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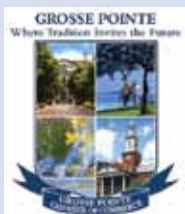
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On the cover

For our back-to-school issue, the old Cook Schoolhouse was a natural. The schoolhouse, built in 1890 near present-day Mack and Lochmoor, is the predecessor of what would eventually become the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Note the architectural detail and gingerbread in the cable end and cupola. Even then the Pointes were known for quality, and the old Cook Schoolhouse is a fine example of that. Special thanks to Grosse Pointe Woods for preserving this fine gem from our past.

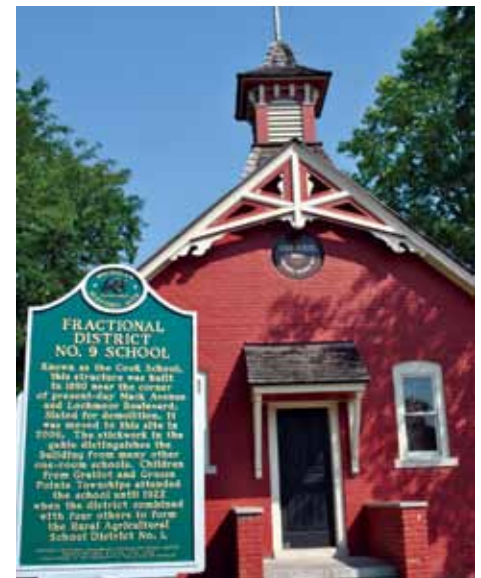


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John Minnis
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Last issue, we wrote about the relaunch of the *Bernida*, the boat that won the first and third Bayview Yacht Club Port Huron to Mackinac Races



Motoring in a 1941 Packard, Ted and Mary Stahl, below, took third place in the Rookie category of the Great Race, which ended July 1 at Greenfield Village, above.



Photos by John Minnis

in 1925 and 1927. We also wrote about Ted and Mary Stahl, of Grosse Pointe Woods, competing in their first Great Race, circumnavigating the Great Lakes from Traverse City to Dearborn, in a 1941 Packard convertible. The good news is that both the *Bernida* and the Stahls won!


The *Bernida*, owned and skippered by Al Declercq, of Grosse Pointe Park, and crewed by Ken and Connor Flaska, Matthew Declercq and Fred and Ward Detwiler, finished first out of 118 boats in the Shore Course Division in the 2012 Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race. (See Ted Everingham's follow-up story in this issue.)

The Stahls took third place in the Rookie category in the Great Race. "I didn't win. The car did," said Ted Stahl at the finish line July 1 outside Greenfield Villlage at The Henry Ford. "Look at her (the Packard). She's ready to do it again." Except for some electrical problems, the Packard ran like a champ, and the convertible was a bonus given the record heat over the week-long race. Mary plans to do the race herself next year with daughter Kaitlyn navigating. No doubt they will finish not in record time but on exact time, which the Great

Race is all about!

Another great story in this issue for which I share some credit is the induction of Dwayne X. Riley into the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame. Dwayne was our first "Pointe Senior Personality" in our inaugural May-June 2010 issue of Pointe Magazine. That year Bill Bonds and Jerry Hodak were being inducted into the Journalism Hall of Fame. After reading about Dwayne's six Emmys, I told him he should be in the Hall of Fame.

I promised to help him get nominated but, I am sorry to say, I never got around to getting back to Dwayne. However, my comment planted a seed with Dwayne and his 11 kids. Daughter Tanya helped her dad put the nominating package together and on April 22, 2012, Dwayne X. Riley was finally, and justly, inducted into the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame.

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Mike's Favorites

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Death Cab for Cutie

TV Show

Lost

Store

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School Subject

Social Studies

Food

Ribs

Thing to do on a Saturday night

Get together with friends

Athlete

Drew Brees

Teacher

Brian Stackpoole

What song on your iPod would people be surprised by?

"Midnight Train to Georgia"

What chore do you absolutely hate doing?

Washing other people's dishes.

If you could have three wishes granted what would they be?

1. Never need to worry about money.
2. Good health for all my family.
3. Free pizza for life.

Where do you see yourself in five years?

