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## BOE candidates push back against criticism

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTE** — Three Board of Education candidates named in ads and a flyer with negative claims about the Grosse Pointe Public School System have disavowed any involvement with the independent expenditure committee responsible for creating the campaign.

The negative nature of one ad in particular, which con-

tained statements board members claimed were false or misleading, led to a resolution to censure board member Cindy Pangborn at the Sept. 28 meeting. The board will vote on the resolution at its next meeting 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12.

### Rebuttal

Candidates Lauren Nowicki, Lisa Papas and Pangborn, a sitting board member, all said in letters submitted to the

Grosse Pointe News they had nothing to do with the ad. The letters weren't published due to a policy not to print letters from or about candidates prior to an election.

"I would like to point out that this is not 'my' ad," Nowicki wrote. "The group that published this ad, just like many other groups, solicited information from me as a candidate for the Grosse Pointe Public School Board of Education, and like all the others, I shared

my platform and photo with them."

Nowicki also provided the following statement:

"This ad is in no way representative of me or my campaign, nor do I approve of calling into question employees of the Grosse Pointe Schools. I am running to bring positive energy and effective oversight to the board, and I look forward to working with all stakeholders — especially our valuable teachers and staff

— when elected."

While Nowicki agreed to be interviewed for this article, she retracted her statements.

Pangborn did not respond to requests for an interview, but emphasized in her letter: "I DID NOT PLACE THE AD IN THE PAPER. I have not violated any board policies and should not be censured. The non-profit named Taxpayers for Grosse Pointe Schools, a

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## Shores officers receive hazard pay

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Officers in the Shores have become the next to receive \$1,000 each through grant funding under the First Responder Hazard Pay Premiums Program, as hazard pay for working throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 16 officers — the department currently has two others in the fire academy and EMS academy — first received the one-time payout from the city, which then was fully reimbursed by the state Thursday, Sept. 24.

"My officers do a great job and they should be

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The recommendations at Mack and Moross feature a roundabout concept that would keep traffic moving while increasing safety.

## Mack improvement plan finalized

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE CITY, FARMS, PARK & DETROIT** — As part of an ongoing and collaborative effort between multiple cities to revitalize the Mack corridor, the Mack Avenue Corridor Improvement plan last week released its finalized recommendations for the section between Cadieux and Moross.

The framework includes suggestions for economic development, such as creating a beautification group and acquiring, redeveloping and leasing buildings; branding and identity, including creating a logo for Mack Avenue and painting murals in key locations; zoning recom-

mendations; and street improvements, including providing safer crossings and "dignified" bus stops, enhancing bike-friendly cross streets and incorporating green infrastructure.

The plan also leans toward a more pedestrian-oriented design in the long term.

"You have large auto dealerships," said Julie Connochie, principal planner for McKenna. "You have front-yard parking. Those are going to remain for now, they're just going to be slightly more pedestrian-friendly. So it'll be, I think, a good incremental changeover and probably somewhere in the middle when all is said and done."

Based on feedback during a public engage-

ment session, four focus areas along this section of the corridor were chosen: Mack and Moross, East Warren and Mack, Bluehill and Mack, and Fisher and Mack.

"Each of these is very aspirational for showing how these areas could transform using the principles from the plan," Connochie said. "I think when people see a physical site plan or they see a rendering, they think that's exactly how it's going to look. Here we've kind of done a hybrid approach ... just to give a sense for what could potentially happen here."

At Mack and Moross, the Farms already is exploring ways to improve traffic flow and safety in the intersection, according to Connochie.

While the improvement plan's recommendations focus on pedestrian and bus stop improvements, gateway signage elements and landscaping, they also propose a roundabout concept.

At East Warren and Mack, the plan recommends closing off the Anatole Street cut through in order to provide more buildable area and help pedestrian traffic by preventing people from crossing the street in every direction to get to and from the bus stop.

"This is a really strange intersection," Connochie explained. "It's unwieldy. It's large. There are a bunch of bus stops. Two of them are in that trian-

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## Forums address hiring policies toward people of color

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTE** — Following the third in a series of forums engaging law enforcement since June, the Grosse Pointes-Harper Woods chapter of the NAACP wants the dialogue to continue.

Among findings and challenges identified between the branch and city and public safety leaders in the Pointes is a need to effectively recruit and retain public safety officers of color, said Cynthia Douglas, chapter president.

"Now that we've started discussions and really presented them with some of the issues, they've started to look at some of their practices," Douglas said.

Hiring officers who reflect the cultural and racial cross-sections of the communities they serve has long been advocated among police reform strategies. The NAACP requested public

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# Lochmoor aids drivers after golf ball damage

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Weather forecasts occasionally predict golf-ball-sized hail, but drivers near the Lochmoor Club lately have been more concerned about actual golf balls.

Three different car windshields were damaged in a 10-day period toward the end of September as unsuspecting vehicles traveled Vernier outside Lochmoor's 6,900-yard golf course. One driver reported a minor injury when glass cut his hand.

"If you Google 'cars getting hit by golf balls,' you'll see it happens all over the country," said Lochmoor General Manager Tom Hauff.

"It's not anything out of the ordinary."

But the frequency of recent incidents is unusual, Hauff said. Each of the impacted drivers was reimbursed for damages, he said.

"We understand that it's scary and we wish it would never happen," Hauff added.

But, as the GM points out, a quick Google search shows that drivers in the Lochmoor Club's vicinity are far from alone. Insurance company posts are among numerous web entries describing the woes of travelers who've been startled by balls that escaped the golf course.

While insurance policies tend to assign liability, Lochmoor General Manager Tom Hauff.

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

A team of healthcare workers from Ascension St. John Hospital provided health screenings for first responders last week.

## Ascension responds

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — It was a special response to first responders.

The Ascension Mobile Heart and Health Screening Center welcomed public safety officers to receive a variety of free, non-invasive procedures outside city hall Tuesday, Sept. 29. Among the assessments were blood pressure, electrocardiogram, body mass index and carotid ultrasound checks measuring blood flow to the brain.

Along with the challenge of

increased stress faced by first responders since the onset of the public health crisis, cardiovascular disease is a general threat in America, said Public Safety Director John Kosanke.

"Particularly this year, but any other year, it's great to get that cardiac screening so you can catch something before it happens," he said.

Kosanke praised Ascension for providing the mobile service in the Woods: "The employees I spoke to were very appreciative.

They spoke very highly of the process and said when they went through the trailer they were treated by some very professional people."

Even frontline workers who care for the public occasionally find themselves neglecting their own checkups, he added.

"Sometimes we put these things on the back burner, but there's nothing more important than your health."

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.

## Commissioners approve proposed county human rights ordinance

Wayne County Commissioners recently adopted a Human Rights Ordinance for Wayne County in a unanimous vote.

The ordinance prohibits discriminations against individuals on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, religion, national origin, sex, age, height, weight, family status, condition of pregnancy, marital status, physical or mental disability, sexual orien-

tation, gender identity, HIV status, veteran status or political affiliation.

It also bans discrimination in housing, public accommodations and employment, among other specified areas. Cities and charter townships in the county are not prohibited from adopting ordinances of their own.

The proposed ordinance also was unanimously approved

Tuesday, Sept. 22, by the commission's Committee on Health and Human Services. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available on the Committee on Health and Human Services section of the county webpage, waynecounty.com.

"This says that Wayne County is a place where you can come, live and raise your family without any concerns," said Commissioner Tim

Killeen, the ordinance's sponsor and chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee. "This is an excellent bookend to Executive (Warren C.) Evans' Welcoming Wayne County initiative."

Ordinance enforcement will be overseen by a newly created seven-member Human Rights Commission, to be appointed by the Wayne County

Executive with approval by the county commission.

The ordinance becomes Chapter 55 of the Wayne County Code of Ordinances and will officially be known as the Wayne County Human Rights Ordinance.

Commission Chairwoman Alisha Bell said the ordinance will be shared with other counties throughout the state and nation inter-

ested in adopting similar ordinances of their own.

Members of the Committee on Health and Human Services conducted a public hearing on the ordinance in July. Organizations including Fair and Equal Michigan and Equality Michigan, LGBT Detroit as well as Realtor associations representing Detroit and Grosse Pointe had input on the ordinance, Killeen said.

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safety data from the five Pointes, revealing the

race and gender makeup of officers. Numbers reported to the chapter include:

◆ Grosse Pointe Farms — Of 32 officers, 27 are

white men; one is (east) Indian; one is biracial, Asian and white; one is biracial, Black and white; two are white women.

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores — Of 16 officers, all are white men.

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods — Of 30 officers, 27 are white men; two are "non-white" (of unknown ethnicity) men; and one is a Black man.

◆ Grosse Pointe Park — Of 33 officers, 30 are white men; two are Latino men; one is a

white woman.

◆ City of Grosse Pointe — Of 23 officers, 20 are white men; one is a Black man; one is a white woman; and one is a "Muslim" (race not specified).

Harper Woods city officials didn't attend the third discussion that was convened and didn't report public safety numbers, Douglas said.

Among factors reportedly impacting the hiring process is public safety training, which encompasses medical rescue and firefighting, not just

law enforcement, components that don't always appeal to recruits, regardless of race, Douglas added.

Other areas of discussion focused on eligibility that requires specific rank for promotions to leadership in some departments.

"How can we promote African Americans and people of color when they're not in the required position already?" Douglas asked.

Ideas for supporting recruitment efforts might include public safety programming in local schools, she added, citing the Detroit Police Department's long-popular Blue Pigs singing group as an example.

"Young people are really not as interested in becoming police officers, for a number of reasons," Douglas said. "They don't know them or they are afraid of them — they only know them as enforcers."

Supporting a broader NAACP agenda and

demand for federal legislation, the dialogue convened by the Grosse Pointes-Harper Woods chapter followed the death of George Floyd in a May police incident in Minneapolis. The hour-long virtual forums are scheduled to continue monthly.

City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Director Stephen Poloni spoke favorably of the discussions during a virtual meeting of the Park city council Monday, Sept. 28. Poloni planned to invite NAACP leadership out for a "field trip" to the City of Grosse Pointe's new public safety department on Mack.

Douglas described the forums, which resume Oct. 21, as more of a temporary Band-Aid than a permanent solution.

"We've got a lot to cover," she said. "We're willing to keep this dialogue in the front forever."

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# Officers partner with Pistons for basketball giveaway

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS & DETROIT** — A small idea to give basketballs to kids often standing on the sidelines at nearby Detroit parks grew substantially when Farms K-9 Officer Tim Harris reached out to the Detroit Pistons and discovered its Basketball for All program.

"They had made a commitment to distribute 15,000 basketballs this year with the Basketball for All program and I was like, 'Well, I can definitely help with that,'" he said.

Two days later on Sunday, Sept. 27, he and Officer Jeff Van De Mark inflated 72 basketballs, filling the kennel area of Harris's K-9 vehicle, and happened to drive past Messmer Park, where a 3-year-old's birthday party was taking place.

All 72 basketballs were handed out within 10 minutes, Harris said.

"Kids were just running over and grabbing basketballs, so everybody was happy to see us," he added.

While he had hoped to involve the Detroit Police Department, Harris was unable to find any of his contacts available that day; however, it just so happened DPD received a noise complaint about the birthday party.

At the same time the Farms officers were pulling up and getting out of their cars, Harris said, DPD was doing the same.

"They came there for a noise complaint and



From right, Officer Tim Harris and his K-9 partner Duke, birthday boy Jason, Officer Jeff Van De Mark and two DPD officers.

ended up handing out 72 basketballs," he said. "It was really great, because it took what could have been a negative police contact in the community and turned it into a really positive (one)."

Harris already is planning his next opportunity to take more basketballs to another nearby park. The Basketball for All program is behind in what it committed to distributing due to the pandemic and shutdowns, he said.

In the next few weeks, he hopes to distribute around 150 basketballs at Balduck Park, where the courts are always crowded.

"I just wanted to do something positive to help bridge the gap there between the police and the community right now, because it needs to be done," Harris said.



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K-9 Officer Duke with the 72 basketballs filling his kennel area.

hit the golf ball, but unless the driver comes in immediately to tell us exactly where (on the roadway) they got hit, the chances of us finding the player are slim to none."

The damage most frequently affects vehicles traveling west on Vernier toward the lake, not as often on Sunningdale, Hauff added.

