and baked goods at the finish line courtesy of Ethel's Baking Co. Both the individual and team that raises the most money will receive a prize.

Sheeren and Turner's vision is an all-inclusive, family event where everyone feels welcome, from runners and walkers to people in wheelchairs and pushing strollers — "the whole idea behind the

'roll' part" of Run, Walk 'n Roll, according to Sheeren. A kids' zone on the field will offer face painting, lawn games and possibly a photo booth.

With more than \$20,000 raised, including \$2,300 toward a \$5,000 matching gift from an anonymous donor, and 166 people registered to date, the girls' ambitious goal of \$25,000 and dream of 500 participants is within reach.

"I just see a bunch of people from our community all over the metro area coming together to support a great cause and support this amazing program that has done so much for my sister and so many other patients," said Sheeren.

She and Turner already have achieved one of their goals — awareness. Grosse Pointe Woods resident Andrea Pietrowsky said she was contacted by a mutual friend and encouraged to not only participate in the race, but learn more about the palliative care program.

Pietrowsky's 4-year-old daughter, Louisa, was diagnosed in-utero with hypoplastic left heart syndrome, a rare congenital heart defect in which the left side of the heart is severely underdeveloped.

Coincidentally, during her daughter's prolonged stay at Mott, Pietrowsky attended an event for families in which Elizabeth Sheeren, also a patient at the time, performed on her ukulele. Pietrowsky heard Sheeren also was from Grosse Pointe and found the local connection comforting.

"We're still in the beginning stages of evaluating how this would work for us, but I have a lot of confidence knowing this other local girl who is a teenager feels that it's really improved the quality of her life," she said.

Pietrowsky has registered a team online, with all donations going

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Board weighs in on reconfiguration

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Now that the Blue Ribbon Committee has concluded its work, the baton has been passed to the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education.

The 58-member BRC, charged with making recommendations to address declining enrollment and reconfigure the district resulting in educational enhancements as well as financial savings, met seven times from Jan. 31 to April 11, serving as a filter for a series of scenarios rather than deciding body, according to Superintendent Gary Niehaus.

The final decision lies with the board, which will vote on a reconfiguration plan in June, to be implemented no sooner than the 2020-21 school year.

Presented with a summary of the BRC's work, board members weighed in at the regular meeting April 22. The next step is for administration to meet with community members in a series of town halls at each school building, beginning at Grosse Pointe North High School Wednesday, April 24, and concluding at Barnes Early Childhood Center Wednesday, May 22.

Most board members agreed with the BRC's conclusion moving fifth-graders from elementary to middle school to increase the population at all three middle schools was preferable to closing a middle school. Maintaining the current grade configuration of K-5, 6-8 or changing to a K-6, 7-8 configuration would result in the closure or repurposing of a middle school.

While the BRC considered several options for repurposing Brownell Middle School, the optimal building due to its size, layout and central location, these options were dismissed as too disruptive to Grosse Pointe Farms residents, particularly the two scenarios presented at the BRC's final meeting April 16.

In one scenario changing to a K-6, 7-8 grade configuration, Richard Elementary School would close and Kerby Elementary School repurposed as an early childhood center. In another scenario maintaining the current K-5, 6-8 grade configuration, Richard, Maire and Mason elementary schools would close. In both scenarios, students from the closed or repurposed elementary schools close to Brownell

would move to the repurposed building.

While the majority of BRC members — 66.7 percent, according to a live survey — preferred repurposing Kerby as a single-site early childhood center to renovating Barnes to expand its current classroom capacity, most board members agreed it made more sense to keep early childhood programming at its current location.

Board members also indicated they were inclined to vote on a more conservative approach of closing only two elementary schools — one each on the north and south ends — rather than one on the north end and two on the south end. In contrast, the BRC voted 58.8 percent for closing two elementary schools on the south end versus 41.2 percent in favor of closing only one.

Size was a determining factor in which elementary schools to close, with a larger school providing more flexibility should enrollment increase down the road. Under this scenario, Monteith and Ferry elementary schools would remain open on the north end and Defer and Richard elementary schools would remain open on the south end.

While 74.5 percent of BRC members preferred closing Mason to Poupard, board members said they needed more data to determine if it would be better to close Mason or Poupard elementary school on the north end or Kerby, Maire or Trombly elementary school on the south end.

Maureen Bur, GPPSS director of secondary education, addressed some of the staffing issues resulting from under enrolled middle schools, including increased variance in class sizes in core content areas, with some above 30 and others at 16 to 20; increase in number of core content area teachers traveling from a middle school to a high school or another middle school; more core content teachers teaching several grades or outside their subject area of expertise; limited electives, with students sometimes assigned to second or third choices; decreased opportunities for extracurriculars, such as clubs, plays and athletics; loss of full-time positions for staff members; and fragmented ability for staff members to meet, with some available only in the morning and others in the afternoon depending on their travel schedules.

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Kerby students see life through red glasses

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Live boldly. Love big. Pass it on.

This was the living legacy of Audrey Jandernoa, a little girl who turned strangers into friends the moment she met them and loved without restriction. In honor of her daughter's approach to life, Kelly Jandernoa started the Red Glasses Movement to spread Audrey's message and inspire others to share her vision.

Born with Down syndrome and a congenital heart defect, Audrey, of Grand Rapids, died on Jan. 26, 2018, from a severe infection at age 5.

"Even though Audrey was only on this earth for about five years, she taught us a lot about living," said Jandernoa during an all-school assembly at Kerby Elementary



With Red Glasses Movement founder Kelly Jandernoa are, from left, first-grader Stella Papista, second-grader Lydia Lundberg, third-grader Lala Mansour, kindergarten Jack Dzybak, fourth-grader Krish Menon and fifth-grader Grace Vollmer.

School April 17.

Jandernoa visited the school to encourage students to see the world

through Audrey's eyes by wearing a pair of bright red glasses, her signature accessory.

Jandernoa briefly described the chromosomal abnormality resulting in Down syndrome.

"Most people have 46 chromosomes in each of their cells. People with Down syndrome have 47 chromosomes," she said. "... Because of that, people with Down syndrome may look and learn differently. That's it. So simple.

"Knowing that Audrey had Down syndrome was helpful, but it was just one part of who she was and she did not let that define her," Jandernoa continued. "Audrey was defined by her big and contagious smile, her giant, crushing hugs and her bright red glasses."

The Red Glasses Movement was inspired a few days before Audrey's funeral when a friend "came up with a crazy idea," according to



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Katie Denbow wears her new red glasses over her regular glasses.

Jandernoa — to bring 1,000 red glasses and pass them out to friends and family members as they left the church.

Since then, more than 12,000 pairs of glasses have been shared all over the world, reaching the top of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, East Africa, and passed out daily at a winery in Portugal.

"They've been given to the Pope in Rome, Michigan State basketball stars, such as Cassius Winston and Nick Ward," said Jandernoa. "... They've been worn on baseball diamonds big and small. ... They've inspired students in classrooms and started conversations across dinner tables all over the United States. They've even inspired marathon runners, just to name a few."

Glasses also were passed out to Grosse Pointe students across the district. In addition to Kerby, Jandernoa or a representative from the Red Glasses Movement

visited Monteith, Ferry, Mason and Defer elementary schools.

"We hope the glasses will inspire you to be bold, to try something new, maybe a new sport, or reach higher and try harder at school," Jandernoa said. "We hope you're inspired to step out of your comfort zone. It could be as small as dressing the way you truly want instead of trying to blend in or maybe standing up for someone or something you believe in even if it sets you apart from your friends.

"Living bold is being honest and open and true to yourself," she continued. "If you get nervous trying something new, that's OK. That happens; it's hard for all of us. But look at your red glasses and remember Audrey and all the other people out there trying something new or fighting for something on their own."

In addition to her

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Teacher of THE WEEK

Susan Chaklos

School: Poupard Elementary School
Years at Poupard: 16
Grade/Subject: Grade 1
Nominated by: Hussain Ali, principal
Principal's quote:

"Mrs. Chaklos has been a tremendous teacher leader at Poupard. During my first two years at Poupard, Sue has been constantly learning and growing as an educator. She is always an early adopter when we're implementing any new programs or technology within the building. She is a constant advocate for all of our students at Poupard and is active in serving their needs. Simply put, Sue rocks!"

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

I love sharing my love of learning and reading with my young students, who are just launching their academic career. First grade is the foundation year for future learning and I feel my greatest accomplishment is when I can instill in a young child a thirst to gain knowledge about the world around them. I get extremely excited when a student realizes they can read and starts to grab every book in the room. It happens for every child at a different time, so first grade is a year of great changes and growth. I love the "aha" moments when the light bulb goes off and a child's face beams, and they shout "I got it!"

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

I cannot identify one accomplishment I am proud of or a teaching moment that stands out. I experience little successes everyday, but I feel a student's success in my classroom is when the parents and I work as a team together to encourage a child to be the best they can be. I have to admit, however, that I have had moments of pride and joy when I run into former students in the grocery store who struggled to learn to read, yet they are finishing degrees at university and are happy and self confident.

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

I have loved to learn since I was in first grade at Maire School in Eleanor Obermeyer's room. My parents and grandparents surrounded me with books, and to this day I'm a ferocious reader. I became a lifelong learner, and this is the primary lesson I try to teach my students — that you never stop learning new things. I was encouraged to enter the teaching



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field by my own children's teachers after volunteering in their classes and loving helping students work on their reading skills. Recently I have read numerous memoirs about people who have overcome adversity, deprived of formal education, and persevered to become successful happy adults. These stories have helped me realize that given the right love and encouragement, most children can overcome struggles and become successful and content adults.

Favorite quote:

I love what Ghandi said: "If we are to reach real peace in the world, we shall have to begin with the children." The world's future is our kids!

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Save the date for college night

College Night, open to all area high school students, will be held 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, at Grosse Pointe South High School's gymnasium, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Representatives from 86 colleges, universities, technical schools and military organizations will be on hand to answer questions and educate students and their parents.

It's a good opportunity for a face-to-face conversation with college representatives, in particular those "that are not easy to bounce out and visit," according to counselor Beth Walsh-Sahutske, such as Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, new to

the line-up this year.

In addition to walk-up visits, the University of Michigan and Michigan State, Oakland and Northwood universities will offer presentations in classrooms for interested students.

Military institutions include the U.S. Army, U.S. Naval Academy, West Point, Michigan Air National Guard and Air Force ROTC.