Graduated from Michigan and on my way to finding my dream job, whatever that may be.

About Mike:

Mike is a 2011 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School. He begins his sophomore year at the University of Michigan this fall.

Mike is an avid reader and enjoys any kind of sport.

His brother David, 16, attends North.

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GROSSE POINTE THEATRE CELEBRATES 65 YEARS

By Amy Miller

The September kickoff of Grosse Pointe Theatre's 2012-13 season marks the community group's 65th anniversary. But there are no divas among the theater's members.

"We are grateful for the community's support, and look forward to providing theatrical excellence and entertainment for many more years," says GPT Executive Director Marcia Scavarda. "Gratitude is definitely the prevailing feeling around here," Scavarda says of 315 Fisher Road, which serves as the group's office, rehearsal and storage space and scene shop.

The historic building is a beehive of activity year-round as GPT members prepare for five major marquee shows as well as youth theater productions and a non-traditional show on the Purdon Studio Theatre stage at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. Every Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. are "work sessions" with sewing, set building, singing, dancing and script reading occurring in every room.

"It's not just the lunch we bring in to keep everyone working, that's inviting," warmly laughs Emmajean Evans, a 40-year GPT member. "It's the welcoming attitude to foster the talents and resources of the Pointes, the greater Detroit metropolitan area, Grosse Pointe Theatre patrons and the ever-growing number of Grosse Pointe Theatre members."

It's been that way ever since GPT's founder, the late Russel Werneken, went door-to-door in 1947 and 1948 to secure funds to create a community theater close to home. From a humble

nucleus of 38 charter members, GPT has grown in membership to almost 450 people of all ages, from all walks of life.

GPT has a national reputation. Just ask Julie Crawford, executive director of the American Association of Community Theatre based in Fort Worth, Texas. "There's 7,000 community theaters across the country, and Grosse Pointe Theatre continues to work hard to improve its service to the Grosse Pointe communities, such as with



its unique youth on stage programs that offer constructive and affordable activity for kids," Crawford says.

Crawford emphasizes that a successful community theater is no small feat, especially in this difficult economy. The 501(c)3 not-for-profit Grosse Pointe Theatre clearly has positive economic impact on the Pointes, attracting 20,000-plus audience members annually who not only pay to attend the shows, but also

65th Anniversary Season

Oklahoma!

Sept. 16, 20-23, 27-30

Rehearsal for Murder

Nov. 4, 8-11, 15-17

Big River:

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

Jan. 20, 24-27, 31

Feb. 1, 2

The Heiress

Mar. 10, 14-17, 21-23

The Drowsy Chaperone

May 5, 8-12, 16-18

dine out and even purchase gas for their commute home.

"I'm also proud that Grosse Pointe Theatre provides an opportunity for the community to experience shows that are culturally, historically or aesthetically significant, and musicals that include America's greatest

composers and lyricists," says GPT President Rick Hawley. "I hope that more people will get involved with Grosse Pointe Theatre. There's truly a place for everyone. And, I hope that in this anniversary year, we can leverage awareness to have more people attend our shows." [P](#)

Center, GPT members Peggy Ptasznik, Jane Burkey and Ginger Hupp sewing costumes during a Saturday work session. Right, Ginger Hupp.

Thank You

As we celebrate our 65th year, we reflect back on our humble beginnings with gratitude for the man whose dream inspired the creation of Grosse Pointe Theatre.

The year was 1948. Russel Werneken went door-to-door to raise funds to start a community theater group. Members rehearsed in basements, churches and storefronts to perfect their craft and produce quality theatrical performances.

Grosse Pointe Theatre has grown a lot since then but our passion for quality performing arts has not changed. Today, we work out of our rehearsal facility on Fisher Road and perform our main stage productions at Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Fries Auditorium. We're 400 members strong – people from all walks of life who volunteer countless hours to provide enriching theatrical experiences for our audiences.

We do this for our love of theater. Your applause is our payment.

We're thankful Russel Werneken pursued his dream. And we're grateful for our audiences, supporters and community for helping us continue that dream.