Along with shattered windshields, unsuspecting drivers hear "a scary sound," he said, adding that Lochmoor sympathizes with car owners who fall victim to the occasional hazard.

"We try and do everything we can to be a good neighbor," Hauff said.

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ity to the individual golfer who hit the ball, Hauff said Lochmoor has made a regular practice of paying for auto damage.

"It's happened for years and we've done it for years," he said. "We look for the player that

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gle that's stranded in the intersection and so this really was a lot more about pedestrian safety, reconfiguring the intersection. How do we get all modes integrated into here somehow?"

The focus of Bluehill and Mack is to keep the area shaped by and for the community, by leasing out and rehabbing the existing publicly owned storefront on the corner into a community center, event space, pop-up health clinic or similar business. A portion of the parking space in that location was suggested to be reclaimed as pop-up space for food or retail, as well as for flexible event space on the week-

ends.

Recommendations for the location at Fisher and Mack largely focus on the large vacant parcel, which could hold a three-story mixed-use building along with shared parking and enhanced street frontage and crossings.

The next step is for the strategy committee — representing Detroit, the City, Farms, Park, Eastside Community Network and private sector partners — to begin working on an implementation plan and determine their course of action.

"The strategy committee is really the steward of this plan as it moves forward," Connochie said. "... I think they're excited to get started putting together an action plan and digging into these recommendations."

## Correction

An article in the Oct. 1 Grosse Pointe News regarding John James' candidacy should have clarified he is a candidate for a U.S. Senate seat.

## City staff provided plan for unused vacation days

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — The City's employee handbook was amended during the council meeting Monday, Sept. 21, with a one-time 2020 pandemic exemption to the rule that employees cannot cash out any vacation time, allowing for up to one week of vacation to be paid out to the 23 non-union employees.

The resolution was brought before council as a result of a high level of canceled vacations, paired with the increased workload of those who were deemed essential workers. A review at the beginning of September found a 25 percent reduction in use of vacation time among city staff than there usually is the same time of year, according to City Manager Pete Dame.

"We don't see how, without crippling services, how everyone could take all that vacation between now and the end of the year," he added. "We also don't want to penalize the employees for not being able to take the vacation."

Depending on the number of city staff who decide

to take advantage of the option, the initiative could cost the City up to \$20,000.

Of the staff he'd talked to, Dame explained, all responded positively to the idea and preferred to have the option, although some still intended to use their vacation days this year, if they are able.

"I think this would be a very positive employee relations initiative given the unusual circumstances that we have worked through this year," Dame said, prior to the unanimous vote.

The possibility of allowing staff to carry over unused days into the next year also was explored, but the policy already exists to allow employees to carry over five days into the next year.

"If you allow more than that, then you're just pushing off the difficulty in staffing an already leanly staffed city with less people over the course of next year, so we didn't really want to push the problem into the next year," Dame explained.

Any modification to union employees' contracts have to take place when the contracts come up for renewal.

## The Week Ahead

### SATURDAY, OCT. 10

◆ Moross Greenway Fall Community Clean-Up, 9 a.m. at Covenant Community Care, 20901 Moross.

### SUNDAY, OCT. 11

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores National Fire Week open house, 1 to 4 p.m. in the parking lot between the public safety and public works buildings. Fire trucks, ambulance and police vehicles will be displayed while following COVID-19 protocols.

### TUESDAY, OCT. 13

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.  
◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Ethics Committee meeting, 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY, OCT. 17

◆ Hazardous Waste Drop-Off, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore.

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# Therapist returns home to give back

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Ellen Switalski Miller learned her place in the world growing up in Grosse Pointe Park as the youngest of four. This early interest in family systems led to her future decision to return to the community she grew up in and open a private therapy practice focusing on adolescent/young adult mental health and parenting support.

"I think from a young age, I was very aware of my family and my family system, how we all work together, how our different personalities interacted with each other," Miller said. "... I was just always very attuned to how families operated and also very aware of my own emotional language and how I processed emotions."

It was a natural fit for her, after graduating from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2009, to pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology with a specialization in human development and family studies at Michigan State University.

What interested Miller was "how we as individuals show up in our systems and how they influence how we feel about ourselves — the narratives we hold, the beliefs we have," she said. Her focus went beyond brain behavior in the individual to relationships, especially in families.

While an undergraduate, Miller interned at

MSU's couple and family therapy clinic, an experience that shaped her decision to pursue a master's degree in marriage and family therapy at Northwestern University. Living in a community other than the one she grew up in and being surrounded by people from all different backgrounds was an "eye-opening experience," she said.

After graduating from Northwestern in 2015, Miller worked at an outpatient therapy agency in the North Shore suburbs of Chicago, specializing in adolescent mental health, psycho-education and crisis management. Dealing with youth at risk, including runaway teens, she learned how to conduct safety assessments, find safe housing and ensure children at risk of hurting themselves received the treatment they needed.

She also presented at local middle and high schools on topics like stress and anxiety, bullying, self-care and body image.

In her five years at the clinic, Miller worked her way up to clinical director, managing and supervising other clinicians and serving as a voice in the community. But what was most important about this experience, she said, was how it led to her discovery she was "the most energized" when working with teens.

"Teenage years are just riddled with confusion and uncertainty," she said, with adolescents seeking their place in the world and a sense of



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## Ellen Miller

belonging while also discovering what makes them unique.

"They are on this cusp of self identify and development where the world is at their feet, which is very exciting, but also very terrifying," she added.

Miller's own childhood and adolescence were shaped by supportive parents, plenty of resources through her education in the Grosse Pointe public schools, connections with teachers and coaches and a supportive friend group, she said.

While she considers herself "one of the lucky

ones," those teen years weren't without challenges. Looking back, she recognized there were few resources or therapists available for teen mental health.

In opening a private practice, Miller hopes to fill that void in the place where she first sensed the importance of being connected to a community.

"I wanted to go back and take the skills that I've learned and apply them to the place that I call home," she said.

Miller opened Starting Pointe, located at 17854

Maumee — "conveniently across the street from Grosse Pointe South" — in June while transitioning from Chicago back to her hometown with her husband, Russ. They married the previous June and recently purchased a home in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Starting a practice in the midst of a pandemic, Miller has jumped in with both feet. She joined The Family Center in early May and helped organize a webinar for parents on supporting children with the impact of COVID. She also joined the executive board of PFLAG — Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays — Grosse Pointe as the advocacy coordinator.

Miller's hope is to provide a starting point for her clients, wherever they are in life. Her areas of expertise are life-stage transitions, identity development, self-esteem issues, navigating adolescence, depression and anxiety, relational conflict, family dynamics, parenting support and LGBTQ+ affirming treatment, among others.

While Miller has been seeing clients since 2013, she acknowledged conducting therapy sessions virtually was not something she was trained for. She has adapted to this, seeking creative approaches while also offering in-person sessions in her office with the appropriate safety measures.

The "silver lining" in a

virtual session is that it allows a person to "get a foot in the water" if they are not yet ready to commit to in-person sessions or have difficulty fitting the time into a busy schedule.

"It opens a lot of doors," Miller said. "I think (it provides) a nice addition to what treatments we can offer."

While juggling a busy practice — she already has a waitlist for new clients — Miller is focused on moving into her new home with her husband and diving into home renovations. Russ, she said, readily agreed to relocate to Grosse Pointe from Chicago. While his childhood "back story" was very different from her own, Miller said his immediate reaction when he came to Grosse Pointe was "this place feels like home."

The couple looks forward to raising their family in Grosse Pointe, with their children attending the same schools Miller did — Maire Elementary, Pierce Middle and South High schools.

"I loved my childhood experience and I like to reflect on it and say, OK, what felt really great and what would I want to do differently?" Miller said. "But again, I came back for a reason and because I saw all the positives and that's what we want to have for our family."

To connect with Miller for therapy or outreach services, go to [startingpointtherapy.com](http://startingpointtherapy.com).

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compensated, because they're out there every day doing great work and I'm proud of them," Director of Public Safety John Schulte said. "It's a nice stipend for a job well done during pretty difficult conditions."

While two officers were quarantined briefly for exhibiting symptoms of the virus, both continually tested negative and thus far, the department has yet to have any officers test positive.

Measures being taken include sanitizing all com-

monly handled surfaces at the beginning of each shift and the scout cars after each shift, using personal protective equipment and taking officers' temperatures each day. A professional company has completely sanitized the department building twice.

Schulte also credits his officers' abilities to protect themselves to their training as paramedics.

Along with Grosse Pointe Park, the Shores is one of the few departments to still involve its officers with medic operations.

"I think that my officers are at a real advantage

because they deal with this stuff every day and they know the protocols and they were extremely safe," Schulte said.

The Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety also took advantage of the First Responder Hazard Pay Premiums Program in August, securing the one-time payout for 34 of its department members.

The non-competitive grant has a significant level of funding behind it, Schulte said.

While the program is run by the state, the funds come from federal coronavirus relief funds.

"It was designed to reimburse officers for the risk that they (take)," Schulte said. "We can't work remotely. We need to be on scene. We need to be here. So the feds recognized that."

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Big risk,  
no reward

Workers at a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval Avenue found evidence of a break-in between Friday, Sept. 25, and Monday, Sept. 28, but it appeared the suspect left empty-handed.

## Tossing evidence

A 35-year-old Detroit man was arrested at 4:10 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, after being suspected of stealing food items from a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval Avenue. He ditched the backpack containing the items before officers caught up with him and was arrested for obstructing police.

Lock your  
vehicles

A 56-year-old Grosse Pointe man's wallet, containing various cards and his license, was stolen out of his unlocked vehicle parked in front of his Lincoln residence between 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, and 7 a.m. Monday, Sept. 28.

Blissfully  
unaware

Officers nearly had to break a 56-year-old Detroit man's window at 10:22 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, when he was unable to comprehend he had been driving on westbound Mack Avenue with flames underneath the vehicle and trailing white smoke.

Once he unlocked the door, officers were able to put out the fire safely.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

The man admitted to drinking, but refused to take a preliminary breath test.

He was arrested for operating while intoxicated and cited for driving without care and/or caution and PBT refusal.

Out from  
under his nose

A snow blower was stolen from a University Place garage while the homeowner did yard work between 3 and 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3.

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

Unemployment  
fraud

A 69-year-old Shores woman reported an unemployment claim had been filed in her name Thursday, Oct. 1, but she had not filed for unemployment.

Speeding  
on Lakeshore

After being pulled over at 10:18 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, for traveling on southbound Lakeshore Road at 48 mph, a LEIN check showed the 26-year-old Detroit woman had a suspended license and warrant.

She was arrested for driving while license suspended.

More speeding  
on Lakeshore

A 24-year-old Detroit man was discovered to be intoxicated after being pulled over for driving 57 mph on southbound Lakeshore Road at 12:24 a.m. Monday, Oct. 5.

A preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content to be .14 percent and he was arrested for operating while intoxicated, not having insurance and failing to display a driver's license.

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

## Bad bicycling

A 14-year-old Woods boy was released to his parent after deliberately running over a political campaign sign with his bike in the 1400 block of Oxford Saturday, Oct. 3.

A neighbor at a home near the sign's owner reported the incident and the juvenile later was spotted riding with three other youths in the area. He admitted to having ridden over the sign, which was restored on the lawn, but scuffed.

Feud leads  
to fists

A 62-year-old Clinton Township man was accused of assault and

battery around 7:10 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, in the 20000 block of Mack. A heated discussion between the employee, who was the suspect, and the owner of a business at the location led to a fight on the sidewalk.

The suspect later complained of a cut lip and aching head. The business owner had not determined if he would pursue charges.

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

## Stolen bikes

A black Specialized bike and a black Giant bike, totaling \$1,100 in value, were stolen from an unlocked garage in the 1100 block of Maryland between 12:30 and 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29.

Operating while  
intoxicated

A 31-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated around 1:15 a.m. Monday, Oct. 5, after she was detained for failing to signal, having no brake lights and following the vehicle in front of her too closely.

Thefts  
from autos

Four suspects, including two juveniles, were

taken into custody for rummaging through multiple unlocked vehicles in the 1300 block of Maryland and stealing property inside around 1 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29.

Two of the youths confessed to being suspects in previous larcenies in recent weeks.

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

## Grosse Pointe Farms

Unemployment  
fraud

The identity of a 48-year-old Farms man was used to fraudulently file for unemployment Wednesday, Sept. 30.