Some unique offerings include the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in New York and the Douglas J. Aveda Institute, which offers programs in cosmetology.

Walsh-Sahutske recommends students do

their research beforehand, selecting colleges and universities to visit based on desired size, location and programs available. She also suggested students come prepared with questions suited to their individual interests.

While browsing for colleges and career opportunities, upperclassmen also may take advantage of the opportunity to register to vote at the League of Women Voters table. Students must be 18 by Nov. 5, and bring either a driver's license or state identification.

For more information, contact Liz Naporano at naporae@gpschools.org.
— Mary Anne Brush

North turns 50

Green and Golden Gala GROSSE POINTE NORTH



Grosse Pointe North High School is celebrating a half century this spring.

A Green and Golden Gala marking this milestone is planned from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, in North's gymnasium, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

"If you graduated from North, worked at North, sent a student to North, one day will attend North or know where North is located, please come to the Green and Golden Gala," said Lesley Graham, vice president

Dinner will be provided by Licavoli's Market and flowers are by Moehring in the Woods.

A fashion show, birthday party, auction, class reunion and community event all

of events for North's Parents Club.

Highlights include music and fashion through the decades, auction items, entertainment by past, present and future Norsemen, special guest speakers, a historical video and virtual birthday greetings and a special appearance by Thor, the school mascot.

rolled into one will "celebrate 50 years of excellence while investing in the future 50," Graham said.

Funds raised will support grants and scholarships for current and future Norsemen.

Ticket information is available at gpnparentsclub.com.
— Mary Anne Brush

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"The conversations are not as productive as they could be and the school improvement and the implementation of different strategies and ideas takes longer because it's not one continuous group or even the majority of the group that is together in morning and afternoon meetings," Bur said.

Among social and emotional considerations, she added, any time a core subject or elective teacher or support staff member, such as a speech teacher, social worker, school psychologist or counselor, is traveling elsewhere, one less adult is available for students in crisis or to build relationships. Fewer adults available also results in larger advisory classes — another important time for students to build a relationship with a trusted adult.

"One of the tough decisions the board made two years ago was that we decreased counselors between Pierce and Brownell," Bur said. "Unfortunately, that's not a time that they can be in the building for those relationships, but even more importantly, middle school kids do not have issues on scheduled times. If a middle schooler today had an



issue, but their counselor happened to be at Brownell but they're a Pierce student, they had to wait maybe till tomorrow to come forward because that might be the only trusted adult in the building they can speak to. Or another trusted adult might jump in, but they have to do a lot of background information gathering before they can get to the root of (the issue)."

Trustee Christopher Lee mentioned an educator from Boston he met at a Michigan Association of School Boards conference. Kim Marshall, drawing on decades as a teacher, principal and central administrator, presents a weekly

roundup of ideas and research in K-12 education called "The Marshall Memo."

In response to Lee's email inquiry about optimal grade configurations, Marshall wrote, "My sense is that grade configurations are almost always driven by building availability, with educational rationalizations following. An argument can be made for almost every configuration, from K-12, Primary/Upper Elem/Middle/High, K-6/7-12, you name it. The key factor, of course, is good teaching and school leadership. Another consideration, which I've come across in a district in southern New Hampshire where I've been doing some work, is for there to be enough teachers at each grade level to have meaningful teacher teamwork."

"The thing that matters most is the teachers," Lee said. "And we are blessed with terrific teachers in this district. I'm confident if we go K-4, we're going to have a terrific school system."

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strength and determined attitude, Audrey "was also a big fan of the high-five," said Jandernoa. "We made lots of new friends as a family because of Audrey. She helped introduce me to nearly every produce person, butcher and bagger at our grocery store. A trip to the park was always an adventure ... because of her bouncing around introducing herself or wishing happy birthday to strangers."

Jandernoa encouraged students to "love big" like Audrey.



Audrey Jandernoa was known for her big smile and signature red glasses.

"Loving big is being a good friend. Loving big is looking for a student in your class who may need an extra smile or a high-five. Loving big is including all kids on the playground."

"All these things that might seem little to us are showing big love to others," she continued. "You love big. We hope your glasses continue to inspire you after today. Whether you wear them or they sit on your desk or at your dresser, they are for you. We hope they remind you to spread love regardless of typical boundaries."

Finally, pass it on, Jandernoa said.

"Once you feel the red glasses have moved you, tell someone else about them and share the good feeling they give you and maybe share the glasses."

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directly to support Run, Walk 'n Roll. Her husband, Tom, who participates frequently in races, will run, she and Louisa's older brother, Sam, will walk and Louisa will "roll" in her stroller.

Knowing down the road Louisa's chronic condition will lead to her seeking "really positive ways to manage her health and let her be a kid," Pietrowsky said she is inspired by the positive attitude and approach exhibited by Elizabeth and her family.

"Things like this really show you how cool the community can be and how supportive and helpful," said Turner. "It's really cool to bring it all together."

Said Sheeren, "It's going to be so positive, kind of just a light for all these families who are dealing with so much. It's something positive to look forward to."



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Participating in a 5K fundraiser two years ago for the WIWD Foundation served as inspiration for Audrey Turner, left, and Claire Sheeren, when they were looking for ideas to help Claire's sister, Elizabeth.

For more information on the event, including corporate sponsorships, contact Sheeren at (313) 682-8880 or crsheeren@gmail.com,

go to eastsideracing.enmotive.com or follow the Run, Walk 'n Roll 5K event on Facebook or Instagram @runwalknroll.

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Medal of honor

City woman recognized for efforts in Cambodia

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Bella McKay believes in miracles.

The daughter of a Baptist minister, the Windsor-born woman has put all her faith in God and seen the impossible become possible. Through a string of events the last few years, her faith continues to grow stronger.

"Faith is everything," she said.

Aspirations

McKay was 10 years old when her family moved from Canada to the City of Grosse Pointe. She attended Brownell Middle School and Grosse Pointe South High School before heading to Chicago to attend Wheaton College, where she's studying pre-medicine.

"When I was little, I watched a documentary on human trafficking," she said, remembering she was shocked and appalled by what she learned. Those feelings stuck with her when, as an adult, she volunteered at a hostel in Amsterdam.

"I worked in the Red Light District with a group that did intervention," she explained. "At the hostel, it was so close to my workplace; it was something I would see every day — window after window with women who are prostitutes ... under the guise of them choosing this way of life. As I spent more time there, I learned about the criminal links between human trafficking and prostitution.

"We would pay for the woman's time and bring her soup, bring her Bibles, listen to her

stories," she continued. "Once she was able to articulate her story clearly, we could bring in law enforcement.

"We were doing amazing work that ignited a passion within me. At the same time, I learned that I could take in the bad information and not let it affect me in terms of burnout. I could reconcile in my mind that I could hear these stories day to day and not get depressed."

She attributes her resilience to her faith and religious upbringing.

Upon returning from Amsterdam, McKay returned to Wheaton College, where she started looking into Chicago's prostitution and human trafficking issues, which were migrating online.

"A friend and I started a group at school," she said. "We recruited 12 other people and three times a week we operated a call center."

Through listings like backpage.com, McKay and her group would call escort services and, with scripted questions, ask if they needed help, someone to get them or resources for drug rehab, counseling or to be relocated. Those willing could be led through a six-month program to help them regain their former lifestyles, McKay said, adding that if a woman was in dire need of help, they would connect her with Chicago law enforcement.

"It was the dirty, mundane work of cold calling," McKay said. "I did it for 1 1/2 years. Then I applied for an internship with Samaritan's Purse."

The nondenominational, evangelical Christian organization provides spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. McKay applied in hopes of working in human trafficking and prostitution. She was given a choice between Cambodia and Vietnam.

The internship

McKay started her internship with the Safe Migration and Trafficking Awareness Program, which dealt with labor trafficking in Cambodia, near the Thailand border.

"Thailand is experiencing an exponential growth rate, while Cambodia is struggling to have jobs for its workforce," McKay explained. "Cambodians would go to Thailand for work. ... It's usually 20- to 40-year-old men

who become illegal aliens; they have no visa, no passport. They get exploited because they have no identification. It's similar to Mexican immigrants here. They end up in exploitative work sites, or traffickers are recruiting them and transporting them across the border."

If the Cambodians revolt, McKay said, the employer calls law enforcement and turns them in, then goes back to recruit more. The Safe Migration and Trafficking Awareness program teaches Cambodians how to protect themselves from being exploited by traffickers.

During her internship, McKay linked up with Barry, her supervisor, who had extensive experience doing intervention work in brothels. He quickly became McKay's mentor.

"Two months into my internship I realized it was way too short," she said. "My mentor was willing to give me more responsibility and I already was well-versed in human trafficking."

McKay learned that fifth- and sixth-grade boys were being sent to Thailand — sometimes by their parents — and there was a lack of curriculum or programming to prevent their victimization.

McKay contacted Wheaton College to say she was staying longer and worked with a local illustrator to create a children's book. "The Gift of Freedom," was completed after seven months and printed in two languages — English and Khmer. It currently is being translated into Lao, too.

Full time

McKay returned to Wheaton for spring semester 2017. The fall semester of her junior year was a struggle.

"Upon going back to school, I was so completely bored with everything I was doing," she said. "It was not the fault of the school. It was not the fault of the teachers. I just didn't feel I was taking advantage of everything I had to offer."

She gave it three weeks, then contacted Barry and told him she wanted to work full time. She returned to Cambodia in summer 2017, requesting time off from Wheaton.

"I got hired full time for Oasis of Hope, a completely new project of its kind," she said.

The theory she and Barry proposed was that labor trafficking was the result of water scarcity. Their research — baseline analysis and aftercare with former trafficked individuals — led them to create the project.

"How do we prevent human trafficking from ever happening?" she asked. "Why are they migrating? Because there are no jobs. Why trafficking? Because they're financially vulnerable. Those were the triggers."

"The most reasonable jobs for them are in agriculture," she continued. "We asked them, 'You have skills. Why aren't you doing anything with them?'"



Bella McKay accepts the medal of honor from the Royal Kingdom of Cambodia for her efforts with Samaritan's Purse.

They always say, 'Because we don't have water.'"

People were going into Thailand every day just to collect water for consumption, she said.

"So my boss and I came up with the water idea," she said. "We thought if we could solve the water problem, labor and human trafficking would go down."