This September, Grosse Pointe Theatre will raise the curtain on its 65th season, continuing our commitment to theater excellence. We welcome you as we celebrate the beginning of our next 65 years.



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There will also be the charity VIP Party in the evening — again at Northern Trust — featuring luxury live and silent auctions, jazz entertainment, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. The cost is \$75 per person (\$90 after Aug. 24) and includes complimentary valet parking and gifts.

Founded in Detroit in 1989, Racing For Kids has raised nearly \$5 million for children's hospitals and child health institutions and causes across the country.

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Grosse Pointe Public Library Takes STEP in the Right Direction

By Susan Bollinger

It's a familiar sight at the Grosse Pointe Woods Branch Public Library after school. At dismissal, students leaving Parcels Middle School head for the library, just a few steps away.

"While they wait for rides or for a parent to come home, the youth can get bored restless and may be looking to let off a little after-school steam," says Pat McClary, Youth Services Librarian. "We welcomed them in the library, but at times their behavior became disruptive to other patrons."

Library Director Vickey Bloom viewed the after-school dilemma as an opportunity, confirming that "the library is committed to providing a range of services to address

the evolving needs of our library community."

Staff embraced the challenge. Working with Parcels Middle School and Grosse Pointe Public School System administration, CARE of Southeastern Michigan and other community partners developed a pilot program called Study, Tutoring, Enrichment Program, or STEP.

"STEP provides a structured environment where students can select from a variety of services. It operates from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. school days," explains McClary, who is also the STEP coordinator. "Students sign a pact acknowledging their responsibility to follow rules, share resources with others and be

respectful so all visitors to the library have a positive experience."

Students sign in and choose one of several programs, including quiet study, computer use or an enrichment program.

"Students have responded positively and are learning life and study skills, watching movies, playing video games, participating in Teen Advisory Board activities, craft projects and more."

As many as 60 students fill the youth room after school. Total program attendance topped 1,500 since it was introduced March 26.

For more information about STEP, contact Pat McClary at (313) 343-2072. [P](#)

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Dr. Hunt believes this is a very exciting time to be a dentist. "There are several new techniques available for smile-enhancement, and [there's] no reason for a patient to be anything but delighted with their smile," he says. Dr. Hunt is quick to point out that achieving Top Dentist recognition is a team effort. With the help of his experienced and dedicated staff, and a highly skilled group of specialists, he is able to successfully transform smiles and restore dental health.

"I value each patient as a personal friend, appreciate the confidence they have in my ability, and am thankful for the support they have afforded me over the years," Dr. Hunt says. During these difficult economic times, Dr. Hunt reassures his patients that his office doors will always be open to them, regardless of their current employment status or financial situation.



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Interactive Metronome:

an aid in focus, reading and math

By Jim Stickford

Focus. That is what Grosse Pointe Woods resident Paul Sikorski offers students with concentration problems — an opportunity to learn focus and improve their reading and math skills.

Sikorski says his company, Michigan Peak Performance Professionals, which is marketed by a Florida company called

Interactive Metronome, uses a technique he calls repeated auditory rhythmic stimulation developed in the early 1970s.

Sikorski's methods use a computerized metronome system whereby users learn to coordinate their movements — they start with clapping — to a particular beat. The idea is to clap in time with the beat. The measuring system is so precise that it detects in milliseconds how off the user's clapping is from the actual beat they are supposed to be in sync with.

Sikorski explains that reading is far more of a physical skill than many people understand. By bettering coordination, concentration is improved. The technique is also popular with professional athletes.

"Basically there is brain plasticity," Sikorski says. "Meaning the brain grows new neural pathways. So these new pathways are recognized as superior and they become new superhighways for transmitting data."

His students take 12 one-hour sessions, Sikorski says. He can come to a person's home or go to a doctor's office for a more clinical setting. That entirely depends on the person. People appreciate the choice.

"This works for any age, but I've found it works best for kids between the ages of five and 15," Sikorski says. "When people are skeptical of the technique, I try to show them as much clinical data taken from such institutions as Stanford and George Washington University, as possible. This technique was first developed in the early 1990s, so there's now 20 years of research showing how it works."