A 54-year-old Farms man also reported a fraudulent unemployment claim had been filed in his name Thursday, Oct. 1.

## Friend or foe

Hillcrest Lane residents reported that after giving a \$5,000 deposit to a friend for work on their home Sunday, Sept. 13, they decided against the work, but the man has refused to return the money.

Suspended  
license

After being pulled over for accelerating to 50 mph at Mack Avenue and Moross Road at 5:17 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, an open can of beer was found in the 30-year-old Detroit man's vehicle. A LEIN check showed his license currently is revoked with eight other suspensions, as well as two outstanding traffic warrants out of Grosse Pointe Park.

The man refused a preliminary breath test and was arrested for driving while license suspended. He also was cited for not having insurance, speeding, PBT refusal and open intoxicants.

Racking up  
suspensions

A 46-year-old Detroit man was arrested at Mack Avenue and Kerby at 1:37 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, after a Secretary of State search showed he had no license.

He also has 44 current suspensions and nine prior convictions, as well as two traffic warrants out of Detroit.

— Laurel Kraus  
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## OUR VIEW

Tracking,  
tracing...  
enrollment

**W**hen is bad news not horrible news? When the school aid formula for the current school year doesn't overly penalize districts for losing enrollment.

That's the situation the Grosse Pointe Public School System finds itself in as the 2020-21 school year begins. It has tentatively logged a considerable drop in enrollment — more than double its forecast. But the state will allocate per-pupil funds for the year based heavily on last year's attendance, so the financial blow will be minimal.

A decent budget result doesn't mean the district can coast, however.

The tentative numbers are a drop of about 500 students, when about 200 fewer were anticipated, according to a report from Deputy Superintendent Jon Dean at the Sept. 28 Board of Education meeting. The loss is spread fairly evenly across grades, he said.

The administration either doesn't know or isn't saying how much of that loss comes from transfers out of the district — and how those numbers might break down in terms of people moving, putting their children into private schools or other options, or simply not showing up for virtual classrooms, the district's only choice to date.

The official count may eventually vary, but, barring a massive miscalculation, every family no longer in the district should be contacted. There is no way to know, otherwise, how many left because of reconfiguration issues — changes the board approved for this fall that resulted from the district's attempts to address continuing forecasts for declining enrollment.

Losses also may have resulted once the district announced it would start with virtual classes; most private and parochial schools opened with face-to-face instruction. Did some families choose home schooling, or simply give up on education this year?

First of all, while it should be rare in a place like Grosse Pointe, children who have simply vanished need to be checked up on to ensure against neglect or other problems that affect their well-being.

Second, and crucial to the district's success going forward, is a straightforward assessment of why so many people voted with their feet.

Families may have moved or chosen a private school rather than go to a new elementary school or stay in a school they perceived to be changing.

## FROM THE PUBLISHER

## Mea culpa

**I**t has been pointed out by many of our readers — who are obviously better copy editors than we are — that we incorrectly identified the U.S. Senate seat Gary Peters and John James are vying for as the "14th District." They are correct.

The 14th District is the Congressional seat Mr. Peters held before becoming a U.S. senator. Not only did we misidentify the U.S. Senate seat in the story on Sen. Peters, we continued the error in the story on Mr. James the following week.

U.S. Merchant Marines Capt. Rick Scott also pointed out that we incorrectly identified Sen. Peters as a "U.S. Navy veteran," when in fact he served in the U.S. Navy Reserve. We stand corrected.

We apologize to the Peters and James campaigns and to our readers. We are embarrassed by the errors. They undermine our readers' faith in us and undercut all the good things we are trying to accomplish on a weekly basis.

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## Pure Grosse Pointe

What's fair is fair. Drone photographer Jack Ryan earlier captured Grosse Pointe South High School's first Friday night game under the lights following the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions. So it was only right that he captured Grosse Pointe North's first night under the lights last Friday against still undefeated Eastpointe.

Parents of fifth graders may have decided their children needed a different option than moving into the middle schools — a change opposed by 54 percent of voters vs. approval from just 37 percent, according to a survey conducted by the Grosse Pointe News.

Some families may have moved to private schools that started with face-to-face instruction this year.

The district surely can recruit many of those students back once the COVID-19 pandemic wanes or becomes a fact of life that schools deal with in a fairly uniform manner.

But the district still has to know the numbers and what other parental perceptions it's fighting. Only when student loss is addressed head-on can the district have any hope of stabilizing.

## OUR VIEW

## Face-to-face learning to begin

**F**or Grosse Pointe's youngest students, the school year is about to begin.

If all stays on track, Monday will see the doors opening to Young 5s, kindergartners and first and second graders.

Starting with the early grades seems like the right way to go. The need to prepare students for a lifetime of reading should take precedence; from a layman's perspective, it seems like a place where face-to-face interaction really matters — both in teaching children how to read and in diagnosing problems whenever a stumbling block emerges. Even in an electronic era, reading remains a crucial building block for children going forward.

Students who receive specialized services also will be getting more face-to-face time as they return to school buildings. Their individual plans will dictate their routines; they, too, make up a constituency not

well served by remote learning — and if anything, the district has fallen behind in meeting their needs.

In both cases, next week will test the district's ability to keep children safe and its response if and when one or more COVID-19 cases emerge. By using a hybrid system that puts only half a class in school at one time, the district should be able to maximize distances among students and keep teachers safe.

But many schools elsewhere around the state have had outbreaks almost as soon as school opened, and the district has guidelines from the county health department to follow if and when that happens. Those who want to see children back in school, not just this week but as the remaining grades start in ensuing weeks, can only hope that sensible precautions work — and that families and the community also take precautions in hopes of keeping children in school.

## OUR VIEW

## Respect business owners' wishes

**P**erhaps the most that can be asked is for civility.

As this is being written, Grosse Pointers, along with the rest of Michigan, have to grapple with very mixed ideas of what the rules are for combating COVID-19. That's because Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's pandemic response regimen, which started with her first declaration of emergency back in March, has been overturned by the Michigan Supreme Court.

Since then, the state health department has issued new rules designed to maintain mask-wearing in public, among other safety measures. At least two counties, including Oakland, have also stepped in with mask rules. But state lawmakers also want to get involved in rule-making, and at least one legislative leader has dismissed the possibility of a mask requirement. Businesses are pleading for certainty, which seems totally lacking at the moment.

In the face of so much flux, customers of various establishments need to go with the flow — politely — especially when an owner requests masking up. Business owners have a right to protect themselves and their employees; many customers have come to rely on establishments that follow such rules.

Other customers certainly are free to seek out businesses that are relaxed about masks, but they are not entitled to act the bully wherever they please and endanger others whenever they choose.

Hopefully all this will settle down quickly. Here in Wayne County, where the pandemic took off in a scary way last spring, residents tend to be as careful or more careful than elsewhere in the state. But even here, the pandemic seems to have spawned short tempers.

It's not too much to ask Grosse Pointers to keep their frustrations in check and to remind others to remain civil inside establishments that are, after all, only trying to keep the community safe.

## OUR VIEW

## Recall effort

**T**he most recent effort to recall members of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education remains messy, as Trustee Chris Lee appeals the approval of language for the petition drive.

Not that the process seems that difficult. Michigan law allows almost any reason for a recall effort — seemingly even the most innocuous votes would suffice.

But in this case, the petition language cites a vote that board minutes show Dr. Lee did not participate in. Nonetheless, the Wayne County Election Commission approved the wording at its Sept. 16 meeting for his potential recall, as well as that of Board President Margaret Weertz.

The votes in question — reconfiguring schools, approving contracts with Rocket Fiber and extending the superintendent's contract (the one Dr. Lee missed) — have all spawned controversy. The fact that 17 candidates are seeking five board seats on

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The opinions expressed in letters and guest columns are not necessarily views shared by the Grosse Pointe News.

I SAY By Bob St. John

# More fans can attend games

**M**ore good news on the sports front.

More fans can watch the high school student-athletes play their games inside and outside, thanks to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer giv-



ing the OK to allow more fans at sporting events.

This doesn't start

until Friday, Oct. 9. The Michigan High School Athletic Association gave its seal of approval to allow larger crowds at games, under certain guidelines we've followed since athletics began a month ago.

Social distancing is still required and fans

must wear masks. It's these requirements that are trying to keep the student-athletes safe and on the field, giving fans something to cheer about.

Seating capacity for indoor sporting events will be at 20 percent for up to 500 specta-

tors, and for the outdoor events that have stadiums, such as football or soccer, 30 percent of seating capacity is allowed for up to 1,000 spectators.

I see much of the same for winter sports. Hopefully, things are different for spring

sports.

The interesting thing will be once we get a vaccine for COVID-19 and spring sports are on tap, are the rules still stringent? I hope not, but we will have to wait and see.

For now, enjoy the games.

## 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.

### Negative ads, recall effort

#### To the Editor:

As a former board member, I continue to be an interested observer to what's going on with the school district.

I believe the existing board made the right decisions to address the financial and excess capacity challenges. Extensive involvement by other candidates in school activities in recent years should merit strong consideration to serve as a board member.

... The negative campaign literature is grossly misleading and intentionally misrepresents reality. This is a real low to what should be a positive discussion of further improving excellence of education in Grosse Pointe.

A recent Grosse Pointe News edition provided a lot of related information about the issues and candidates. It was good to see that their survey of the community reflected that the "majority of respondents gave passing grades to the district, school board and superintendent."

Hopefully, that's reflected in voting for the best candidates.

Also, the League of Women Voters online forum, available on their website, offers an opportunity to see and hear the candidates.

The recall petitions for two sitting board members, for which sig-

nature petitions will start circulating, reflects the efforts of a minority cadre unhappy with the school board meeting their fiduciary responsibilities. One should be discouraged from signing those petitions.

**JEFF BRODERICK**  
School Board Trustee  
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### Exciting year for 5th graders

#### To the Editor:

What a great event — fifth graders moving to middle school buildings! They will have so many more opportunities to learn new things in different realms of knowledge and will have much greater exposure to the cyber world, which I think is going to create some of the most important jobs in the future.

My family and I moved here from Detroit in 1975. We didn't have a lot of money, so we bought a house on Moross with a lot of flaws. By Grosse Pointe standards, we were downright poor.

But we loved our children and wanted them to attend the best schools we could possibly afford. Richie was 1 month old, Robert was 2 and Anne Marie was 7.

In 1984, sixth grade was moved from elementary to middle school. Robert was in the first sixth grade class at Brownell. We

had dedicated, innovative, super teachers and administration at Brownell (just as we do today) who devised a way to dedicate one wing of the building to sixth-grade lockers, homerooms and classes (mostly) while they still had access to the pool, home economics, the gym, etc.

It was an adjustment, but Robert loved some of the new experiences he had there, and I don't think he regrets the move. (He's an attorney in Fort Lauderdale now.)

Today's fifth graders are not the fifth graders of 1984. We are now in the third decade of the 21st century. The world has changed.

Fifth graders are smarter, more mature and way ahead of many adults in the cyber world. They are not babies or even "children" anymore. They can set up Zoom faster than most adults, and there will be no problems. They can play video games with people in other countries!

Let's not underestimate them; let's celebrate them for who they really are — the leaders of the future.

So, what is the current Board of Education teaching our children?

To throw a tantrum, insult others and degrade others because you don't get your way? To constantly cause division among board members and the administration? To bully fellow students because they heard their parents talking negatively about board members or the administration?

We are blessed with a fantastic slate of candidates. ... Please review your choices thoughtfully. This is an outstanding group of business professionals who have volunteered to give us, the residents of the Grosse Pointes, their time and knowledge to do a thankless job! How lucky we are to have them for such a time as this!

**HELEN REYNOLDS**  
Grosse Pointe

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

### 1945

75 years ago this week

#### SPEEDBOAT EXPLODES, DRIVER SWIMS TO SAFETY:

A rare spectacle was witnessed by motorists who had enough gas to drive along Lakeshore drive last Wednesday. Elmer L. Beaver of Detroit was driving his speedboat from St. Clair Flats to Snug Harbor and as he neared the Grosse Pointe Farms municipal dock, the boat exploded and caught fire. Beaver was blown clear of the craft and surfaced a short distance from the boat only to find himself surrounded by blazing gasoline. He quickly submerged and swam under water toward the shore.