After proposing their idea to Samaritan's Purse CEO Franklin Graham, Graham committed \$3 million to the project on the spot, McKay said. "Nobody else had come up with this type of project," she said.

Once funding was secured, they had to go through the Cambodian government for approval.

"They told us it's not going to work," McKay said. "They said, 'We appreciate your passion and that you feel so strongly and that you believe in God, but Cambodia doesn't have underground water. It would be smarter to dig holes for ponds, wait for it to rain, filter that water and let the people drink it.' They were very cynical."

Even though the government thought the project would fail, it was approved.

McKay's team hired 30 local drillers, bought a terrameter to measure the underground water supply and got a plan in order.

"I was doing coordinating — logistics, budgeting, writing reports, managing teams," she said. "We picked 31 villages we'd work on. They're all right on the border — the most highly exploited and vulnerable villages we were doing this in."

"The plan was to bore holes, dig underground trenches, add pipelines," she continued. "We wanted them to be profitable

with this water. Our goal was for them to increase agriculture production and be financially stable. We wanted them to access water in their own homes like we do."

McKay said the villagers had never seen a faucet. Even after a trip to the "big city" to see working faucets, they still didn't believe it could happen.

"In each village, only one or two people believed in us," she said. "For the first four months, our success rate was one wet well for every 10 dry wells. ... It was disappointing and (Samaritan's Purse) was getting impatient. The drillers also were getting impatient and discouraged."

"Essentially, they all quit on us," she continued. "In four months, 29 drillers quit. We were left with one driller. He and his father had dug a well with their hands; he was super passionate about it."

The rest of McKay's team didn't quit either and after slight changes to their game plan, at four months in, they started finding water.

"We started hitting these deep aquifers," she said. "When we hit the first free-flowing well, where there's no pump needed to flow water up, the entire community came; they were dancing and crying. After that, we kept finding deep wells over and over again."

In those 31 Cambodian villages, currently there are 109 wells 80 to 150 meters deep. Workers created entire water systems by installing 72 10,000-liter tank towers and laying 90 miles of pipe between the villages and to each house so everyone has a faucet. All 90 miles of trenches were dug by community members, McKay

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Villagers, led by a volunteer with Samaritan's Purse, say a prayer before digging.



Villagers lay water pipes.



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From left, Lauren Aliahmad, Caitlin Inger, Rene Garkinos, Jennifer Amori, Taryn Loughlin and Michelle Crandall. Not pictured is Lauren McMichael.

Assumption Derby Jubilee supports nursery, toddler center

Ladies and gentlemen are invited to join Assumption Nursery School's moms for Derby Day Jubilee Saturday, May 4, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

WDIV Channel 4 meteorologist Brandon Roux serves as guest auctioneer. The evening also includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, a deluxe open bar, silent and live auctions, live derby coverage, a wine raffle and more.

Admission is \$65. Doors open at 5 p.m. Derby attire is requested.



Brandon Roux

All proceeds benefit the Assumption Nursery School and Toddler Center. For information, call (586) 772-4477.

Fitting homes to people

For years, architects and inventors such as Frank Lloyd Wright and Buckminster Fuller have been experimenting with inexpensive, sustainable ways to offer homeownership to those on limited incomes. In the fourth and final installment of the 2019 Your Old Mansion series — at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms — the Grosse Pointe Artists Association hosts a panel discussion about fitting homes to the lifestyles of their owners.

The Rev. Faith Fowler of Cass Community Social Services discusses her organization's Tiny Homes project, which offers houses that are 250 to 400 square feet, energy efficient and laid out for comfortable living.



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A tiny home in Detroit.

Breck Crandell, lead designer for Three Squared Inc., the nation's leader in using cargo containers for multifamily dwellings, talks about his company's three-unit model in Corktown that was erected in six hours and 15 minutes and uses nine containers.

Preservation architect Rita Walsh relates her

personal story of finding a new home to better fit her lifestyle.

Angela Wyrembelski of Quinn Evans Architects, who has designed alternative homes, moderates the discussion.

Following the lecture, series ticket holders will be invited to tour the nearby, live-work space of artists Monika Essen



The three-unit model in Corktown.

and Kurt Kastner. The Detroit News described their home on Mack Avenue as "sleek and unique." It also was included in the recent book, "Weird Homes."

To register for the alternative homes lecture, visit grossepointeartcenter.org/events or call (313) 881-3454. All proceeds fund GPAA programming for promising high school artists, veterans and the elderly in the community and their caregivers.

Healthy Heart Project offers free screenings

"Nearly half of all U.S. adults have some type of cardiovascular disease," according to the American Heart Association. That's why Ascension offers a free event called the Healthy Heart Project.

The Healthy Heart Project is a day devoted to heart disease screening and prevention. Participants receive free heart screenings with on-the-spot results and a one-on-one conversation with a doctor to review their individual situation.

The Healthy Heart Project begins at 7 a.m. Saturday, May 4, at:

- ◆ Ascension St. John

Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit;

- ◆ Ascension Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield and

- ◆ Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital, 1101 W. University, Rochester.

Screenings include:

- ◆ Electrocardiogram, or EKG, which measures the electrical activity of the heartbeat. Electrodes with adhesive pads are attached to the skin of one's chest, arms and legs.

- ◆ Blood pressure screening, which measures the pressure the blood is exerting against artery walls. A blood pressure cuff is used.

- ◆ Body Mass Index, a calculation to identify whether an adult is at a healthy weight.

- ◆ Non-fasting blood glucose test, which measures blood sugar levels that may help determine diabetes. A finger prick is required and a glucometer is used.

- ◆ Heart Risk Assessment, which may determine the likelihood of developing heart disease, heart attack or stroke in the future. A questionnaire is used.

A physician will review test results with each participant onsite and discuss their risk factors as well as recommendations for

improving their heart health. There also will be an area with health displays about heart-related topics including stroke risks and more.

The event takes place 7 to 10 a.m. Registration for the free screenings ends at 10 a.m.

Parking is free and the screenings at the event are free.

If additional screenings/tests/treatments are needed outside of the free screenings — for example, someone having a medical crisis where treatment is necessary — that treatment is not considered part of the free screenings.

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GPPL, Pointe Electronics have tech event

The Grosse Pointe Public Library and Pointe Electronics present, "What's all the Hoopla?" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, at Pointe Electronics, 17024 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Representatives from Pointe Electronics will demonstrate how to stream movies to a Smart televi-

sion using a GPPL library card and the Hoopla and Kanopy apps.

Roku, Chrome Sticks and Smart TVs will be discussed and experts will be on hand to field questions.

Registration is required for this free event. Visit grossepointelibrary.org/events.

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WEDDINGS



William and Brittany Moran

Moran-Jansen

Brittany Anne Jansen and William Thomas Moran were married Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018, in Chicago. A reception at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago followed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Jane Jansen and the late Mark Jansen of Chicago. Her stepfather is Dr. David Lansky, also of Chicago. The groom is the son of Beth and Joe Moran of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The bride wore a floor-length Marchesa gown with beaded bodice and chiffon bottom. She wore a cathedral-length veil and carried a bouquet of white roses and eucalyptus.

The bride's friend, Laura Ene, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were the groom's sisters, Elizabeth Lowe and Megan Moran and the bride's friends, Gina Rossetti, Karli Nutter, Katherine Yircott, Katelyn Schultz, Lauren McLaughlin, Lindsay Pascoe and Rachel Zoet.

Attendants wore floor-length navy chiffon halter dresses that tied at the neck.

Matthew Moran, the groom's brother, served as best man. Groomsmen were the bride's stepbrothers, Ben Lansky and Peter Lansky and the groom's friends, Birk Larusson, Kyle Hart, Peter Skorupskas, Roman Suhs, Ryan Nolan and Zane Klopp.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree in retail business from Michigan State University. She is employed by RXBar.

The groom earned a culinary arts degree from Johnson & Wales University and a hospitality business degree from Michigan State University. He is the operations director for REAL GOOD juice company in Chicago.

The couple honeymooned in the Hawaiian Islands and reside in Chicago.

Families to welcome birds back to Ford House

Families will flock to the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House for Welcome Back Birds from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 4. With bird-themed activities, crafts and educational presentations, the event promises a day of outdoor fun and wildlife learning.

At Welcome Back Birds, visitors can spot birds in their natural habitats during guided bird walks onto Ford House's Bird Island, led by bird-watching experts from Wild Birds Unlimited of Grosse Pointe Woods. Walks are offered at 8:15 and 9:30 a.m.

Those hoping to catch an even closer glimpse can see live owls, hawks and birds of prey at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. during demonstrations by Leslie Science & Nature Center.

New this year, visitors are invited to bring their own DSLR camera and learn how to capture great bird photos. Professionals from Creative Vision Photography will lead a walk at 10:30 a.m. and give advice on getting the best shots. Cell phone picture-taking also is welcome and visitors are encouraged to tag @eefordhouse on Instagram and Facebook.

Welcome Back Birds also includes presentations by Grosse Pointe Audubon at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., and the Department of Natural Resources at 9 and 11 a.m.

Throughout the day, visitors can make their own bird feeders to take home, chat with Science Gallery Detroit and enjoy other hands-on activities.

Tickets are available at fordhouse.org or by calling (313) 884-4222. The event takes place rain or shine; visitors are advised to dress for the weather. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for ages 4 and older. Discount tickets are available to Ford House members.

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Niester-Martin

Jerry and Lisa Niester of Rochester Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Katelynn Niester, to Spencer Martin, son of Dr. Catherine Nordby and Dr. Gerard Martin of Grosse Pointe Park.

An August 2019 wedding is planned.

Miss Niester earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in supply chain management from Michigan State University. She is a purchasing manager at Red E Parts in Auburn Hills.

Mr. Martin earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in supply chain management from Michigan State University. He is a regional procurement manager at Guardian Industries in Troy.



Spencer Martin and Katelynn Niester



Andrew Hayner and Clare Conway

MBA from Creighton University. She is a senior analyst at Meridian Health Plan.

Mr. Hayner earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and history and a Master of Arts degree in liberal studies from University of Detroit Mercy, as well as a juris doctor degree from Michigan State University. He is a senior attorney at DTE Energy.

Martin-Glazier

Dr. Catherine Nordby and Dr. Gerard Martin of Grosse Pointe Park, announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Martin, to Michael Glazier, son of Sandra and Manny Glazier of West Bloomfield.



Elizabeth Martin and Michael Glazier

A November 2019 wedding is planned.