Many parents are surprised by how well the technique improves their

much success with medication. Trevor is competitive and Paul was able to use that. I saw no harm in trying an alternate to medication."

And the result was that after completing the course Trevor was better able to concentrate. Math and reading test scores also showed marked improvement. Jones says Trevor was always smart, but now he feels more focused and more confident in his abilities. In particular, his confidence in his math skills is much greater now.

Daughter Tegan was tested and diagnosed with ADD. She also worked with Sikorski and saw improvements in her concentration.

"Tegan is not as competitive as Trevor," Smith says. "She didn't




Devyn La Valley and Paul Sikorski. La Valley is the only freshman girl on the Grosse Pointe North lacrosse team. "It helps a lot," she says of the metronome system.

Photo by John Minnis

children's concentration. That is certainly the case with Grosse Pointe Park mother Cindy Jones. Her two children, Trevor, now 14, and Tegan, now 12, have both worked with Sikorski.

"When Trevor was in the sixth grade, he worked with Mr. Sikorski," Jones says. "He had been diagnosed with ADHD and we weren't having

work as hard as Trevor, who was determined to beat the system, but her scores improved as well. I am thrilled with the results."

Those wishing to learn more about Sikorski and his system can go to www.mipeakperformance.com, or contact him at psikorski@mipeakperformance.com. 

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Assumption Nursery School and Toddler Center

Assumption Nursery School and Toddler Center is taking registrations for the Fall 2012-2013. Morning developmental classes are offered for Preschoolers (ages 3 to 4 years), Transition (ages 2 ½ – 3 years), Toddler (ages 1 – 2 ½ years) Young 5's (Kindergarten eligible students who need a growth year) and full- or half-day Kindergarten.

Full day child care is available from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Children who stay a full day have the option of enrolling in a nap program or an afternoon instructional program led by a qualified teacher and complete with developmentally appropriate activities. Afternoon preschool classes (12:30 – 3:30 p.m.) are offered for 3- and 4-year-olds and Young 5-year-olds (kindergarten-age students who need a growth year).

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About Mark:

Mark and wife Sheri have three children, Parker, 12; Emmie, 9; and Lexi, 6.

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Drama Mamas

By Kim North Shine

They are the drama mamas of Maire Elementary. That is not to say they are gossip girls or some troublesome clique looking for attention.

In truth, Sara Fischer Hodges and Cathy Pomaville are the calm, creative, inclusive pair of moms behind the Maire Drama Club, which has exposed hundreds of children to an experience that's come with much fun and many lessons during the last four years.

Their drama comes where it should: on stage. Since 2008 Hodges has written original plays and Pomaville has designed and built costumes and sets that move, make noise, even explode. It all has the kids - and parents at the annual performances - asking, "How did they think of that?"

There will be no sequel for the

pairing this year. The Hodges-Pomaville team is parting. Pomaville's younger daughter leaves Maire for Pierce Middle School so she's breaking from the production that fills her Grosse Pointe Park home with mountains of costumes and set supplies. Hodges, however, mom to a son moving to Pierce, is staying and keeping up hope that their Drama Club project will finally be exported to other schools.

"There is just so much value in this for the kids and for the parents," says Hodges, an actress and singer in a traveling troupe, A (Habeas) Chorus Line.

After five shows, "The Bird and The Bear," "How Jackson Saved the Sea," "The Land of Futures Passed," "The Fairly Good Mother" and "The Supersonic Imaginatronic," all of them with morals and roles for as many students as want them (though there are tryouts for prime parts), duplicating the program would be doable.

"I would love to turn our experience into a program that could be distributed," Hodges says.


Besides the overall lesson that Hodges works to impart: anti-bullying, anti-materialism, respect

for parents and the earth, etc., the takeaway for the actors and singers is plentiful.

They memorize lines, dances and songs, and grow confident doing it. They learn patience during rehearsals and backstage downtime. They learn to be comfortable in front of an audience. They make friendships and see hard work end in a reward.

Each year the Drama Club puts on three performances: two nighttime and one daytime. Proceeds from donations made by the audience always go to charity. One performance resulted in a mosaic being installed at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

"It won't be the same without Cathy," Hodges says. "But the show will go on."