**SIX BROTHERS IN SERVICE:** The Allor family of 81 Mapleton must be close to the tops in war service for all families in the Grosse Pointe area. It has had five sons — Lawrence, Bernard, Bruce, Richard and Robert — in active service and the baby, James, age 18, has recently joined the army. Three of the boys are home now after nearly four years of service in Europe and the Pacific.

*Obituaries: William Sherwood, Truman H. Newberry*

prise the school district. The 1970 figure represents a decrease of 259 over 1969.

*Obituaries: Robert N. Donaldson, Joseph Greiner, Mabel C. Hilgendorf, Leonora K. Reynolds, Helen E. Turrill, Marily Buck Parr, Stephanie Wetherill Stroh*

the Ram's Horn restaurant into an office supply store at the City's next council meeting. The existing building is roughly 15,000 square feet. The proposed addition would be another 6,000 square feet.

*Obituaries: Harold Robertson Brinker, Anne Stoepel Canapini, Beverly DeMers Pearsall*

### 1995 2010

25 years ago this week

10 years ago this week

#### FOUND DOCUMENTS HEIGHTEN LIGHTS DEBATE:

Documents from the mid-1960s may keep Grosse Pointe North's football field dark on Friday nights. Those who are rallying for night football games, by way of installing permanent light poles, may not be happy with the recent discovery of 30-year-old minutes from a Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting. Within those minutes is what one Woods resident believes to be a contractual agreement between the school board and city council.

**STAPLES TO PRESENT NEW PLAN:** After requesting to table their proposal before the City of Grosse Pointe's Sept. 11 council meeting, officials from Staples are scheduled to present plans to convert the building that houses

#### RALEIGH ON 'DETROIT 1-8-7':

Raleigh the police dog has a guest role on "Detroit 1-8-7," the new crime show on ABC. He plays a police dog. Filming took place last month at an office building near Wayne State University.

**SURVEY REFLECTS ATTITUDES TOWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT:** Results from a recent survey show Grosse Pointe Public School System staff, students and parents are pleased with the district. Information gathered last spring by Banach, Banach & Cassidy gauged feedback on how well the district is doing, areas of improvement and suggestions for administration and building principals.

*Obituaries: Nancy Ann Babcock, Timothy James Diem, E. Thomas Gibney, Jane Truettner*

### 1970

50 years ago this week

#### POPULATION DOWN IN DISTRICT:

The results of the community-wide annual school census, conducted in May by the Department of Pupil Personnel of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, reveal a total population of 69,216 of the five Grosse Pointes and that portion of Harper Woods that com-

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## RECALL:

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Nov. 3 is one manifestation of the disputes within the district; if Mrs. Weertz and Dr. Lee eventually end up on a later recall ballot, the entire board could be replaced in short order.

As has been the case with past recall efforts, it's not completely clear what faction is behind this recall attempt. Monica Palmer of Grosse Pointe Woods submitted the language. Michael Alan Schwartz served as her attorney for the Election Commission meeting.

A survey sponsored by the Grosse Pointe News and released Sept. 24 showed the district split virtually in half not just by reconfiguration issues but by the idea of a recall, too: Among the 400 registered voters polled, 38 percent approved of a recall, 40 percent disapproved and the remaining 22 percent were undecided. With a 4.8 percent margin of error, those results make a recall look like a real toss-up.

Given a previous recall attempt that never got to the petition stage, it's hard to know where this one is headed. Dr. Lee's appeal is just another twist.

But with the possibility of a recall in the background, voters face added pressure to make their preferences clear on their Nov. 3 ballots.

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# Ford House offers outdoor education

## Free kits available to enrich remote learning

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

With more children than ever learning at home due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Ford House is offering support through free admission and educational activity kits this fall.

Through November, admission for children to the historic estate, located on Lake St. Clair in Grosse Pointe Shores, is free. The cost for adults for an all-day grounds pass is \$5.

Children 12 and younger also may pick up free educational kits onsite and safely explore the grounds while completing learning activities tailored to their age group. These kits include a bird-spotting guide, a leaf identification pack, coloring pages and binoculars.

Created by Ford House's education team, these activities are centered on outdoor nature science and designed to complement various edu-



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Children 12 and younger may pick up free educational kits onsite and safely explore the grounds while completing learning activities tailored to their age group.

cational standards through hands-on experiences.

The free admission and kits were made possible

with the support of the Ford Motor Company Fund, according to Ford House President and CEO Mark Heppner.

"When it became clear how challenging the fall semester would be for students, parents and educators, we wanted to show our support and share this beautiful estate with more families," Heppner said in a news release.

The Ford House long has offered activities to enrich homeschooling curricula, according to Director of Education Sheila Ruen, but switched the homeschooling focus into a home learners' program to adapt to the needs of parents and children during the pandemic.

"We actually had an increase in home school learning before COVID started," Ruen said. "And when we saw that kids in April or March had to stay home and teachers were scrambling to put together online programs, my team said it looks like this is going to persist into the fall."

Last spring and through the summer, the

education team "went back to the drawing table" to adapt its plans to meet the needs of home learners, Ruen said.

This began with environmental science or humanities-based Zoom programs. The team also developed educational content parents could download and use at home in conjunction with a Zoom workshop or independently.

The next step was to bring families back on campus to explore the grounds while following all the proper safety protocols and procedures.

What people really needed, Ruen said, was a place for students to be outdoors, "be safe and free and run around — and be learning at the same time."

"I was always an advocate for technology, but I also see how too much screen time is really not good for kids," she continued. "... Kids need hands-on. They need to

do stuff with their hands and bodies — kinesthetic learning — and develop motor control and all those fine motor control skills. All those things that are part of what they do in a traditional classroom that's hard to replicate remotely."

This was how the team landed on the concept of education learning kits. These were activities children could do onsite that would complement their virtual learning, Ruen said. The idea was to take advantage of the "amazing birds and collection of trees and the architecture and landscape design" available on the 87-acre property.

All the activities are designed to help children engage more deeply with the site and resources available. This includes bird watching — an excellent way for children to engage with the natural world, Ruen said.

"You know, I look at that meadow sometimes and I think: Why aren't there 100 children running in this meadow? It just sits there as a set-piece. Nothing would make me happier than to see a lot of families just engaging with the property — having fun running around and learning at the same time."

Visit [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org) to reserve a grounds pass with free admission for children. Families receive the educational kit at the entrance gate. There are no onsite ticket sales. Tour schedules and more information are available online or follow Ford House on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Ford House continues to uphold guidelines and safety procedures. This includes hand sanitizer stations around the estate and limited admission capacities. All visitors must carry a mask with them, to be worn when interacting with other visitors or staff.



The Ford House recently switched the homeschooling focus into a home learners' program to adapt to the needs of parents and children during the pandemic.

### CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS 2021 BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council for the City of Harper Woods Michigan will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.  
TO BE HELD  
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The purpose of this public hearing will be to receive public input and comment on the proposed 2021 Budget for the City's General and various other operating funds. The proposed levy upon the 2020 Tax Rolls for each \$1000 of Real and Personal Property State taxable valuation is as follows:

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Summaries of the proposed revenues for the 2021 budgeted funds are as follows:

General Fund	\$12,104,991
Major Street Fund	\$981,629
Local Street Fund	\$633,050
Storm Drainage Fund	\$1,844,064
Refuse Collection fund	\$955,121
Library Fund	\$458,023
Debt Service Fund	\$383,089
Water & Sewer Fund	\$5,671,339
Police Forfeiture, K9 & Special Projects Fund	\$0
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$0
Revolving Loan Fund	\$0
Vehicle and Equipment Fund	\$324,185

**THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.**

A copy of the proposed 2021 Budget is available for public inspection between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. weekdays in the office of the City Clerk, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225-2095 (Telephone 313-343-2510). All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
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501(c)4, wrote and placed the ad. In accordance with the 1st Amendment principles, they expressed its opinion on the status of Grosse Pointe schools and their leadership."

In an email, Papas declined an interview due to a busy teaching schedule and pressing personal matters, but provided the following

statement:

"I believe the GPPSS is making a serious error in closing two elementary buildings and moving fifth grade to the middle school. I fully support our teaching staff and administrators and have never said anything to the contrary. I am the only BOE candidate that is currently employed as a teacher. Many of our teachers made a huge positive impact on my six children and I am grateful

for all they do. I served on the committee that selected Rodger Hunwick, Principal of Brownell, and I think he is amazing and that we are lucky to have him. I have been in every single building in this district with my six children and briefly taught in two of them. I am familiar with our buildings, our school system and our community. I am running for BOE to make sure our GPPSS is successful for the long term."

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# Enhancement millage on ballot for renewal

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Education leaders in Wayne County call for voters to support the renewal of the regional enhancement millage on the Nov. 3 ballot to strengthen communities and schools.

Revenue raised by this millage goes to 33 local public school districts, including the Grosse Pointe Public School System, and eligible pub-

lic academies in Wayne County based on pupil count, giving them the flexibility to use those dollars to meet the needs of their schools.

"Renewing this millage is an investment into the future of our students and every community in Wayne County," said Wayne Regional Education Service Agencies Superintendent Randy Liepa. "Every child in Wayne County deserves access to a high-

quality education and, by renewing this millage, we can ensure our schools and neighborhoods stay strong."

The six-year renewal begins in 2022 and will generate approximately \$80 million a year, or \$300 per student annually, with "every single dime" going into local school systems, according to Liepa.

This is not a tax increase, Liepa emphasized. The millage would

be renewed at its current rate and cost the average Wayne County homeowner less than \$8 a month, with 100 percent of funds going to Wayne County public schools and public school academies.

First approved by voters in 2016, the enhancement millage has "been a lifesaver for local school districts," Liepa said. "It has made a significant difference in what they have been able to do."

To date, GPPSS has received nearly \$12 million from the enhancement millage since voters first approved it in 2016, using those funds primarily to grow the fund balance to 15 percent.

The district has conservatively estimated \$2.7 million in revenue for this fiscal year's budget, according to Deputy Superintendent for Business Operations Amanda Matheson.

The GPPSS Board of

Education approved a resolution to put the millage renewal on the ballot at its May 11 meeting. The ballot issue must be approved by a majority of the intermediate school district electors to pass. If it doesn't pass, the current millage will expire at the end of next year, according to Liepa.

To learn more about the Renew Wayne County Schools campaign, go to [renewwayneschools.com](http://renewwayneschools.com).

# GPFPE grant supports remote learning centers

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education, in partnership with the Grosse Pointe Public School System, announced a major grant to support the expansion of Kids Club Centers for remote learning at the Trombly and Poupard buildings. The grant also provides scholarships for at-risk elementary-aged children and the children of GPPSS teachers.

Kids Club traditionally provided before- and after-school care for elementary school children in the district during the school year. Since schools opened remotely Sept. 8, Kids Club runs from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and serves a greater need for working parents, with staff members supervising children with remote learning during the school day.

Poupard and Trombly were selected as Kid Club Center sites because both passed the initial state and fire marshal inspections and can accommodate a number of first-floor classrooms, according to a news release from the school district.

Poupard houses two classrooms — one for Young 5 and kindergarten students and one for first and second graders — and Trombly's three classrooms are made up of Young 5 and kindergarten students, first and second graders and third through seventh graders, with the majority of students in grades 3 to 5, according to Crystal Fletcher, director of school-age child care.

Classes are limited to 10 students with two staff members in each.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

**Kids Club Director Sue Gmeiner helps kindergartner J.P. Albrecht with his ABC's. To the right is Young 5 student Vincenzo Cavataio, who is helped by Renee Treska, director of Mid Club/Kids Club.**

Trombly also houses limited preschool and Head Start programs.

"While they are here at Poupard and Trombly, they have their schedules and each student is on their device and they are doing their Zoom meetings," Fletcher said. "They're doing their math blocks or English or reading. It is a 'typical' day at school. Whatever their schedule is that their teacher sent out, they are doing here at Kids Club. We are providing that space and helping with technology issues, staying on track."

"It's actually going really great," she added. "We have parents both at Trombly and Poupard sending us really nice messages about how appreciative they are. ... Getting everybody online and keeping everybody on track is running really smooth. In some classrooms, we have kids who are in the

same class in their home building so they are able to connect and collaborate on projects. When they do go back to face-to-face school they will already know somebody who is in their class."