Miss Martin earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications from John Carroll University and a graduate certificate in communication and new media from Wayne State University. She is a web and mobile digital specialist with Henry

Ford Health System in Detroit.

Mr. Glazier earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from Western Michigan University and a Master of Science degree in accountancy from Walsh College. He is a staff accountant at Manny Glazier CPA PC.

AREA ACTIVITIES

NAACP

Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus speaks at the Grosse Pointes-Harper Woods NAACP meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 25, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 8 a.m. Friday, April 26, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Emma C. Nickel, pastor and head of staff at First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak, speaks. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce presents "Breakfast with Senator Peters" from 9 to 10 a.m. Friday, April 26, at Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods. Sen. Gary

Peters will provide an update of his legislative priorities. Cost is \$25. Call (313) 881-4722.

CARE

CARE of Southeast Michigan hosts a medication take-back event 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Central branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visit michigan-open.org, email mharis@careofsem.com or call (586) 224-3497.

GPA

Grosse Pointe Academy's McMillan Lecture Series presents, "The Importance of Empathy," with Bob Sornson Ph.D., at 7 p.m. Monday, April 29, at The Grosse Pointe Academy, 171 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The event is free. Call (313) 886-1221 or visit gpacademy.org.

Rotary

Grosse Pointe Rotary meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Chris Walker and Elaine Weeks present, "5000 Ways to Know You're From Detroit." Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts a blood drive 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 2, Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Register online at red

crossblood.org.

PFLAG

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. Email pflaggp@gmail.com.

Grannie Nannies

Grannie Nannies, for grandmothers who babysit their grandchildren, meets at 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 3, at Ram's Horn Restaurant, 23815 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Reservations are not required.

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OBITUARIES

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

Loretta Jean Dupuis

Loretta Jean Dupuis passed away peacefully Sunday, April 14, 2019, with family by her side.

Born on a farmhouse kitchen table near Trumansburg, N.Y., over the decades Jean drew on both wit and grit to fashion a life she felt lucky to embrace for more than 91 years.

She was the daughter of Olin and Frances Hinton Gardner, and left a Finger Lakes childhood behind when her family moved to the Detroit area at the onset of World War II. A graduate of Grosse Pointe High School, Jean earned a teaching degree from Wayne University made possible by a combination of scholarships and part-time jobs.

It was at Wayne she met U.S. Navy veteran Robert Dupuis, who earned his degree with the help of the GI Bill and captured Jean's heart with the help of winsome blue eyes. They married in 1949, after which each embarked on long careers with the Detroit Public Schools. Jean taught at the elementary level and was an inspiring reading specialist.

She and Bob delighted in listening to live jazz all over the country, especially in metro Detroit. Together they raised two daughters, while also working on behalf of numerous social justice causes, volunteering throughout the community and throwing epic parties.

A genealogist, Jean was completing a biography of her father at the time of her passing; she derived great pleasure from meeting twice monthly with a writing group at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church. A miracle-working gardener and voracious fan of televised sports (especially the Tigers), Jean also was a devoted bird-watcher often described as "a hoot." Her earnest warmth and genuine enthusiasm were irresistible, as were her laugh and smile.

Jean was predeceased by her parents; husband; daughter, Denise Dupuis Morey; sister, Harriet "Judy" Welch; brother-in-law, Frank E. Welch; sister-in-law, Norma Dupuis and nephew, Brian D. Welch.

She is survived by, among other loving family, daughter, Diane Dupuis (Steve Carey); grandchildren, Erin K. Morey, Fiona Dupuis Carey and Miles Dupuis Carey; son-in-law, Tom Morey and nephews and niece, Mark Welch (Karen), Ted Moniak (Susan Trowbridge Adams) and Lynne Welch Lowrance (Mark). Jean outlived so many beloved individuals, including Mercia Gluskin and Leonard and Gloria Minkwic, and leaves behind a huge array of friends joyfully cultivated in later life, including her writing group and her lively community at The Rivers.

The family is deeply grateful to staff at Ascension St. John Hospital and Reverence

Hospice for exceptionally gentle end-of-life care.

A celebration of life will be held in May at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church.

Jean expressed a wish that donations in lieu of flowers be made to Michigan Audubon, 2310 Science Parkway, Okemos, MI 48864 or at michiganaudubon.org; Washtenaw Literacy, 5577 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197 or at washtenawliteracy.org or Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230 or at gpuuc.org.

Bill Elliott

Bill Elliott peacefully passed away Saturday, April 20, 2019, at Ascension St. John Hospital in Detroit, with his family by his side.

Born July 19, 1929, in Detroit, to Stacy Wendell and Mary Leona Elliott, Bill was predeceased by his beloved wife, Merle, who passed away in 2004. He is survived by his loving daughter, Jane Walling (Jim); grandchildren, Michelle Pease (Russ), Nichol Bruno (Tim), Andrew Schroeder, Brad Walling (Emily) and Meredith Pipas (A.J.); great-grandchildren, Alexis, Hunter, Cayden, Kyren, Owen, Reid and Rosie and special friend, Sue Simmons, and her family.

Bill earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Detroit and gained experience at a few companies before founding Elliott, Elliott & Co., devoted to accounting, taxes and management services for 50 years. After his retirement, he devoted time to his independent management consulting service.

Bill also was a member of several professional organizations, including The National Society of Accountants, National Society of Tax Professionals and Independent Accountants Association of Michigan. He lectured extensively throughout Michigan on accounting and tax matters.

Bill was a lifetime member of Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity International, Sigma Nu Phi fraternity and the U.S. Navy League. He was a member and past president of Grosse Pointe Kiwanis Club and served on the University of Detroit's estate planning and speaking council and, as an accredited business accountant/enrolled agent, was authorized to practice before the Internal Revenue Service. He had written many articles for trade journals and provided tax tips to The Steve Gramzy show on WXYT and The German-American show on WMZK. He served as past director and treasurer of the Eastpointe Chamber of Commerce, director and treasurer of the East Detroit Historical Society and was past president for Pointe Park Homeowners Association.

Bill's favorite hobbies were basketball, swim-

ming, pistol shooting, boating and judo.

A funeral service with military honors was held April 24 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to U.S. Bioservices, 3200 Internet Blvd., Frisco, TX 75034.

Ann Marie Emmerich

Ann Marie Emmerich, nee Butler, beloved wife of Donald Richard Emmerich, passed away Friday, April 19, 2019, in Naples, Fla., after a short illness.

Born Aug. 27, 1935, to Richard A. Butler and Dolores A. Butler (nee Sullivan), Ann graduated from Beaumont School for Girls in Cleveland, and met her husband of 60 years while at John Carroll University. The family moved to Michigan in 1962, first living in the Lansing area before settling in Grosse Pointe Park. She worked at Bon Secours Hospital in Grosse Pointe for 20 years.

After retiring in 2000, Ann and her husband moved to Naples, Fla., where she became involved in numerous volunteer activities and her parish church, St. Finbarr. Ann had a quiet and dignified demeanor, loved her family unreservedly and will be missed by all for her energy, selflessness, understated competitiveness and strong faith. Ann is survived by her children, Michael (Becky), Peggy Venditti, Donald (Gwynn Villegas), Thomas (Ann), Kathleen Friehe (John) and David (Kim); 13 loving grandchildren and many adoring nieces, nephews and friends.

She was predeceased by her husband, Richard; parents and sister, Peggy Baugh.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday,



Loretta Jean Dupuis



Bill Elliott



Ann Marie Emmerich

April 25, at St. Finbarr Catholic Church, 13520 Tamiami Trail, Naples. A memorial service will be held in Grosse Pointe at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Avow Hospice Inc. at (239) 261-4404 or avowcares.org or Lustgarten Foundation at lustgarten.org, for pancreatic cancer research.

Anne Marie Rector

Former Grosse Pointe resident Anne Marie Rector, 73, passed away Tuesday, April 16, 2019.

Born Sept. 23, 1945, in Detroit, to Paul Ralph Hirzel and Mary Kohn Hirzel, Anne Marie attended Catholic school in Detroit and earned an associate degree from a nursing school in Ontario, Canada. She worked at Children's Hospital in Detroit where she joined the effort of starting the second children's dialysis unit in the United States.

Anne lived a full life as a wonderful mother, homemaker and friend. She loved plants and flowers, becoming a Master Gardener and a host to the Grosse Pointe Garden Tour. One could often find Anne in the kitchen whipping up an incredible meal on the fly. She was an enthusiastic cook. She had a passion for sewing and loved to make homemade gifts for family and friends. Anne was an artist with a gift for drawing and painting.

She was a true friend to those who knew her. Anne will be dearly missed.

Anne is survived by her husband, Fredrick "Fritz" Rector Jr.; daughters,

Gretchen and Rebecca; son, Matthew; sisters, Betty Depage, Paula Hindelang, Margaret Hirzel and Kathleen Green; sister-in-law, Nancy Brown; and brothers, Patrick Hirzel, Matthew Hirzel and Daniel Hirzel.

A funeral service was held April 20 in North Carolina.

Patrick J. Bruetsch

Former longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident Patrick Bruetsch, 71, distinguished Detroit attorney for 35-plus years, passed away Sunday, March 17, 2019, after a lengthy battle with Parkinson's disease. He lived in Atlanta.

Patrick was born and raised in the Detroit area. He earned Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from the University of Detroit and his law degree, graduating first in his class, from Detroit College of Law, now Michigan State University College of Law. He began practicing law in 1977, specializing in personal injury, torts and business litigation. Prior to practicing law, he was an educator and parochial school principal.

Patrick was a man of many interests and talents. He played keyboard in his band, 42nd Street Crossing, during his high school and college days. He enjoyed carpentry, home remodeling and creating unique Halloween costumes for his kids. He enjoyed power boating in the Great Lakes, cycling U.S. and European trails and family activities and trips.

He gave countless hours to professional and



Patrick J. Bruetsch

community volunteer efforts, working with nonprofit groups such as the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Life Direction, Detroit Power Squadron and Habitat for Humanity. He was forced to slow down when diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2013.

Patrick will be missed by his wife of 50 years, Diane; son, Thomas (Wendy); daughter, Caroline (Evan Howell); grandchildren, Jacob and Jordan Bruetsch and Lauren and Caden Howell; sister, Anne; brothers, John, Thomas and Robert; nephews Adam, Evan and Benjamin Bruetsch and many friends.