To inquire about starting a drama club at your school, email her at sarafischer@comcast.net. 



Cathy Pomaville and Sara Fischer Hodges



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Top of page, left: cast of "The Fairly Good Mother"; right: cast of "The Land of Futures Past." Left, top: a scene from the Maire Drama Club's first play in 2008, "The Bird and the Bear"; left: a scene from "How Jackson Saved the Sea."

Pretty nails

By Dr. Saima A. Khan

Warm weather and the revealing footwear that accompanies it have many people seeking help for toenail problems. The most common toenail ailment is onychomycosis, or a fungal nail infection. Nails become yellow, thick, brittle and may even lift up off the nail bed. Aside from appearing unattractive, it can be painful.



Fungal infections are contagious and can be acquired from public places such as swimming pools and gyms. The risk of getting an infection is increased by having a skin or nail injury, athlete's foot, diabetes or wearing shoes with poor ventilation. Your doctor will probably be able to diagnose this infection based solely on an examination of your toes, however, sometimes nail clippings or scrapings may be necessary.

Treatment can be difficult. There are lots of possibilities: creams, medicated nail polish (both over the counter and prescription) and pills. Antifungal pills need close monitoring for side effects. Fungal infections can take months (even up to a year!) to be eradicated and may also recur.

The best thing to do is to prevent an infection in the first place, and when you see any nail changes, be proactive and seek treatment right away.

If you are prone to these infections, try soaking your feet in a 2:1 mixture of warm water and vinegar for 15-20 minutes several times a week. Be sure to rinse well. Another home remedy that may work: Vicks VapoRub applied to the nail nightly and covered with a Band-Aid.

Dr. Saima A. Khan, MD, MPH grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms and lives in the Woods with her husband and three daughters. She practices internal medicine in Warren, 28351 Schoenherr, (586) 393-6500.

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RIGHT at home

By Virginia Ficarra

Once the children are off to school, the bucket list begins. Repurpose that empty bedroom or makeover your master bedroom. If you are looking for a simple way to add interest here are some ideas.



There has been a renewed interest in accenting one wall with a contrasting color as a focal point. The grandfather clock in this two-story foyer comes alive with Zone painting. The deep hue draws attention to the corner and enhances the rich tones of the wood.

Consider the tricks color can play. Begin by remodeling with a

paintbrush instead of a hammer or saw. Remember, dark colors bring walls forward while lighter tones push them back. Magically square off a narrow room by painting the sidewalls a lighter tone, or shorten a hallway by painting the end walls a deeper tone.

A paint hue can also manipulate the visual temperature of a room. To create warmth, splash on a red, yellow or orange tone for northern or eastern exposures. A south or west facing room painted light blue, green, or purple will seem cooler.

Photos by Virginia Ficarra



As you enter this bedroom the king size bed is the first thing you see. Once in the room, a large magnificent fireplace vies for attention. The solution to balance the weight of the space was to draw more attention to the headboard wall. The diagonal cuts on the mirrored night stand and tufted headboard inspired the lattice woodwork. The mitered moldings and medallions were painted, and piece by piece carefully fit onto the wall. Like a teeter-totter, this architectural detail added texture and balance to the room. The outcome was so pleasing we explored using the same detail for the two-story foyer.