The goal with the GPFPE grant is to expand the centers to home elementary schools while offering need-based scholarships for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch, which comprises 13 percent of the district's school population, and children of district employees.

"On July 31, 2020, the board made a unanimous decision to start the 2020-21 school year in virtual learning," GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus said in a GPFPE news release. "While this decision was made with the best interest of all of our families in mind, we also recognize the burden this

places on parents and children, especially single and working parents as well as lower-income families and essential workers. We are fortunate to have space available to expand the program and are grateful for an opportunity to put some furloughed staff back to work. The support of the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education and the Lois J. Warden Fund allows us the opportunity to make the Kids Club Centers for remote

learning affordable for families with the most need."

Supervision for remote learning will be required

even as the school district rolls out a hybrid return to face-to-face learning, a plan the Board of Education approved at its Sept. 28 virtual meeting. Beginning with the youngest learners Oct. 12, students will return to school in cohorts on alternating days, with asynchronous remote learning on days they are not in school.

GPFPE is providing initial funding of up to \$66,000 from the Lois J. Warden Fund and will seek additional support from community members.

"Since our inception, the GPFPE has worked hard to meet the needs of the district's children, parents and educators in creative and engaging ways," GPFPE President Robert Bury said. "The current environment has placed extraordinary pressures on our fami-

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# South activities director settles into retirement

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

As she begins her retirement, student activities director Maria Mitzel is proud of the legacy she leaves behind at Grosse Pointe South High School.

It began with having a lasting impact on the students and creating a personal connection with them.

“I always said I felt I adopted 1,600 kids,” she said.

Mitzel first joined Grosse Pointe South in October 2008, as a hall monitor. After spending 14 years as an assistant department manager at Comerica Bank, she took five years off to take care of her twin sons, born

early at 32 weeks and weighing only 3.14 and 4.6 pounds.

Instead of returning to the private sector, Mitzel turned to education, working first as a kindergarten aid for an elementary school and later in the school’s financial department. Finance was always her strength, and she continues to do some financial work on the side.

Mitzel came to Grosse Pointe South after working as a hall monitor at another high school. The effectiveness of this role, in her view, depended on having a personal relationship with students. This carried over when she assumed the position of student activities director.

“I always looked at it as if that was my child, how would I want them to be treated?” Mitzel said. “We made sure they knew we cared about them and wanted to help them. Even when I was a hall monitor, it wasn’t about writing them up and getting them in trouble. It was about being there for them.”

“I hope I was always that person that if they needed something ... I could point them in the right direction,” she added.

In her three years in charge of student activities, clubs grew from about 20 to 60, with teachers volunteering to serve as advisers — another way for students to build relationships

outside the classroom, Mitzel said.

Some of her biggest annual undertakings — prom, honors night and graduation — were what she missed most last spring when schools shut down due to the pandemic.

These were the events when “Grosse Pointe schools really shine,” she said.

While there wasn’t a traditional graduation ceremony, Mitzel was glad seniors and their families were able to enjoy a modified in-person event to receive their diplomas and be celebrated by staff.

“It all worked out. ... I loved looking at all the decorated cars and the pickup trucks that had



COURTESY PHOTO

Maria Mitzel with her grandchildren, from left, Mallory, 2, Gavin, 2, and Piper, 7.

whole families sitting in the bed,” she said. “It was great because it was a celebration of (the seniors) and that was what was important.”

COVID-19 was among several reasons Mitzel decided to make the 2019-20 school year her last. There were other changes that “made it a little more difficult,” she acknowledged, but the primary motivator was her desire to help take care of her grandchildren.

The 35-year St. Clair Shores resident divides her time — bringing with her “a bag of traveling books” — between her daughter’s two children, 7 and 2, and son’s 2-year-old.

“I can be the grandma extraordinaire,” she said,

adding, “It was time to refocus on helping my family.”

She doesn’t expect her husband, who owns an insurance company in Macomb County that has been in the Mitzel family nearly a century, to join her any time soon in retirement.

“He says he will never retire,” she said.

Mitzel has told her former colleagues she would love to come back to South to volunteer once COVID-19-related safety restrictions are lifted.

“That’s the part you miss the most — the kids and the staff members,” she said. “At South, I think we have some of the most phenomenal teachers and staff members. We really do.”

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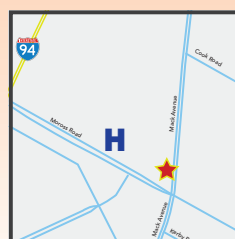


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Sixth-grader Cooper Beaugrand is online with his class while Mid Club/Kids Club Director Renee Treska is on hand to offer assistance. Mid Club is for middle-school students.

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Specific enrollment details, including applying for GPFPE’s need-based scholarships, are available at [gpschools.org](http://gpschools.org). The program is expected to launch within 30 days and will be based on enrollment. Hiring is underway for caregiver and onsite director positions. Caregivers must be at least 18 and have a high school diploma, with child care experience preferred. Onsite directors are required to have at least 60 college credits, with 12 of those in a child-related field. To apply, contact Fletcher at [fletcher@gpschools.org](mailto:fletcher@gpschools.org).

For more information on donating to the GPFPE, visit [gpfpe.org](http://gpfpe.org) or contact Karen Lawrence at [lawrenk@gpschools.org](mailto:lawrenk@gpschools.org) or (313) 432-3058.

“We hope this generous gift from the Warden Fund inspires many others to join in addressing this critical need.” Niehaus and his wife, Paige, already have committed a \$5,000 monthly gift, according to the release.

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## Lectures return Your Old Mansion series resumes after COVID delay

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Usually this time of year, the Grosse Pointe Artists Association is planning its winter programming — namely its Your Old Mansion series. When the program began in 2016, part of its objective was to get people out of the house during the long winter months while giving them a little background on why Grosse Pointe is so special.

This fall, the GPAA looks to complete the series it started last winter.

“COVID closed us down on a Friday and that weekend we were supposed to have a Your Old Mansion lecture,” said Karen Pope, GPAA president. “We had two more programs that should have been a part of that series. ... This was supposed to finish in April.”

The final two lectures of the series have been rescheduled, the first of which takes place at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18. Author Katie Doelle will discuss her book “Grand Estates of Grosse Pointe” in the courtyard in front



**Katie Doelle discusses her book, “Grand Estates of Grosse Pointe,” at the Oct. 18 lecture.**

of The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

“We’ve got a small community but some of the best mansions from the ’20s in the United States,” said Doelle, a graphic designer, writer and researcher.

Her book includes details on 200 of the finest houses in Grosse Pointe. She will use some of them to walk attendees through the 1920s, ’30s and ’40s during her talk.

The second rescheduled program, “Greenways: Principals

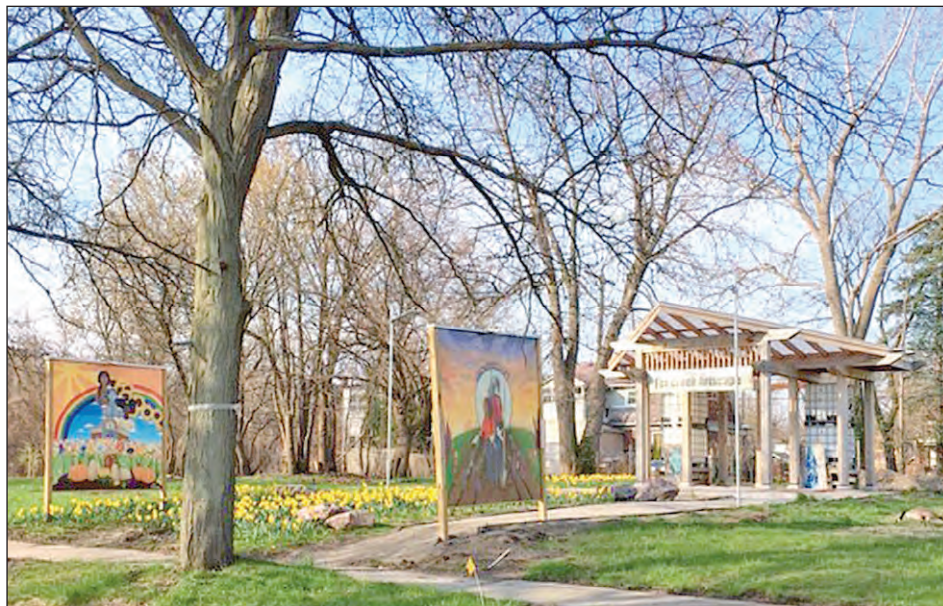
and Practice,” takes place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Fox Creek Pavilion on Manistique, behind Norma G’s restaurant on Jefferson. The pavilion, produce stand and landscaping are a community project facilitated by Community + Public Arts: Detroit, a program of the College for Creative Studies.

Attendees will hear from two speakers — Tom Woiwode, who leads the Greenways Initiative for the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, and Josh Elling, CEO of Jefferson East. Woiwode will explain the principals of greenways, using the Dequindre Cut as an example, while Elling will talk about what greenways mean to the revitalization of the Jefferson-Chalmers neighborhood.

Guests are asked to bring their own chairs to this lecture.

The programs take place outdoors, so it will be easy for attendees to socially distance themselves from others. Masks also are required.

“We are seeing that people are so anxious to



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**The Fox Creek Pavilion, where the Oct. 24 program takes place.**

go out and do something,” Pope said. “This is in response to that, but also we’re giving them a safe way to have a good time and the chance to hear an interesting lecture. We hope people enjoy this. ... And I’m keeping my fingers crossed that it doesn’t rain.”

Pope said she is pleased not a single person who pre-purchased lecture tickets earlier in the year asked for a refund when the programs were postponed.

“My hat’s off to our supporters,” she added. “And there are still lots of openings for other people to attend.”

Registration for both programs is available online at [grossepointeartcenter.org](http://grossepointeartcenter.org).

Proceeds from Your Old Mansion lectures

help fund GPAA programs for veterans and senior citizens.

“Our veterans, throughout COVID, met virtually,” Pope said, “and now they’re back to meeting in person.”

While seniors in its A Morning Out program were not able to have virtual classes, Pope said she plans for the group to resume meeting in person by the end of October.

“They’re more than ready,” she said.

Class sizes will be limited for both in-person classes.

As many organizations are finding out, flexibility is key to success these days. The GPAA is showing some of its flexibility as it opens its first hybrid exhibition, “Soul Searching,” Oct. 20, at The War Memorial. The works of 41 artists will

reflect their time during COVID-induced isolation.

“It will be hung so people can come in and see it, but it won’t be open all the time,” Pope explained, noting the show may be viewed during afternoon hours Thursdays and Saturdays. “We’ll be there to make sure only 10 people go in at a time.”

Awards ceremonies and comments from the juror will take place via Zoom, allowing audience interaction, she added.

“People can ask questions of the juror and there will be an artists’ forum on Zoom.”

The GPAA’s new gallery is located in The War Memorial’s former cable studio.

For more information, call (313) 881-3454.

## Grooving with The Verve Pipe

### Virtual concert will help boost tuition assistance, COVID relief

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

It’s tradition for Regina High School to host its biggest fundraiser of the year in October. Plans for a Blue & White Gala were in the works when COVID-19 forced organizers to find an alternative.

Thinking outside the box, plans began to take shape for an event not only creative and exciting, but also supportive of the school’s tuition assistance and COVID relief efforts.

At 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, the school presents “Live from Regina: The Verve Pipe in Concert,” a virtual concert experience. The Verve Pipe, which formed in East Lansing in 1992, is largely recognized for its radio hits “Photograph,” “Hero,” “Happiness Is,” “Never Let You Down” and “The Freshmen.”

“I’ve been on a number of calls with (singer) Brian Vander Ark, who is so down to earth,” said Regina President Mary Treder Lang, a lifelong Grosse Pointe resident. “He really is supporting us and helping us with COVID relief and financial assistance.”

The virtual concert welcomes community support as well, offering three ticket levels, starting with a general concert access ticket for \$25. VIP tickets cost \$75 and include concert access, as well as a Made in Michigan Concessions Box, which features Ryba’s Fudge, Faygo and other signature Michigan products, Treder Lang said. There are only 100 VIP tickets available.

Premium tickets, of which only 40 are available, cost \$150 each and include concert access, the choice of a wine or beer gift basket and a vir-

tual meet-and-greet with Vander Ark before the show.

Tickets may be purchased at [reginahs.com/vervepipe](http://reginahs.com/vervepipe). Ticket purchasers will be given a link to log on to the day of the show.