Patrick was predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Mary Eleanor Bruetsch and brother, Joseph Bruetsch III.

A celebration of life gathering is 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 3, at the Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle, 1 Riverbank Drive, Detroit.

Donations may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation at parkinson.org/georgia/donate; Habitat for Humanity at habitat.org/donate or Chalfonte Foundation, 4452 St. Antoine St., No. 203, Detroit, MI 48201.

Suicide prevention: A paradigm shift in mental health

By Karen Love

Guest Writer

Growing up in a household with a parent who is not only an alcoholic but bipolar can be a tough battle for a young person. Many young people who want to be helpful during this time quickly learn they cannot fix their parent.

Sean Campbell was one of those young people who grew up in a household where mental illness existed, but he couldn't fix the problem. Unfortunately his story does not end with "despite the challenges involved with mental illness, it brings the family closer together" or "through the ordeal, parents and children discover strengths, resilience and courage within themselves and each other that never would have surfaced because recovery from serious mental health issues is possible."

Campbell's family story ends in the tragic loss of a father and husband to

suicide.

Without a support system and treatment during this challenging time, Campbell's crusade to devote his personal and professional energies to the field of substance abuse and mental health would never have happened.

His initiatives involve supporting youth coping with mental health challenges, substance abuse issues and involvement in the criminal justice system.

He has since become a national and international speaker and mental health advocate. Campbell is a staunch believer in holistic wellness and an advocate of using the holistic approach.

The holistic approach to mental health addresses both the body and mind issues in the context of an ongoing healing relationship. It is a partnership in which the causes of specific mental issues are identified and addressed at the

level at which they are caused. Holistic wellness addresses all parts of the individual, not just the physical. Campbell's presentations are inclusive of the Eight Dimensions of Wellness Healing—emotional, environmental, intellectual, physical, occupational, financial, social and spiritual.

Campbell's effort has earned him the national Substance Abuse and Mental Health Voice Award for Young Adult Leadership, among many others.

Campbell formerly worked in New Jersey for the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, overseeing the statewide administration of the state's Municipal Alliance program. He currently is in his final year as a juris doctor candidate at Rutgers Law School.

Campbell is the keynote speaker at the annual Anti-Stigma Forum, which focuses on issues of mental health and the associated stigma,

Thursday, May 2. The event, during Mental Health Awareness Month, is hosted by Northeast Guidance Center and CNS Healthcare.

Mental health is an epidemic and rapidly expanding throughout our communities and southeast Michigan. The forum is free and open to the community. In addition, 4.0 CEUs will be offered to social workers who attend both the forum from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at The Salvation Army and afternoon workshops from 2 to 4 p.m. at Northeast Guidance Center. Workshops include Loss Survivor Support, facilitated by Kevin's Song; A Child's Grief; Attempt Survivor Support and Supporting Someone Who Feels Suicidal, facilitated by Campbell.

RSVP to Sharon Common at (313) 308-1416 or scommon@neguidance.org. For more information, visit neguidance.org/event/anti-stigma-forum.

PASTOR'S CORNER By the Rev. Jim Rizer

Missing Easter

I have always had a soft spot for the disciple Thomas because he missed the first Easter. As John 20:24 states, "Now Thomas, one of the 12, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came." Maybe he was off getting necessary supplies. Maybe he was touching base with family. We don't know where he was. We know that he missed Easter.

Up to this point, the dead remained dead. Now with the resurrection of Jesus, death no longer has the final word. The resurrection ushered in a new era and changed the world forever. And Thomas missed it.

As I consider Thomas, I think about a dear man, a long-retired advertising man, in my former congregation who wanted to send out a press release about his new pastor. He

asked me to get a head shot for his letter, when I said, "Can I send you this one from my computer?" He was amazed I could do what he was asking from my own computer. No photo session. No waiting for proofs. No layout to be done and redone. No order to the printer. Yet he had a choice — to remain in the old, familiar era of advertising, or enter the new digital age with all its blessings.

Thomas was in a similar position. The rest of the disciples told him Jesus had returned and that the world had changed, but he responded, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails ... I will never believe" (John 20:25). Thomas was choosing to live as if resurrection never happened and in doing so missed out on

the hope, joy, peace and life that Jesus brought. Fortunately for Thomas, Jesus appeared the following week and Thomas chose to live in light of the resurrection.

What about you? Did you miss Easter? It is possible to have attended services last Sunday and still have missed Easter. We each have the choice to go back to living as if this life is the only one, that death has the final word, that Easter never happened. Or we can choose to live with a boldness that knows death has no sting, a hope that understands that for God all things are possible and a joy that sustains and carries us through even the greatest challenges, because Jesus is risen.

Rizer is the pastor of Living Hope Church, livinghopeec.org.

CHURCH EVENTS

Redeemer United Methodist

Redeemer United Methodist Church, 20571 Vernier, Harper Woods, celebrates 75 years of faith and service Sunday, April 28, beginning with coffee hour at 10 a.m., followed by a celebration service at 11 a.m. and a catered meal at 12:30 p.m. For more details, call the church office at (313) 884-2035.

St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist: Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper," noon to 2 p.m. Mondays, April 29 to May 20. Call (313) 885-8855.

The church presents "The Mass with Bishop Robert Barron," 9 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, April 30

to June 5. Call (313) 885-8855.

St. Paul Evangelical

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of Bible and book studies. Newcomers are welcome.

◆ The Rev. Justin Dittrich leads Bible study at 9:30 a.m. each Tuesday in the Harms Fireside Room.

◆ Prayer Vigils for Peace take place 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month, starting with a short video followed by discussion.

◆ The Naomi Circle Women's Group meets in the Bethany Room for Bible study and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month.

◆ The Men's Breakfast and Bible Study Group

meets the first Thursday of each month in the Bethany Room.

Call (313) 881-6670 for more information.

Christ Church

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, presents "The Creation," an oratorio by Franz Joseph Haydn, at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 5. A pre-concert lecture takes place at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Call (313) 885-4841 or visit christchurchgp.org/concerts.

Jefferson Avenue

Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson, Detroit, welcomes the National Arab Orchestra at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 5. The Tahkt Ensemble features Pamela Ruiters-Feenstra on organ. Call (313) 822-3456 or visit japc.org.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Detective Ryan Schroerlucke

Sarcasm or cyberbullying?

Q: I monitor my son's social media accounts periodically and some of what I see on his feed makes me uncomfortable. He says I'm overreacting. How can I help him understand the difference between sarcasm/joking and cyberbullying?

A: The definition of bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school-aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Cyberbullying uses technology to degrade, harass or humiliate another person or group of people and makes the victim(s) feel as though everyone in their peer group knows what is going on.

The problem with kids thinking they're being sarcastic or "just joking" on social media and through technology is that it can be interpreted different ways by different people. If your son thinks what he sees (or does) is meant as a joke, but the person targeted takes what is written as literal and harmful, it is bullying. Over time, and with repeated targeting, the victim is more likely to skip or drop out of school, get lower grades, turn to substances or alcohol and show poor self-esteem.

SAVE the DATE

"Social Media & The Law: Cyberbullying" 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, at the Grosse Pointe Shores municipal building, 795 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Register for this free program online at familycenterweb.org or by calling (313) 447-1374.

It is important for many reasons to teach our youth to speak up when they see something. It helps those who are targeted, especially, but also because in Michigan it now is illegal to post a message about another person that is intended to put someone in fear of bodily harm or death and express an interest to commit violence against the person, post a message or statement with the intent to communicate a threat with the knowledge it will be viewed as a threat, or a pattern of harassing or intimidating behavior.

Regular conversations about responsible behavior and online safety are necessary. Remind them of your values related to respecting others, that speaking up is not tattling and that you are always available to listen and help if they are having issues.

Schroerlucke is the president of



the Grosse Pointe Fraternal Order of Police and detective for the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety. He holds a master's degree in forensic psychology with a specialization in criminal behavior and is beginning his Ph.D. in forensic psychology with a specialization in crisis response and post-traumatic stress disorder. Schroerlucke also is a member of the National Council for Behavior Health and certified in Mental Health First Aid. He can be reached at (313) 343-2412 or rschroerlucke@gpwwi.us.

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

Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods mayors host 33rd annual breakfast

The mayors of the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods have planned their 33rd annual Mayors' Prayer Breakfast, which takes place at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, May 2, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

This year's speaker is Isaiah "Ike" McKinnon, associate professor of education at the University of Detroit Mercy and former deputy mayor and chief of police of Detroit.

The Mayors' Prayer Breakfast celebrates the National Day of Prayer. Signed into law in 1952 by President Harry S. Truman, National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held the first Thursday of May as an invitation to people of all

faiths to pray for the good of the nation.

Support from Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe provides scholarships for one student from each area high school — Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South, Chandler Park Academy, University Liggett School and Harper Woods.

This event also is supported by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, Edsel & Eleanor Ford House and The War Memorial.

Tickets are \$25 and available at any of the Grosse Pointes or Harper Woods municipal offices. For ticket information, contact Barbara Tate-Renaud at (313) 885-6750 or mayorsprayerbreakfast1@gmail.com.

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said. She estimated that 29,000 people now have access to clean water. As a result, villagers next were introduced to agricultural livelihoods.

"We did business planning with families, gave them grants," McKay said. "We supplied chicken coops or chicken eggs to start their business. People stopped migrating and started pursuing agricultural livelihoods."

Additionally, a water management committee was formed to maintain the water system. The pumps were made electrical, so the villages were connected with electricity as well.

"All these leaders have training on how to fix and problem solve," McKay said. "And everyone pays for the water they use on a monthly basis."

The financial stability has created enough to pay for electricity and the water managers' salaries. So far, they've made a \$40,000 profit, which is kept in a bank and used to manage the system.

The majority of the project was accomplished November 2018. Around the same time, the Cambodian government approached Samaritan's Purse.

"They wanted to honor us for the work we'd done," McKay said. "This project model became the gold standard of human trafficking reduction in Cambodia. Significant amounts of people have come home. We have so much data to prove this actually works."

A Nov. 8 ceremony drew around 1,200 villagers and various ministries. McKay and others from Samaritan's Purse were awarded Royal Order of Cambodia medals of honor by the Ministry of



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Villagers thrive in agricultural development with the addition of water wells.

World Development. "We were receiving on behalf of the project, but the medals belong just as much to the community," McKay said. "It was an unbelievable day and an honor."