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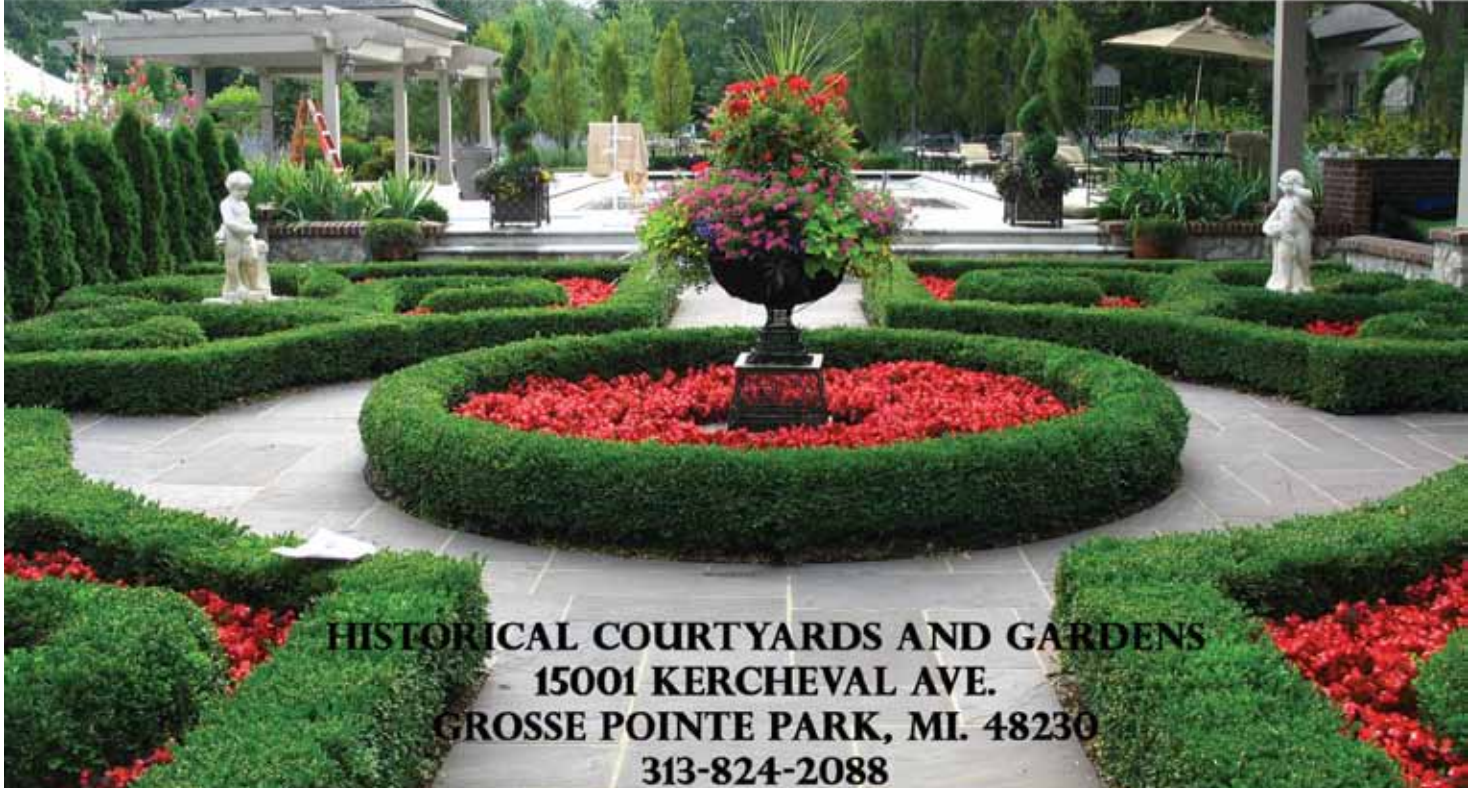
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Autumn: a vital season for gardening

By Jim Meyers, Founder
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Instead of dreading the decline of annual color, why not welcome the fall with a real celebration of seasonal color? Fall is a perfect time to rid your beds and pots of spent annuals and convert them into festive fall displays using gourds, pumpkins, straw and corn stalks. Think harvest time themes and colors.

Fall is a perfect time for planting



evergreens, shade trees and woody ornamentals as fruits, vegetables and perennials are best suited for the spring planting season. Fall is also the best time to plant your spring flowering bulbs. Bulbs need to establish some roots before winter frost sets in. The best window for planting your bulb display or collection is from Sept. 15 to Oct. 1. There is no better way to compliment a large Pachysandra or Myrtle ground cover planting than by adding in Daffodil or Hyacinth for a remarkable show of spring color.