“If you buy one ticket for \$25,” Treder Lang noted, “you have concert access; you can have your whole family there watching.”

“You can sit and watch The Verve Pipe in the comfort of your own home,” she added. “There are no concerts taking place. This is an opportunity to see a worldwide band in the comfort of your home. It can’t get any better.”

Or maybe it can. The week leading up to the concert, Oct. 9 to 16, Regina hosts “Countdown to the Concert: Backstage Bidding,” an online auction featuring Apple

products, a Siesta Key condo rental, signed merchandise from The Verve Pipe, jewelry and golf and spa packages.

A range of fun items are available as well, such as a reserved front row at Regina’s graduation, “pick your parking space” and free lunch for one month.

“This morning, George Blaha gave us a signed Pistons jersey by Luke Kennard,” Treder Lang said. “There will be all kinds of online bidding for some amazing items.”

Creating an account ahead of the start date is encouraged to make the bidding process easier.

Bidding opens at 7 a.m. Friday, Oct. 9, and closes at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16.

Both the concert and the bidding event are open to the general public and independent of one another.

Ticket sales are going well, Treder Lang noted, adding that while the VIP and premium tickets are limited, the general tickets are not.

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the school, which has been greatly affected by the effects of COVID-19. Apart from having purchased a large quantity of personal protective equipment, the school offers financial aid to students whose family members have lost their jobs and sources of income as a result of the pandemic.

“This is a way of building up our financial aid reserves so we can support our existing and future students,” Treder Lang said. “We want to help as many as possible.”

Regina students currently are hybrid learners. See CONCERT, page 2B

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## Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following virtual programs:

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◆ Ladies Virtual Dance Dance Party Party, 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12.

◆ Storytime with Miss Melissa, all day Tuesday, Oct. 13.

◆ 7th & 8th Grade Book Group, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13.

◆ Storytime with Miss Rachel, all day Wednesday, Oct. 14.

◆ Kirtland's Warbler program with author William Rapai, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14.

◆ Science Fiction Book Discussion Group, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14.

October's book selection is John Birmingham's "Without Warning."

◆ Storytime with Miss Jane, all day Thursday, Oct. 15.

◆ Nonfiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. The group will discuss "The Woman's Hour" by Elaine Weiss.

Register on [grossepointelibrary.org](http://grossepointelibrary.org) or call (313) 640-4775.

## Gilda's Club Lake House

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

◆ 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12, Family Bereavement Group.

◆ 1:30 p.m. Wednesday,

## Blood drives

◆ 1 to 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, South Lake High School, 21900 Nine Mile, St. Clair Shores.

Register at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

## Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting virtually at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14. Heather Eckner of the Autism Alliance of Michigan speaks. Visit [grossepointerotary.org](http://grossepointerotary.org) for information.

## The Helm

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

◆ Flu Clinic, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21.

◆ Beaumont Cooking Demonstration, 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28.

◆ The movie "The Two Popes," 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30.

Members pay \$2 for snacks and the movie, \$7 for lunch and the movie;

guests pay \$3 for snacks and the movie, \$10 for lunch at the movie.

◆ Medicare Counseling, free to members and nonmembers. Call Molly French at (313) 649-2110 to schedule an appointment.

◆ Chair yoga, 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

◆ Tai Chi Beginner Class, 9 to 10 a.m. Thursdays.

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◆ Seated Full-Body Workout Routine, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

◆ Grief Work support group, 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays.

## Toastmasters

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

## NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Metro Peer-Led Recovery Support Group, for people living with mental health issues, meets virtually at 7 p.m. every Monday. There is no cost to participate. Call Lisa at (805) 450-1994 or email [lisajonesmentalhealth@gmail.com](mailto:lisajonesmentalhealth@gmail.com).

Oct. 14, Breast Cancer Support Group.

◆ 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, Bereavement: Finding Your Way.

◆ 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, Gynecological Cancers Support Group.

◆ 1:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26, Lake House Social Hour and Virtual Tour.

Register at [gildasclubdetroit.org/events/calendar](http://gildasclubdetroit.org/events/calendar).

## GPAAS

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association hosts the following programs at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms:

◆ Figurative Painting with Liz Frankland, 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 13 to Nov. 1.

◆ Capturing Autumn in an Outdoor Classroom with Donald Cronkrite, noon to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 10 and 11, and Oct. 17 and 18, at Patterson Park.

◆ Portrait Painting Workshop in oil with Robert Maniscalco, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16 and 17.

◆ The GPAAS's artmaking group for veterans meets 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, under a tent on the front lawn. Walk-ins are welcome, but advanced registration is suggested.

Register at [grossepointeartcenter.org](http://grossepointeartcenter.org) or call (313) 881-3454.

# GPAAS fundraiser is Oct. 15

The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society hosts its annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15.

The drive-thru and

pickup event takes place at the Harper Woods AMVETS Post 57, 19730 Harper, at Allard.

Cost is \$10 and all proceeds benefit the Harper

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Those who cannot attend but would like to donate are asked to visit [gpaas.org](http://gpaas.org) and donate via PayPal.

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ing, with students splitting time between in-person and virtual learning. Everyone in the building is required to

wear masks and have their temperatures taken.

Treder Lang said she hopes to bring everyone back to school soon.

"It's vital to their development that they have that social interface," she said.

With a number of Grosse Pointe families who attend at the all-girls Catholic school, Treder Lang said, Regina is the place to be.

"There are lots of good and exciting things happening at Regina," she said. "We keep getting bigger and stronger. ... I look forward to significant growth in years to come."

The Verve Pipe concert is sponsored by De La Salle Collegiate High School, Roy O'Brien Ford, Schena Roofing & Sheet Metal, TCF Bank, Eastern Michigan University, Ryba's Fudge Shop, Huntington Bank and many others.

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# Library cuts ribbon on new plaza

The Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees and library staff hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday, Oct. 2, to celebrate the opening of the new community plaza at Central Branch.

The ceremony officially opened the branch's new outdoor plaza and celebrated the completion of phase one building improvements for the Central and Woods branches. The Ewald branch renovations will be complete in December.

"Today's opening of the new outdoor plaza is the culmination of more than three years of hard work and planning," said Jessica Keyser, library director. "None of this would have been possible without the support of our entire community."

Improvements to the plaza include an ADA-compliant ramp, larger seating area, new flagpole, new landscaping and new bike racks. Free Wi-Fi is available 24/7 in the plaza as well. "The outdoor plaza is a dream come true," Keyser said.

A yearlong critical needs assessment with four community engagement sessions determined the building improvement priorities.

The phase one improvements for each branch include:

Central — Renovate



From left, Andrea Abram, president, Grosse Pointe Library Foundation Board of Directors; Fatima Beacham, Quinn Evans Architects; Andy Roy, The Roy Co.; Jessica Keyser, library director; Prudence Cole, treasurer, Library Board of Trustees; Abigail Ward, president, Library Board of Trustees; Elizabeth Vogel, member, Library Board of Trustees; Megan Conrad Sczygielski, vice president, Library Board of Trustees; Thomas Peck, member, Library Board of Trustees and Louis Theros, mayor, Grosse Pointe Farms.

and improve the front porch and outdoor space Ewald — Interior refresh of finishes and lighting. Improve sight lines and safety at the main entrance and circulation and reference desks. Improve acoustics throughout the building.

Woods — Improve entrance lighting, stairwell safety and add public entrance with canopy on Mack side of the building.

The total budget for phase one improvements is approximately \$2 million, funded with capital reserves and donations. The Grosse Pointe

Library Foundation raised initial funds through the Breuer Preservation Fund and Masquerade for the Stacks. The Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Legacy Funds and the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation also made generous contributions.

A Giving Wall of Honor at the entrance to Central is planned. For more information or to donate, visit [ffgppl.org/breuer-preservation-fund](http://ffgppl.org/breuer-preservation-fund) or call (313) 640-4683.

The complete Space Needs & Capital Assessment is on the GPPL website, [grossepointelibrary.org](http://grossepointelibrary.org).



A new ramp complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act.



The new plaza includes plenty of outdoor seating.



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Central Library last week unveiled its new outdoor plaza.

# AAUW G.P. celebrates 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment

"Votes for women!"

This was the cry and slogan of the suffragists' movement to allow women the right to vote.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. This landmark voting victory followed decades of suffragists' determination and courage to gain the legal right for women to vote.

While most people consider the ability to vote fundamental, American women were long denied that right.

The American Association of University Women, Grosse Pointe Branch, is celebrating this historic event with a parade at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11.

The history of the American Association of University Women mirrors the progress of women in the United States. AAUW began in

1881; its Grosse Pointe branch began in 1944. Over the years, the AAUW Grosse Pointe Branch provided fellowship, programs and opportunity to

advance equity for women and girls in society. Fundraising, most notably its used book sales, provided the means to fund local scholarships

and national endowments and scholarships.

The last few years, the branch has raised funds

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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.

## Anna Kondak

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Anna "Ann" Kondak, 92, died Thursday, Sept. 24, 2020.

Ann was predeceased by her beloved husband of more than 68 years, Nick, and twin brothers, John and Gus Bakalis. She is survived by her sister, Kathy Constantinides (Angelos); sister-in-law, Freda Bakalis; children, William (Susan), Diana (Mark Domin) and Christopher (Jennifer); grandchildren, Paul (Tegan), Scott (Katie), Alexander (Ashley), Sarah (Alex Kerber), Hannah, Eleni and Caroline; great-grandchildren, Audrey, Charlie, Jana, Rowan, Evelyn, Leo and Liam; and dear nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Ann earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Wayne University in 1950, during which time she was a reporter for the student newspaper, The Collegiate. She returned to Wayne State University and earned a Master of Library Science degree in 1976. She initially worked at the Grosse

Pointe Public Library and then at the Plunkett & Cooney law firm as a law librarian until she retired.

Ann was active with the League of Women Voters of Detroit many years and an active member of Pro Musica Detroit more than 60 years; she served in leadership positions at both organizations. Devoted to active citizenship, equality and social justice, Ann never left the house without a copy of the U.S. Constitution in her purse. She and her late husband, Nick, were devoted patrons of theater, opera and classical music, which they loved. Ann and Nick also loved to travel; they enjoyed camping throughout the U.S. and took many trips overseas.

Ann had a passion for weaving and was active in the Eastside Handweavers Guild. She wove many items on a loom Nick made for her and enjoyed teaching weaving techniques to youth and adults alike. Ann learned to knit at a young age; she made countless articles of clothing and enjoyed making a personalized Christmas stocking for each child and grandchild. An avid reader of

fiction and non-fiction, she always tried to expand her knowledge and share her love of literature with others.

A lifelong learner, Ann was interested in everything and everybody. She was happiest surrounded by friends and family. She engaged in conversations with people of all ages, gave her full attention and remembered what was going on in everyone's life. Ann brought out the best in everyone, her family said; her enthusiasm and spirit will be missed.

A remembrance gathering will be held at a future date.

## Kathleen Ann Kirsch

Kathleen Ann Kirsch (nee Weot) of Antrim County, formerly of St. Clair, Grosse Pointe Farms and the City of Grosse Pointe, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2020. She was 87.

Kathleen was born Aug. 24, 1933, in Grosse Pointe, to Vernus and Blanch Weot, both now deceased. She was a graduate of St. Paul Catholic High School.

Kathleen was prede-



Anna Kondak



Kathleen Ann Kirsch



Carol Bonzelaar

ceased by her beloved husband of 55 years, Jerry. She was the loving mother of Kerry Kirsch (Jody) of Livonia, Susan Miles (H. Brooks) of Hartville, Ohio, Karl Kirsch (Karen) of Harbor Springs, Kathy Worsley (William) of Midland and Julia Girdler (Daniel) of Bloomfield Village; grandmother of Kelly Belcher (Michael), Kathleen Gogola (Jerrett), Kerry J. Kirsch, Hall, William and Jackson Miles, John Fillmore (Alyssa), Edward Fillmore (Rebecca) and Daniel, Alec and Joseph Girdler; great-grandmother of Addison, Andrew, William Edward, Jody, Jaclyn and William Richard; and sister of Christine McShane (Larry), Alice Shreve (Keith), Mary Lou Flagler (Harley), Paul Weot (Madelon), David Weot (Ida) and Herbert Weot (Cathy).