Back home

McKay is spending the spring and summer on sabbatical and plans to return to Wheaton College

this fall. She has four months of school before graduating with her pre-med degree in December.

"Until then, I'll be working at the call center in Chicago," she said. "A motel intervention component has been added. The cleaners, clerks and motel workers are trained to look for signs of human trafficking and what to do if they see it."

After graduation, McKay hopes to stay in the "protection world."

"I found an area I can excel in," she said. "I'd like to do it more full time at the local level, either in Detroit or Chicago."

McKay said Samaritan's Purse is working on a documentary about Oasis of Hope. She regularly gets updates from the Cambodian villages she helped; they all are thriving.

"Most recently, there's been a huge drought in the province in which we did our work," McKay said. "The only places not affected were our villages. All their crops are good, sustained, still profitable."

"And good works have spread out to something they're doing on their own," McKay said, including improved hygiene behaviors and social entrepreneurship. All of the successes, McKay believes, are due to one thing.

"Faith is everything. It's

the core of everything I've accomplished," she said. "Even the way I fell into the internship, met my mentor — it was all God ordained. Applying for Samaritan's Purse, going for the full-time position, adults calling me naïve — so many times I didn't know what the future would hold with dropping out (of college). But there's an indescribable gut feeling ... that it's the right path to pursue. I can't attribute that to anything but God working in our lives and laying out our path."

"It was hard to leave," she continued. "In November, after the surprise of the medal, when I was onstage I had a gut feeling: It's time to go. There's nothing more left to do. That's how I made the decision to leave. People within the country are the leaders. That's the end goal — to pass along the skills and knowledge and get out as soon as possible."

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Tennis

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils win invite

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The No. 1 ranked Grosse Pointe South girls tennis team won the Northville Invitational last weekend, finishing with 21 points.

Northville was second with 17 points, followed by Holland West Ottawa with seven and Livonia Churchill with three.

"The girls played some solid tennis," head coach Mark Sobieralski said. "It was nice to finally beat Northville. We haven't beaten them in a few years."

The Blue Devils swept the singles flights with Lily Jones, Laurel

Sullivan, Gigi Bonnell and Moira Hix each finishing 3-0.

The No. 4 doubles team of Alex Walz and Meghan Wysocki also finished 3-0, while the other three flights finished runner-up at 2-1.

Kate Beardslee and Maddie Hurley played at No. 1 doubles, while Claire Beardslee and Anna Dietz were at No. 2 doubles. The No. 3 doubles team was Kaitlin Ifkovits and Mairin Heimbuch.

Earlier in the week, South opened its Macomb Area Conference Red Division slate with an 8-0 win over St. Clair.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JANE DIETZ

The Grosse Pointe South tennis team members are, from left front row, Mairin Heimbuch, Laurel Sullivan and Anna Dietz; middle row, Meghan Wysocki, Kaitlin Ifkovits, Claire Beardslee, Kate Beardslee and Maddie Hurley; and back row Lily Jones, Moira Hix, assistant coach Kevin Irving, coach Mark Sobieralski, Alex Walz and Gigi Bonnell.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

All even

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls tennis team tied visiting Clarkston Everest Collegiate 4-4 in a Catholic League match early last week.

Each team finished 2-2 in the four singles and doubles matches.

In singles, Melanie Zampardo won 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 at No. 1 singles, and Olivia Valente followed with a 6-4, 6-0 win at No. 2 singles.

Meena Pandranji and Kaitlyn Fox lost at Nos. 3 and 4 singles, and the Knights dropped a tough 7-6, 6-3 match at No. 1 doubles with Sioban Haggerty and Izzy Vidal

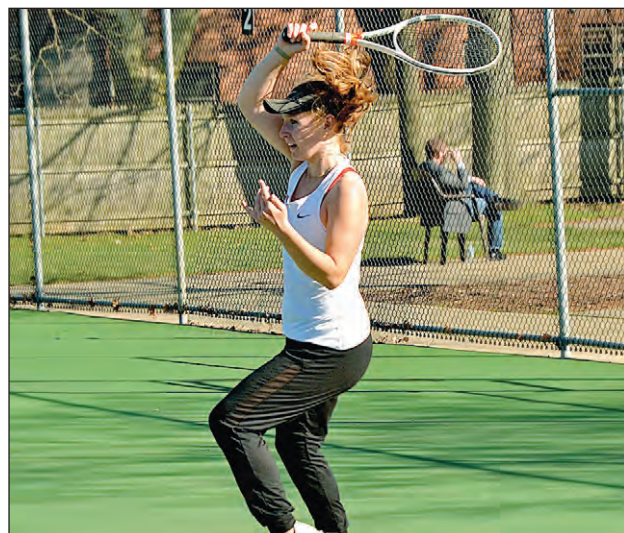


PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

University Liggett School junior Melanie Zampardo won her match in three sets at No. 1 singles.

falling just short.

The Knights had to default at No. 2 doubles, but Leah Coleman and Lizzie Lukas battled back from a set down to win 5-7, 6-3, 6-1 at No. 3 doubles.

Logan Merriweather and Bella Meredith won 6-0, 6-2 at No. 4 doubles

to force the tie.

"We had some nice outcomes today on a good day for tennis," head coach Cathy Hackenberger said. "Our numbers are up from last year, and so far the girls are getting better every day."

ULS is 1-2-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen win division opener

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls tennis team continued its strong start early last week, blanking Warren Cousino 8-0.

For head coach John Van Alst, his singles players lost only three games in four matches, including two shutouts from Evelyn Stahl at the No. 2 flight and Mia Eugenio at the No. 4 flight.

At No. 1 singles, Ana Todesco won 6-1, 6-0, and Silje Jensen won 6-1, 6-1 at No. 3.

At No. 1 doubles, Claire Williams and Rachel Stone won a

thriller, 4-6, 6-4, 10-5, and it was Evelyn Riley and Julia Riley winning 6-0, 6-1 at No. 2 doubles.

Jamie Delas and Meredith Olzem cruised to a 6-2, 6-1 victory at No. 3 doubles, and finishing off the team win was the No. 4 doubles squad of Tasha Burr and Keelin McCarthy, who won 6-2, 6-3.

Later in the week, North opened its Macomb Area Conference White Division schedule with a 6-2 win over Marysville.

Van Alst's squad swept the four singles matches as each player cruised in straight sets.

Todesco won 6-3, 6-0

at No. 1, followed by Stahl winning 6-1, 6-1 at No. 2. Jensen won 6-1, 6-1 at No. 3, and Eugenio was pushed, but prevailed 6-4, 6-3 at No. 4.

At No. 1 doubles, Williams and Stone lost a tough one, 6-4, 7-5, but Julia and Evelyn Riley won 0-6, 6-4, 6-4 in a tough match at No. 2 doubles.

Maegan Daher and Delas, playing No. 3 doubles, won 6-2, 6-0, while Olzem and McCarthy lost a three-setter, falling 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

North is 1-0 in the MAC White Division and improved to 4-0-1 overall.

Golf

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights post wins

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys golf team finished last year setting a school record at the state championship that featured three seniors.

Move up a year and head coach Dan Sullivan has a solid group of players to build around, including co-captains Colin Degnore and Spencer Lukas.

In the first three matches this spring, the Knights beat Royal Oak Shrine, 168-185; Riverview Gabriel Richard, 164-209; and Ann Arbor Greenhills,

168-177.

Degnore averaged 40 and Lukas 41 to lead the Knights. Other scorers were Tommy Gebeck and Bennett French.

The Knights also played their first 18-hole tournament Monday afternoon at Indianwood Golf Club in Lake Orion. The field consisted of 19 Division I schools, plus ULS.

"I wanted to throw them in the deep end of the pool and see how they would handle extremely tough competition," Sullivan said. "Though the scores were higher than normal, the team managed to finish



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAN SULLIVAN

University Liggett School boys golf co-captains are Colin Degnore, left, and Spencer Lukas.

in a tie for 13th out of the 20-team field. The upcoming schedule will be difficult as the team

takes on Everest Collegiate, winner of two state titles in the last three years."

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils win twice

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys golf team, the defending Division 1 state champs, started the season with wins over Grosse Pointe North and Romeo.

Head coach Rob McIntyre watched his Blue Devils shoot 160 in each match.

Against the Norsemen, Tommy Sullivan led the team with 36, followed by Chris Scupholm with 38. The match was played at Gowanie.

In the Bulldogs match, again at Gowanie, the duo of

Scupholm and Sullivan led the way, shooting 37 and 38.

The poor weather has made playing rounds of golf difficult.

"We did OK in the Southern Swing last week in Ohio, finishing in the middle of the pack," McIntyre said. "It was our first outing of the year."

South is 2-0 overall.

The Blue Devils' other two division opponents are Utica Ford and Utica Eisenhower.

They play each division foe twice, plus compete in the MAC Red Division tournament the third week of May at The Fortress.

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Softball

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

ULS splits

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School softball team split its Catholic League double-header with visiting Macomb Lutheran North last week, winning 4-3 and losing 15-3.

Senior Emily Switchulis pitched well in the opener to earn the huge win, but ran out of steam as she had to pitch game two, as well.

The Knights stand 5-5 in the Catholic League and 6-6 overall.

Through the first 12 games, head coach Pam Savich's squad have two



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

University Liggett School senior Maria Pas scores a run during game two of the Knights' league double-header against Macomb Lutheran North.

hitters, freshman Natalia Dragovic and junior Jenna Hummel, batting above .500, with Dragovic at .553 and Hummel at .541.

Freshman Maddie McKee is hitting .485, followed by Switchulis at .433 and junior Evie Bournias at .429.

The above five players

have a combined total of 82 hits, including 25 doubles, seven triples and two home runs.

The Knights have the week off.

Baseball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen sweep Ford

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach David Martin has his top-ranked Grosse Pointe North baseball team playing loose and with confidence.

Last week the Norsemen began their Macomb Area Conference White Division schedule with a three-game sweep of Utica Ford, winning 4-2, 4-1 and 10-2.

In the opener, Ryan Shanley, Matt Mazzola, Chad Lorkowski, Dom VanDoorne and Joey Rheume had two hits apiece to pace their 13-hit attack.

Others with hits were Jack Kensora, Joey Tedesco and Jackson Hall.

Driving in runs were Rheume with two, Shanley with one and Mazzola with one, and scoring runs were VanDoorne with two, Tedesco and Rheume with one apiece.

Louis Cardinale earned the win, going the first five innings. He gave up four hits, walked two and struck out three, while Lorkowski earned a save pitching the final two innings. Lorkowski gave up only two hits and struck out four.

The Norsemen used a

complete-game one hitter from Nik David to beat the Falcons in the middle game. He walked four and struck out five to lead the way.

Offensively, Kensora had two of the Norsemen's five hits, and scored a run. Lorkowski had a hit and run scored, while Cardinale helped his cause by driving in two runs with a hit.

In the series finale, Lorkowski had a big day at the plate, hitting two home runs, scoring two runs and driving in five runs.

Kensora had a hit and two runs scored, while VanDoorne had a hit, two runs scored and one RBI.

Brendan Cwiklinski had a hit and two RBIs, and Foster Dodge walked and scored a run.

On the mound, Nic Good went the first three innings, followed by Cardinale with two innings to get the decision. Kensora and Lorkowski finished up each throwing one inning.

The four combined to scatter four hits, walk three and strike out 13.

Grosse Pointe North is tied with L'Anse Creuse atop the MAC White Division standings at 3-0, and the Norsemen improved to 11-0 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

O'Halla's blast lifts team

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South softball team got on track last week, beating Fraser 10-2 in a Macomb Area Conference Blue Division game.

"This was a total team effort, everyone had a hand in this win," head coach Bill Fleming said. "We continue to improve and get more confidence every time we take the field. The team has been working really hard in practice, and I have been impressed with how well they have come together as a team. Our seniors have done an excellent job of showing the new players how to play South softball."

The Blue Devils scored three runs in the first inning on RBIs from Adriana Agosta, Colleen Morris and Shannon Dame. Dame and Morris drove in runs with two-out hits.

In the fourth inning,

Margaret Kramer drove in her sister Meredith Kramer with a double to right-center to give the Blue Devils a 4-0 lead.

Excellent defense kept the Ramblers scoreless until the fifth. Dame, Margaret Kramer and Katie Drew combined for a 4-6-3 double play in the second inning and on the next play Dame made a diving stop of a hard drive up the middle to end the Fraser inning. In the third, Ellie Budziak, took a line drive off the hip playing third base, picked up the ball and threw the runner out.

In the fifth inning Julia O'Halla threw a Fraser runner out at home from center-field to end the inning.

After six innings it was 4-2 South, but in the top of the seventh, O'Halla hit a line shot three-run homer to center-field and Drew drove in two runs with a single to center.

Caroline Gallagher shut Fraser down in the seventh on two pop outs

and a ground ball to second. Gallagher threw a six hitter with three strikeouts as South improved to 1-2 in the MAC Blue Division and 3-5 overall.

Earlier in the week, the Blue Devils had games against Warren Woods-Tower and Port Huron Northern cancelled due to inclement weather.

On Monday afternoon, the Blue Devils lost a non-league game 7-5 to host Sterling Heights Stevenson.

Kendall Volpe had three hits to pace the offense, while Morris had two hits.

The Blue Devils scored three runs in the top of the first to grab a quick 3-0 lead, but the Titans scored the next seven runs.

Fleming's squad rallied with two runs in the top of the seventh inning, but it stalled.

Gallagher suffered the loss, pitching the first four innings.

Agosta pitched the last two innings as the Blue Devils dipped to 3-6 overall.

Marine City leads the MAC Blue Division at 4-0 and the Blue Devils host them at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25.

South also travels to Algonac for a non-league game Friday, April 26, and hosts a round-robin tournament Saturday, April 27.

North results

Grosse Pointe North also played Monday afternoon and lost 8-3 to visiting L'Anse Creuse North.

The Crusaders broke a

scoreless tie with five runs in the top of the third inning, using a hit by pitch, a walk and four singles to take the lead.

The Norsemen came right back in the bottom of the inning as Dylan Cardinale drove in Rachel Liagre with a double.

Brenna Marsin, courtesy running for Cardinale, scored on two wild pitches.

Natalie Wietecha walked with two outs and scored on Kayla Kettler's double.

The Crusaders added single runs in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings to pad their lead.

Sydney Brumme took the loss, going 2 2/3 innings, and Grace Haynes pitched the final 4 1/3 innings in relief.

Offensively, Cardinale was 1 for 2 with a double, RBI and walk, while Kettler was also 1 for 2 with a double, RBI and walk.

Marsin and Samantha Bastien also had hits in the Macomb Area Conference White Division contest.

Grosse Pointe North dipped to 1-2 in the MAC White Division and 2-3 overall.

The Norsemen have back-to-back home games Thursday, April 25, and Saturday, April 27, against Utica and Armada.

The Norsemen also play Marine City on the road at 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 29, and travel to MAC White Division opponent St. Clair Shores Lakeview for a 4:30 p.m. game Wednesday, May 1.

City of **Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed 2019-2020 City Budget

The City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2019 in the City Hall at 90 Kerby Road, on the proposed 2019-2020 City Budget.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the Public Hearing.

The proposed Budget is on file in the Office of the Clerk for public inspection during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is also available on the City's website (www.grossepointefarms.org)

The following is a summary of the proposed Budget:

GENERAL FUND

ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS

Municipal Court	\$ 294,300
General Government	1,718,930
Public Safety	5,348,490
Public Works	2,202,500
Parks & Recreation	1,491,820
Other Functions	2,463,500
Contingency	51,500
Transfer - Other Funds	2,143,300
Total	\$ 15,714,340

MEANS OF FINANCING

Taxes	\$ 11,767,500
Licenses & Permits	506,050
State Grants	12,000
State-Shared Revenue	921,900
Charges for Service	1,750,590
Fines/Forfeitures	353,200
Interest Income	25,000
Other Revenue	178,100
Fund Balance Appropriation	200,000
Total	\$ 15,714,340

Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the Public Hearing on the proposed City Budget.

DERRICK KOZICKI

G.P.N.: 04/18/19 & 04/25/19

Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan**

NOTICE TO BIDDERS: 2019 SEWER STRUCTURE REHABILITATION, AEW PROJECT NUMBER 0160-0411.

Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, until **10:00 am on Tuesday, May 14, 2019**, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Plans and specifications must be obtained through Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network (MITN) at www.mitn.info on **Monday, April 29, 2019**. A public viewing copy is available at the City Clerk's Office, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

Lisa K. Hathaway
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 04/25/2019

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils broom foe

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South baseball team pitched its way to a three-game sweep of Chippewa Valley in the first Macomb Area Conference Red Division series of the season last week.

On Monday, April 15, Nick Raicevich went the distance, striking out eight, while giving up only one unearned run, one hit and one walk in a 3-1 win.

At the plate, Drew Maccagnone had two hits and an RBI. Matt Fabry drove in the winning run with a suicide squeeze in the sixth inning. Liam Kaiser drove in the third run on a ground ball in the sixth, as well.

In the middle game, the Blue Devils cruised 10-3 as Thomas Hutchison got the win on the mound. He went the first five innings, giving up three hits, walking three and striking out seven.

Liam Kaiser tossed the final two innings, giving up no hits and striking out two. Cam Mallegg, Weston Brundage and Fabry each drove in two runs, while Will Leonard, Ryker Mazey and Eden Frevik drove in one run apiece.

The Blue Devils earned the sweep with

an 8-0 win as Cody Shook went six innings, striking out seven and giving up only three hits.

Mallegg drove in three runs with a double and single, while Devin Slaughter drove in two while going 3 for 3 with a double.

Drew Maccagnone had two hits. Leonard drove in a run, as did Tanner Belanger and Frevik.

The Blue Devils are in first place in the MAC RED at 3-0 and stand 5-6 overall.

"We are starting to come around with the bats and got very good pitching this week," head coach Dan Griesbaum said.

Alumni game

It's time to register to play in the 14th annual alumni game on Sunday, May 19.

The game is scheduled for 1 p.m. with warm-ups beginning at noon at the Grosse Pointe South baseball field.

"Whether you still play, or haven't picked up a bat in years, your participation will help make this game a fun experience for all," alumni game representative Don DeLaura said in his alumni letter. "Please help us spread the word through an old fashioned call, text, email, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, etc."

Track and field

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils blast Ike

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls track and field team defeated Utica Eisenhower 96-41 last week to move to 4-0 on the season.

The Blue Devils took first-place finishes in 13 of the 17 events, including all four relays.

Senior sprinter Helen Dodge had a banner day, winning both the 100- and 200-meter dash and anchoring two winning sprint relays.

Dodge combined with Zoe Wagstaff, Jet Wilson and Lizzy Bellovich in both relays.

Bellovich then teamed up with sister

Sarah Bellovich, Megs Bojarczyk and Sydney Ceyzyk to win the 1,600-meter relay, with Bojarczyk, Sarah Bellovich, May Eger and Devon Krasner adding a win in the 3,200-meter relay.

Krasner was dominant in the distance races with first-place finishes in the 800- and 1,600-meter runs.

Ceyzyk added another first-place finish, winning the 400-meter dash in a season-best 65 seconds.

The Blue Devils won three field events as Anna Majni cleared 8 feet in the pole vault, while teammate Payton Roy won the shot put with a throw of 29 feet. Kristina Rogers added



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ZARANNEK

South junior Erica McGraw clears 7 feet, 6 inches to place second against Eisenhower.

a first place throwing the discus 82 feet.

A season-best time of 53 seconds gave Emma Burke a win in the 300-meter hurdles.

Others placing for the Blue Devils in the field events were Kate Duncan, Mary Claire

Diamond, Ceyzyk, Erica McGraw, Kelsey Diamond and Martha Dawson.

Adding points in the running events were Duncan, Lauren Kanan, Danice Doles, Sabel Imesch, Helena Grobel and Dianne Dollison.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen get sweep

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls and boys track and field teams evened their Macomb Area Conference Red Division record at 1-1 last week, beating Romeo.

The girls won 82-55 as they dominated the field events.

"We were very excited to get this win," head coach Diane Montgomery said. "The athletes work hard."

In those field events, Tiara Cherry won the shot put and discus with throws of 30 feet, 6 inches, and 92 feet, 3 inches, while Zoe Madden took the top spot in the high jump and long jump with marks of 4 feet, 9 inches, and 16 feet, 3 inches.

Catelyn Gagnier won the pole vault, clearing 9 feet, 6 inches.