Kathleen's most important commitment was being a loving wife and mother. She always

actively supported her family.

Kathleen was a volunteer catechism teacher at St. Paul grade school and volunteered at Meals on Wheels in St. Clair. She also was a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, where she played tennis and bowled. Kathleen loved many animals over the years, including a Bouvier named Schultz, except when Schultz ate the furniture.

Funeral services for Kathleen were held Oct. 5, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in St. Clair.

Memorial contributions may be made to Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility, 4543 S. M-88 Hwy., Bellaire, MI 49615.

## Carol Pillsbury Bonzelaar

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Carol Pillsbury Bonzelaar, 66, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2020, in her sleep.

Carol graduated from

Grosse Pointe South High School. She earned a degree from the Bronson School of Nursing at Western Michigan University and worked as a nurse in Holland, Mich.

She and her husband, Dr. William "Bill" Bonzelaar, had three children, Blair, Lauren and Renee Bonzelaar.

Carol is survived by her husband, Bill; children, Blair, Lauren and Renee; loving siblings, Drew Pillsbury (Sue Dawson) and Kathy Brooks (Todd); nephew, Alexander Brooks (Sarah) and grandnephew, Maximilian Brooks.

Carol enjoyed being with her children most of all; she devoted everything to them. She also enjoyed going to the family cottage on Lake Michigan. In addition, Carol was known for the large gift baskets she made for weddings, birthdays and baby showers.

Her family said she will be missed by all who knew her.



In celebration of 50 years of business, the family-owned and operated Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy hosted raffles, giveaways, discounts and special events throughout the month of September.



Above, Leah Isley prepares to greet customers to the big sale. Left, during the Sept. 26 sale, the first 100 customers received goodie bags.



Aiden and Katie Griesbaum are all smiles behind their masks during a visit to Whistle Stop during its 50th anniversary sale.

## Celebrating 50 years

Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy in St. Clair Shores celebrated its 50th anniversary with a series of special events throughout September.

"We want to say thank-you to our customers who've sup-

ported us all these years," said Julie Everitt, who co-manages the store with her siblings, Rick Claggett Jr. and Wendy Bacon.

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Rotarian Roger Hull, president of the Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation, presents an unrestricted grant check payable to Northeast Integrated Health in the amount of \$4,000. Receiving the check is Rotarian Sherry McRill, president and CEO of Northeast Integrated Health. Pictured from left are Lisa Gandelot, Jessica Keyser, McRill, Hull, Rotary President Robert Lucas, Diane Strickler and Richard Allison.

## Rotary continues support of Northeast Integrated Health

Northeast Integrated Health is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that provides community-based health services to children, adults and families in the Detroit area. Grosse Pointe Rotary Club has a long history of hands-on support with NIH. In the past, Grosse Pointe Rotarians have participated in building a playground, gardening and harvesting vegetables; supplying winter coats for school children through Operation Warm; and gifting school supplies through Backpack Project, a joint project

with the Grosse Pointe Public Library, supervised by Rotarian and GPPL Director Jessica Keyser.

Due to COVID-19, hands-on charitable projects are not feasible this year, so the Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation decided to provide cash support.

“Grosse Pointe Rotary is an excellent partner of Northeast Integrated Health,” said Sherry McRill, president and CEO of NIH and a Rotary member. “We are so thankful for their continued support of our programs and services.”

## AAUW:

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to provide the financial stability to continue and expand its STEM program, currently at Defer Elementary and Pierce Middle schools, and provide seniors at Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools with scholarships.

The Grosse Pointe branch is always striving to move its mission statement, “Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research, into action.”

All are welcome to walk during the parade, which begins at Grosse Pointe South High School and ends at The War Memorial. Those unable to walk may meet the group at The



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured bottom row, from left, are Mary Ellen Burke, Joanne Mualem and Marie DeLuca; and top row, from left, are Ellen Chapin, Carolyn Barth, Judy Florian and Joanne Johnson.

War Memorial at approximately 1:30 p.m. for a short program.

The event is free, but registration is suggested. For more information or to register, visit [grosse-pointe-mi.aauw.net](http://grosse-pointe-mi.aauw.net).

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

#### THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM STUDENT LOCKERS Defer Elementary School

The Board of Education of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan, will receive sealed bids for installation of new student lockers at Defer Elementary School. The work generally consists of:

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Specifications and Bid Forms will be available to Prime Contractors starting **Thursday, October 1, 2020** by contacting the office of the Architect. The Architect's office will issue the requesting company's electronic (.pdf) files of the Contract Documents. The cost of document reproduction will be the responsibility of the requesting party.

Bid documents are also available for examination (no purchase) at the following locations:

- Ehresman Architects
- Construction Association of Michigan (CAM)
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A **PRE-BID MEETING** will not be held for this project. It is the responsibility of the bidding Contractor to visit the site and become familiar with the project site, conditions which may affect its bid, etc.

Sealed bids will be due **Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. (local time)** at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI, 48230, in the Support Services Office at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

The School Board will not consider, accept, or open a bid received after the date and time specified for bid submission in this advertisement for bid.

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This project will not be funded by federal or state monies.

Please direct questions to Richard VanGorder, Director of Buildings and Grounds at 313-432-3082.

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### ASK THE EXPERTS By Eileen Reickert, M.D.

# Keeping kids safe during a pandemic

**Q: The pandemic is still with us, but my kids want everything to go “back to normal.” How do I keep them safe?**

**A: I am so glad you asked.** As a parent, physician, educator and Grosse Pointe community member, I understand firsthand the challenges parents are facing. Cooler weather will have us moving indoors and COVID-19 can remain airborne for two to three hours in an enclosed space. We need to redouble our efforts to prevent another outbreak. Here are some tips for staying safe:

◆ **Physical-distancing.** It is unrealistic to maintain indefinite isolation; however, it is very simple to be safe while still being together. **Be smart: Stay 6 feet apart.**

◆ **Keep groups small.** This reduces risk and makes outbreaks more controllable and traceable if they occur. **Keep your clique from getting sick.**

◆ **Wear a mask.** This is the simplest, most effective tool we have. Make it a fun accessory; let kids pick their style. **Teach, preach and model mask etiquette.**

◆ **Teach your kids to trust their instincts.** They know their friends better than anyone. If they get invited to an activity



where they know kids aren't going to be playing it safe, sympathize but reinforce the rules. If they show up to an activity and kids aren't wearing masks, tell them as hard as it is, they need to leave in order to keep your family safe. **No mask, no joke.**

If you are exposed, symptoms usually appear after five to 14 days and you are contagious about three days prior to showing symptoms. Once you develop symptoms, they increase over the first five to seven days, then you may feel better for a few days.

Unfortunately after that, the inflammation in your body peaks — this is when patients are at the highest risk of serious complications. If you become ill, stay hydrated. Take 1,000 mg of vitamin C and 30 mg of zinc daily to bolster your immune system. You can take ibuprofen for fevers. Keep moving — avoid prolonged periods of immo-

bility as your risk of blood clots increases with this infection.

We are learning new things all the time. Please check with your physician if you or a loved one becomes ill to be given the most up-to-date evaluation and management. Take care.

*Eileen Reickert, M.D., is a family medicine physician with Ascension St. John Hospital Family Medical Center, 24911 Little Mack, Ste. C, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080. Call her at (586) 777-2050.*

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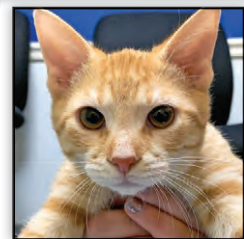
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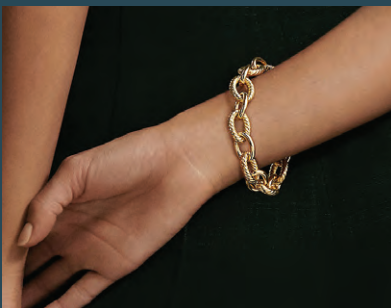


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## Volleyball

### RIVALS

# South spikers defeat rival

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Rivals Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South played the first of their two regular season meetings last week.

The host Blue Devils prevailed 25-12, 29-27, 25-21 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division contest.

"We are still trying to sort through things on the court, getting everyone comfortable with their positioning," South head coach Janeil DiVita said. "This was a nice win over North. Chelsea (Brozo) does a nice job with her group, so this was nice to get a win."

Things got off to a rocky start for the visitors in game one as the home team steamrolled its way to an easy win.

Junior Kamryn Richards got things rolling early in that game as she served eight straight points to give the Blue Devils a 9-2 lead. She also served the final three points as point No. 25

was a kill by junior Peyton Grieser.

Games two and three were played much closer to the vest as Brozo regrouped her Norsemen.

Their key play in the second game came when junior Shannon Kane served seven consecutive points to move the Norsemen from a 10-7 deficit to 14-10 advantage.

During the run, freshman Lauren Lefebvre had a kill and junior Brynn Spicher had two big blocks.

After that, the Blue Devils were able to draw even, thanks to junior Jada DiVita's several kills. She had four down the stretch to lift the Blue Devils to the win and a 2-0 lead in games.

In game three, North was led by the serving of sophomore Jessica Always and junior Sabrina Shaw. They were able to deliver serves with a little heat behind them, making it more difficult for the Blue Devils to receive.

However, the Blue Devils countered with clutch plays by seniors Ashley Price, Emily Crane and Keely Conlan.

With the Blue Devils ahead 23-21 in game three, Conlan served an ace for point No. 24, and Jada DiVita put the match in the win column with a kill for point No. 25.

The following evening, North traveled to University Liggett School and beat the Knights 25-14, 25-17, 25-19.

ULS head coach Dan Sullivan said he appreciated the opportunity to compete as it has been many years since the two schools played each other and with Liggett's two opponents this week not playing fall sports it would have been 10 days without competing.

"We were glad that North could accommodate us on short notice," Sullivan said. "Unfortunately the Liggett team had suffered a serious set-back earlier in the week when



PHOTO COURTESY OF JANEIL DIVITA

Head coach Janeil DiVita, right, knows it will take time for her Blue Devils to get into sync.

they lost setter Memphis Griffin, who severely strained an ankle in a match the previous week and will be out for a month."

For the Knights, junior

Olivia Dickey played well as she took on the role of libero for the first time. Sophomore Isabelle Standish started her first match as a middle hitter and played well.

For the Norsemen, it was a team effort as they shrugged off the loss the day before.

In other division matches, South lost in five games to host Utica.

## Soccer

### RIVALS

# Norsemen sweep Blue Devils

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North boys soccer team completed the regular season sweep of rival Grosse Pointe South early last week, winning 2-1 on the road.

Head coach Brad VandeVorde watched his Norsemen grab a quick 2-0 lead off goals by Nick Miller at the 26:58 mark and Chris Valice at the 20:45 mark of the first half.

It looked like the Norsemen would cruise to a win, but head coach Francesco Cilano

regrouped his Blue Devils, who hung tough.

It was a 2-0 game at the half, and it became more pressure-packed after Ryan Caldwell scored for the home team, cutting the deficit to 2-1.

With each shot in the final 20 minutes, fans held their breath as a defensive miscue would spell doom for either team.

The Norsemen wanted to add an insurance goal, while the Blue Devils had their eye on the tying goal.

Neither would happen and the Norsemen took



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

North's James Streeberger, center, battles South's Joshua Eckert, left, and Ryan Caldwell for the ball.

the 2-1 win in the Macomb Area Conference White Division contest.

Later in the week, North edged host Utica 2-1, while South lost 2-1

to visiting Romeo.

North is 5-1-1 in the White Division and 5-2-2 overall, while South dropped to 2-4-1 in the White Division and overall.

## Tennis

### GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Blue Devils defeat CC

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Early last week, the Grosse Pointe South boys tennis team beat Novi Catholic Central 5-3 in a non-league match.

"This was one of our most exciting matches of the season," head coach John Willard said. "Our teams were very evenly matched. As the match drew to a conclusion the action got very exciting. At one point we had four tiebreakers going on at the same time, before GPS ultimately triumphed."

Corbin Ifkovits won his No. 2 singles match 7-5, 4-2 (default), and Luke Holowinski won 7-6, 1-6, 10-3 at No. 3 singles.

Jacob Harris and Jackson Marchal won 7-6, 6-0 at No. 1 doubles, and the No. 2 doubles team of Alex Prather and Blake Discher won 6-1, 6-1.

Matt Kornmeier and Joe Brennan won 6-2, 6-7, 10-6 at No. 4 doubles to give the Blue Devils the victory over the Shamrocks.

South was also scheduled to host Birmingham Brother Rice last week, but rain forced its cancellation.

South played one more match last week, blanking Sterling Heights Stevenson 8-0 as the Blue Devils won four

matches 6-0, 6-0, and one 6-0, 6-1.

The most competitive match was played at No. 1 singles with Connor Stafford prevailing in three sets, 6-7, 6-1, 10-6.

South is 8-2 overall. Coming up is a Division 1 regional tournament Thursday, Oct. 8, at Elworthy.

Competing teams are South, Chippewa Valley, Dearborn, Dearborn Edsel Ford, Dearborn Fordson, Detroit Cass Tech, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Troy Athens and Utica Ford.

### North info

Grosse Pointe North hosts a Division 2 regional tournament this week, and will face Port Huron in the first round.

If they win, the Norsemen face the winner of the L'Anse Creuse against Warren Cousino semifinal for the championship.

The Norsemen enter the tournament as the team to beat.

### Liggett info

University Liggett School hosts a Division 4 regional tournament and has a bye in its semifinal.

The Knights will play in a regional championship game against the winner of the Armada against Yale semifinal.

The Knights head to the squad to beat, but the lineup will be changed.

### UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

# Knights post two victories

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys soccer team improved to 10-0 last week, blanking Allen Park Cabrini 8-0 and Detroit Cristo Rey 6-0.

Both games were played on the Knights' home turf.

Against Cabrini, freshman Claudio Cavallo had another hat trick, with junior Doug Wood and

sophomore Mac Katz scoring two goals apiece.

Senior Sawyer Szajenko also had a goal. Drawing assists were seniors Sheihk Manneh, Stewart Smith and Markus Wiegel, plus Wood, Cavallo, Wiegel and senior Terrance Hurt.

Cavallo had two goals to lead the Knights in the victory over Cristo Rey.

Other goal scorers were Wood, junior Jake

Carron, Smith and senior John Keyorky.

Adding assists were juniors James Dailey, Justin Harthorn and Alex George, Smith, Szajenko and Manneh.

The Knights were also scheduled to travel to Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard Monday afternoon, but the game was cancelled due to a COVID-19 exposure.

The game will not be made up and the Knights

will play in the Catholic League championship game this week.

The state district playoffs are fast approaching, and they will host a semifinal, which is to be determined.

The foe will be the winner of the Kimball Academy against Sterling Heights Parkway Christian first-round game.

The Knights enter as the district favorite.

## Cross country

## SOUTH &amp; LIGGETT

# ULS beats South

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's girls cross-country team hosted the Knight Invitational last weekend, and city foe Grosse Pointe South was one of the competitors.

In a close finish, ULS won with 53 points, followed by Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest with 60, Clarkston Everest Collegiate with 62, Grosse Pointe South with 65 and Royal Oak Shrine with 109.

Detroit Renaissance, Warren Woods-Tower, Madison Heights Lamphere and Clawson also competed, but didn't have enough runners to earn a team score.

For head coach Joe Smith and his Knights, Penelope Griffioen was fifth with a time of 20:00.79, and Kelsey Beckett took 10th at 20:57.89.

Sophia Ma placed 15th with a time of 21:12.09. She was followed by Grace Govier-LaParl,



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**Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School varsity runners at the start-line.**

who had a time of 21:34.87 to finish 19th. Brynn Collins was the Knights' fifth runner who placed 28th with a time of 22:35.07.

As for the Blue Devils, their top eight runners had season-best times.

Kloie Roy was 13th with a time of 21:05, while May Eger was 16th at 21:23.

Ava Carr was 17th with a time of 21:26, and Grace Winger took 20th with a time of 21:41. Marrin Harris ran a 22:06 to take 25th, and Dianne Dollison was 32nd at 22:49.

Morgan Braddock, Zosia Greer, Anna Czech and Mairin Heimbuch finished 33rd, 35th, 41st

and 43rd with times of 22:50, 22:59, 23:40 and 24:18.

"We really raced well today and the gaps between our girls were greatly improved. We are making tremendous progress and look to continue the progress over the next several weeks," head coach Steve Zaranek said. Our entire team continues to practice well and has set some tough but very attainable goals. We are in the middle of a very exciting season."

Four of South's top five runners are underclassmen and include freshman Kloie Roy and sophomores Ava Carr, Grace Winger and

Marrin Harris.

In the boys meet, ULS finished eighth with 180 points.

Northville won with 20 points, followed by Marine City with 49, Lamphere with 120, Woods-Tower with 131, Cardinal Mooney with 150, Lutheran Northwest with 163 and Shrine with 173.

For the Knights, Jacob Whitton and Evan Provenzano finished 18th and 19th with times of 18:07.24 and 18:16.79, while Garrett Flynn was 39th at 19:44.65.

Taveon Colston placed 53rd with a time of 21:24.92, and Jake Juip was 69th with a time of 38:08.00.

## Field hockey

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Leading the pack

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls field hockey team remained in first place in its division last week after posting back-to-back shutouts.

The Blue Devils opened the week with a 2-0 win over Farmington Hills Mercy and ended it with a 7-0 victory over West Bloomfield.

The win over Mercy was a division contest, while they played a non-league game against West Bloomfield.

In the Mercy game, Kate Adams scored on a direct corner shot, assisted by Lucy Roraff, and Kate Skupien added an insurance goal in the third quarter.

Molly Ryszewski

scored early in the first quarter, and five minutes later Carly Gesell tallied to give the home team a 2-0 lead.

Gesell scored early in the second quarter, and then Ryszewski scored to make it 4-0 in the first minute of the third period.

Rounding out the scoring was Katy Griffin, Veronica Van Rossen and Katherine Bsharah with a goal apiece.

Van Rossen had two assists, while Mia Craparrota, Katelyn Carion and Skupien each had one assist.

Head coach Jessie Rouleau and her Blue Devils improved to 5-0-1 in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 2 East and 6-0-1 overall.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

# Norsemen win in rain

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls field hockey team hosted Dearborn Edsel Ford last week and won 8-0.

It was only a 2-0 game at the half.

The Norsemen seemed to play better once it started raining early in the third quarter.

Senior Erin Murphy led the way with three

goals, while seniors Caleigh Murray and Ashlyn Senter had two goals apiece.

Senior Maddie Marsin also tallied a goal as the Norsemen put the game away in that third quarter, scoring four goals to build the lead to 6-0.

Head coach Emma Yee and her Norsemen have won three games in a row since the narrow loss to Country Day.

North is 4-3-1 overall.

## Fencing

## GROSSE POINTE

# Regional pressure

Renaissance Fencing Club is hosting the first regional youth circuit, which will also be the first USA fencing competition in the country, the weekend of Oct. 9 - 11.

Grosse Pointe Shores' Jeidus DeSeranno should dominate on the men's side in both the Y14 and Y12 men's foil events. In addition, Grosse Pointer Liam Reeves will contend in Y14 men's foil.

Newcomer Mason Fuller, of Grosse Pointe, will make his competition debut in the Y10 men's foil.

DeSeranno also has a chance to make the

Under 17 world championship team this year as a 12-year-old which would be historic.

Fencers at Renaissance Fencing Club don face masks under fencing masks, and are prepared for the first regional competition since the pandemic.

The local fencing club is the forerunner in the Midwest region and has ranked among the top three youth fencing clubs in the country for the last three years. In the 2018 - 2019 season, RFC finished third in the youth medal count with 32 Super Youth Medals. Although the 2019 - 2020 season was cut



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**Local fencers and parents are making positive strides in the sport. The Renaissance Fencing Club in Troy is hosting a regional competition, and a couple of Grosse Pointers are entered.**

short, RFC had already earned 33 SYC medals by the midpoint in the season.

The Regional Youth Circuit event will feature at least 110 fencers from the Midwest - more than 50 youth fencers from Renaissance Fencing Club will compete including both

beginners and experienced competitors.

DeSeranno, the 2019 Y10 National Champion, is ranked No. 1 in the USA in both Y12 and U14 age groups, and holds a top 20 rank in under-17, qualifying him to be part of the cadet international travel squad.

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

# Near the top

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls field hockey team stayed unbeaten in division play with a 4-2 road win over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood last week.

Delaney Garvey had two goals, while Brooke Summers and Elise Kogel also scored a goal apiece.

Head coach Amanda

Amine noted Ella Karolak was strong in the midfield, and Kaitlyn Gray and Tory Roth played well defensively.

"Got off to a slow start on the road and on grass, but we really worked hard and took control in the second half," Amine said.

ULS is 4-0 in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Division 2 East standings and 5-0 overall.

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**Football**

**GROSSE POINTE NORTH**

# North gets beat

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's football team ran into a buzz saw last weekend—undefeated Eastpointe.

After a scoreless first quarter, all Shamrocks as they sent the Norsemen to a 50-0 home defeat.

The home team struggled to move the ball on the Shamrocks' defense. The three turnovers and three quarterback sacks against didn't help.

The Norsemen were led by Kennard Williams, who rushed for 91 yards on 18 carries. Punter Mike Zontini had an effective night. Unfortunately, he was busy. He didn't get a chance to kick any field



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

North's Michael Zontini, right, is the starting wide receiver and place kicker.

goals or extra points.

The Shamrocks used big plays to put a majority of their touchdowns on the board, and they returned an interception for a TD on the final play of the third quarter which extended the lead

to 40-0. Head coach Joe Drouin and his Norsemen drop to 1-2 in the Macomb Area Conference Gold Division, and return to the field for a 1 p.m. game Saturday, Oct. 9, at Warren Cousino.

**GROSSE POINTE SOUTH**

# Blue Devils lose in Red Division

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South football team dropped its first game of the season last weekend, losing at home 21-7 to Macomb Dakota.

The Blue Devils' running game was stalled. They rushed the ball 20 times for 58 yards. Senior Egan Sullivan led the way with 56 yards rushing on 13 attempts.

They only had 151 yards of total offense as sophomore quarterback Anthony Benard threw

the ball only 14 times, completing six for 93 yards.

Time of possession was huge as the Cougars held the ball for 31:42 compared to 16:18 for the Blue Devils.

Despite not having the ball, the Blue Devils' defense kept them in the game. They gave the offense a chance.

It was only 10-0 at the half and 13-0 through three quarters.

Benard and junior wide receiver Will Johnson connected on a 4-yard touchdown pass

in the fourth quarter to get the Blue Devils right back in the game. Senior Bennett Smihal kicked the extra point and it 13-7 Cougars.

Johnson had four receptions for 56 yards with the one score.

The visitors tacked on an insurance touchdown midway through the fourth quarter to account for the final points.

Grosse Pointe South travels to Chippewa Valley for a 7 p.m. Macomb Area Conference Red Division contest on Friday, Oct. 9.

**UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL**

# Knights fall to host Mustangs

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School football team lost 55-12 on the road to Macomb Lutheran North last weekend.

Head coach Tarif Kumasi knew this was going to be a battle, and he was right as the Mustangs were too tough on this night.

For the Knights, junior quarterback Carson Roost was 25 of 51 for 174 yards with two touchdowns and three interceptions. The Mustangs were able to keep him in check.

Senior Malik Pierce led all receivers with eight catches for 55 yards and one TD, while sophomore Oliver Service had seven recep-

tions for 64 yards. Sophomore Ryan Jones had five receptions for 25 yards. The other touchdown was scored by sophomore Jack Jones, who had three catches for 27 yards.

Junior William Edwards had two catches for 3 yards.

ULS is 1-2 overall, and hosts Bishop Foley at 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9.

**LOCHMOOR CLUB**

# Martin wins tourney

Lochmoor Club head professional Kyle Martin recently won the Michigan PGA Match Play Championship at the Country Club of Lansing, beating five-time champion Brian Cairns of Fox Hills Golf and Learning Center 1

up. Martin entered the tournament as the No. 1 seed and defeated Jordan Young 1 up in his Round of 16 match.

Martin beat Matthew Zavadi 3 & 2 in the quarterfinals before dispatching of Scott Cook 3 and 2

in the semifinals.

Martin led the field in par breakers with 11, and finished his two rounds at -3 on the par 3 leader board, which was four shots better than Scott Hebert and Cairns.

—By Bob St. John  
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