The Norsemen won the 800-meter and 1,600-meter relay. Cariele Humphries, Gia Derrick, Gagnier and Annaliese Thomas won the 800 with a time of 1:54.89, and Kiyah Forrest, Humphries, Thomas and Derrick won the 1,600 at 4:27.83.

CeMiyah Coleman won the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.67, and

Thomas took first in the 200-meter dash with a time of 28.17.

The Bulldogs dominated the distance events, but the Norsemen came back in the hurdles as Doni Sailor was first in the 100-meter with a time of 17.4, and they had a second and third in the 300-meter with Forrest and Anna Lisa Lynch with times of 55.74 and 58.8.

The boys won 70-66, winning in the last event as Zac Ozormoor, Ben Seagram, Garrett Schreck and Nate Truss took first in the 1,600-meter relay with a time of 3:34.02. They beat Romeo by a little more than one minute.

The Norsemen won the 3,200-meter relay with William Aufdemberge, Seagram, Schreck and Truss with a time of 8:40.58.

In the field events, Marlon Davis, Eric Cueter and Ka'Ronn Henderson won the high jump, pole vault and long jump with marks of 5 feet, 9 inches, 10 feet, 6 inches, and 18 feet, 9 inches.

Ozormoor was first in the 110-meter and 300-meter hurdles with times of 16.42 and 42.02, and in the 800-meter run it was Kuvin Satyadev taking first at 2:03.27.

Boys lacrosse

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights net two victories

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Senior Dan Bowen scored 34 seconds into overtime to lift the host University Liggett School boys lacrosse team to a 5-4 win over Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard last week.

The Knights had a 4-1 lead late in the third quarter, but the Fighting Irish scored with 10.5 left in the period and added two in the fourth quarter to force overtime.

"We had possession a lot and tried to give it away, but we held on for

a big win," head coach Mike Costanzo said. "We have things to work on, but we did get the win."

It was 1-1 after the first quarter as Bowen tallied at the 8:17 mark and the visitors answered at the 6:30 mark.

Freshman Doug Wood scored the only goal of the second quarter to help the Knights take a 2-1 lead to intermission.

In the third period, senior Jake Rosenberg and Wood scored as the Knights were playing well.

The Fighting Irish chipped away and tied it with only 2:45 left in the

game.

It didn't have to be close since the Knights maintained possession most of the game, but poor passing and turnovers gave the opposition chances.

Bowen ended it early in the overtime. He finished with two goals and two assists, while Wood had two goals and junior Harry Durno had two assists.

Senior goaltender Henry Combs was stellar in net, making a dozen saves, and anchoring the defense were seniors Connor Barthel and Dace Potas.

Earlier in the week,

ULS beat host Dearborn Divine Child 8-3 to improve to 4-0 in the Catholic League and 5-2 overall.

"We started slow, but picked it up big-time in the second half," Costanzo said.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen win late

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North boys lacrosse team used a three-goal burst in the final four minutes to beat visiting Romeo 7-5 in its Macomb Area Conference Red Division opener last week.

It was a defensive battle with neither team giving an inch at both ends of the field.

The Norsemen led 3-2 after one quarter and 4-3 at the half.

There was no scoring in the third quarter, set-

ting up the fantastic finish.

Head coach Mark Seppala and his Norsemen watched the Bulldogs tie the game 4-4 with a goal at the 8:24 mark, and then they went ahead 5-4 at the 4:54 mark.

Seppala rallied his crew.

Only one minute later, junior Connor Obermok scored to tie it, and he scored what would be the game-winning goal just 36 seconds later.

Senior Chris Lorelli added an insurance goal

at the 1:16 mark as the Norsemen won the division contest.

Sophomore goalie C.J. Buchta played well in net, while the defense in front of him, including senior Connor Albrecht, junior Jonathan Hartley, junior Joseph Kettler and freshman Mitchell Mills, stepped up to limit the Bulldogs' scoring opportunities.

Earlier in the week North lost 12-1 to host Detroit Country Day.

Grosse Pointe North is 1-0 in the MAC Red Division and 3-4 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils split two

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Playing conditions were less than ideal during Grosse Pointe South boys lacrosse team's 17-12 non-league home loss last week against Warren De La Salle.

The home team fell behind 6-0 in the first

quarter before senior James Rauh and sophomore Miles Wujek scored to make it a 6-2 game.

It was all Blue Devils in the second quarter as Wujek, senior Miles Dingeman, senior Jacob Adams (two) and senior Adam Ebenhoeh scored to bring them within two goals, 9-7, at the half.

In the second half, Adams, Rauh (two) and seniors Michael Kuchta and Turner Sine scored the goals.

Earlier in the week, South crushed Romeo 15-3 in its Macomb Area Conference Red Division opener to go 1-0.

The Blue Devils stand 3-4 overall.

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Soccer

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT

Rivals clash; North falls

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

City rivals Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School girls soccer teams faced each other early last week for the first time in years.

The host Blue Devils, under head coach Chris Bolio, raced out to a 3-0 first-half lead, thanks to goals by senior Lily Adams at the 33-minute mark, sophomore Cailee Corsetino at the 22-minute mark and senior Sarah Carr at the 9-minute mark.

The Blue Devils' defense did a good job of limiting the scoring chances of the Knights' all-state forward Izzy



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

South's Lily Adams, right, heads this ball past University Liggett School goaltender Bella Cubba in the first half of the Blue Devils' win over the Knights.

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In the second half, Adams and Corsetino tallied again to finish-off the offensive output with the final score 5-0.

Knights junior goaltender Bella Cubba made

several saves to keep the score relatively close.

For ULS head coach David Dwaihy, South was just another in the long list of tough opponents his Knights have faced already this season.

Later in the week, ULS traveled to league foe Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood and lost 2-0 to drop to 2-5 overall.

Grosse Pointe South also began its Macomb Area Conference Red Division slate with a 2-0 loss to Utica Eisenhower.

South is 0-1 in the MAC Red Division and 3-3-1 overall.

North results

Grosse Pointe North started its MAC Red Division schedule with a 2-1 road loss to Macomb Dakota, and lost 6-0 to host Rochester Stoney Creek earlier in the week.

The Norsemen dropped to 1-4 overall.



South's Cailee Corsetino, left, and University Liggett School's Kaitlyn Gray wait for a goalie kick during the first half.

Girls lacrosse

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights stay hot

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls lacrosse team stayed unbeaten, 6-0 overall, with a 13-9 home win over Dearborn Divine Child last week.

The Knights were led by Emma Wujek, who had five goals.

Abby Doppke added three goals, followed by Maggie Dunn with two, Delaney Garvey with two and Elise Buhl with one.

Wujek chipped in with

two assists, while Buhl and Ella Karolak each had one assist.

Head coach Jennifer Larson watched her goaltender, Allie Quint, make 11 saves to keep the Falcons from getting any closer.

Sailing

PIERCE MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Sailing abroad

Lauren Carron, age 12, from Grosse Pointe Park and a seventh-grade student at Pierce Middle School was one of 20 sailors and the only sailor from Michigan who represented the USA in the Magic Marine Easter International Regatta in the Netherlands April 16-22. Carron made the qualifiers that were held in New Orleans over Thanksgiving weekend and this gave her a spot on Team USA. She has been sailing since age 8 in the Optimist dinghy at Crescent Sail Yacht Club and also at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. She trains at Lauderdale Yacht Club in Ft. Lauderdale on the ocean during the winter on school vacations and long weekends. Carron is pictured far right.

Hockey

TRAVEL



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National finalists

Grosse Pointers, from left, Connor Obermok, Brian Bessert and Will Weiss of Grosse Pointe North and Luke Nehra of Grosse Pointe South competed with the Oakland Jr. Grizzlies boys hockey team that competed in the 2019 National Championships in Plano, Texas, during the final week of March and first week of April. They started the tournament with a 5-0 win over PHA Iceman and then defeated XTREME 2-1. They were 3-0 after a 3-2 victory over Southern Stars, and stayed unbeaten with a 5-2 win over Anaheim Jr. Ducks. In the national semifinals, the Oakland Jr. Grizzlies lost 2-1 to Falcons Hockey. In the five games, Bessert had one goal and two assists, while Weiss had one assist. In net, Obermok finished 3-0 and Nehra was 1-1.

College signings

GROSSE POINTE NORTH



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College wrestling

Grosse Pointe North seniors Ray Hamilton, seated left, and Nic Volpe, seated right, recently signed letters of intent to wrestle for Henry Ford College and head coach Grant MacKenzie, standing left. Also taking part in the signing was Grosse Pointe North high school wrestling head coach Derek Davison, standing right. Hamilton and Volpe were two of the Norsemen's top grapplers the past couple of seasons, and both were eager to extend their playing days to the next level. The college wrestling season is during the winter.

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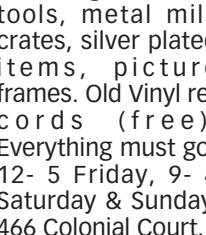
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Fellow
 - 5 "— Blue?"
 - 8 Barbershop item
 - 12 Mentor
 - 13 CD—
 - 14 Sheltered, at sea
 - 15 Office machine
 - 17 Tarzan's transport
 - 18 Scrooge's outcry
 - 19 Hateful
 - 21 Future mare
 - 24 Met melody
 - 25 Sandwich cookie
 - 26 Site of many sites
 - 30 Swindle
 - 31 Paquin and Quindlen
 - 32 Id counterpart
 - 33 Gap
 - 35 Bartlett, for one
 - 36 Line of stitching
 - 37 Papa

- 16 Shaft of light
 - 20 Conks out
 - 21 Central points
 - 22 Press
 - 23 Fasting period
 - 24 Region of Vietnam
 - 26 Tending to spread
 - 27 Requirement
 - 28 "Zounds!"
 - 29 British conservative
 - 31 Neighborhood
 - 34 Subject of a will
 - 35 Buccaneer's bird
 - 37 Payable
 - 38 Prima donna
 - 39 Verve
 - 40 Roster
 - 41 Sgt. Snorkel's dog
 - 44 Asian electronics giant
 - 45 Omega pre-ceder
 - 46 On in years
 - 47 Actress Myrna
- DOWN**
- 1 Film high-tech tricks (Abbr.)
 - 2 Attila, for one
 - 3 Skill
 - 4 Colorado city
 - 5 St. Louis attraction
 - 6 Cattle call?
 - 7 Undying
 - 8 Ritzy spread
 - 9 Hodgepodge
 - 10 Server's hand-out
 - 11 Honey bunch?

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

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