Fall truly is the best time for making plans for your garden's future. Many people hold off on garden design or landscape planning until the beginning of the spring season. It seems that most everyone thinks in tune with spring and misses out on the opportunity to enjoy the garden to the fullest in the first year. With this in mind, the absolute best time to craft your landscape garden or master plan is in the fall. By designing and finalizing your landscape plans in the fall you can put the hardscape improvements in and in some cases, most if not all of the evergreens and woody ornamentals. Then come early spring you can hit the ground running and complete the painting with your perennials and ground cover. With well planned out early installations you can enjoy your garden to the fullest in the first year while avoiding the construction dust in the middle of summer when outdoor living is at its best. ☺



pointe pastor

Faith, praise in a storm

By the Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver

In June, I went with 38 other adults and youth to a summer Christian festival.

This year one of our members had an accident that required the EMTs to take him to a nearby hospital to examine a potential head injury.



It would have been easy for us to focus on this storm. Instead, we praised God because we

knew even during this storm God was present. We sat around the campfire that night and sang songs of praise.

Our faith was informed by Mark 4:35-41. This story reminds us that God is with us during the entire length of the storm. It is not trite saying that Jesus sees us through the storm because Jesus is with us in the storm. Sometimes we get so focused on the storm we forget to look at the beauty around us.

Our faith states that God is with us through our storms, and God is with us right now. As the words by Casting Crowns declare in the song, "I'll praise you in this storm":

*But once again, I say "Amen," and
it's still raining
As the thunder rolls
I barely hear Your whisper through
the rain
"I'm with you...."
You never left my side
And though my heart is torn
I will praise You in this storm.*

(The Church member had no injuries and returned to the festival.)

The Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver is pastor of Grosse Pointe Congregational Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

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LIFELONG MILITARY MAN CONTINUES SERVICE

By Pete Waldmeir

Retired U. S. Army Lt. Col. Dick McClelland isn't one to blow his own horn.

Except, that is, when he's volunteering to play taps at a military funeral. Or while he's honking and waving to passersby as he's zipping through his Grosse Pointe Park neighborhood in the World War II vintage Jeep that he rebuilt in his backyard garage.

Then, of course, there also are those times when trumpeter McClelland joins the other volunteer Grosse Pointe Symphony musicians, providing the accompaniment for a local high school theatre production.

An odd combination, right? Here's a guy who did two tours slogging through Vietnam as an infantry platoon leader fresh out of West Point, then got an M.S. and a PhD. in engineering at the University of Detroit and a B.A. in music at Wayne State and finished a 30-year Army career in his "dream job," as director

of the Tank Automotive Research and Development Center in Warren.

And now he relaxes, literally, with a trumpet in one hand and a monkey wrench in the other. "My musician friends will probably tell you that I'm more handy with the wrench than I am with the horn," McClelland says, laughing. "But I love both hobbies."

After spending a good portion of his early life blowing things up, McClelland now attacks his reconstruction projects with loving care. He's rebuilt one WWII vintage Jeep totally from original parts that he scrounged from dealers across the U.S., right down to the grease guns, blackout lights and the hand crank for emergency jump starts. And he's got another '40s era Jeep stripped to the frame and ready for the original 4-cylinder, 60 hp. engine he's retooling as we speak.


"People should remember," McClelland says, "that Willys and Ford built 640,000 of these Jeeps



Photos by John F. Martin

during World War II. They were the workhorse of the Allied victory. They're part of our country's history."

Some other history that McClelland vividly remembers: the members of all military services who have passed on. He is among 100 buglers and trumpeters in Michigan, part of the 6,000 member "Bugles Across America" organization who volunteer to play "Taps" at funerals of all deceased veterans and military personnel.

"Some funerals play 'Taps' on a recording," McClelland says, "I was there. I was one of the lucky ones. To play it live is the least I can do." 

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DWAYNE X. RILEY

6-TIME EMMY WINNER INDUCTED INTO MICHIGAN JOURNALISM HALL OF FAME

By John Minnis

Dwayne X. Riley was inducted into the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame in April. What took them so long?

Riley, a widower living in Grosse Pointe Park, won six Emmy awards before retiring after half of a century in broadcast news reporting. He retired in 1994. “It was an honor, of course,” Riley says of being inducted into Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame. “It is the greatest jewel in my retirement crown.”

While Riley, 83, was a shoo-in for the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame, he still needed someone to nominate him, document his career and achievements and obtain letters of reference from past colleagues and leaders. That formidable task was taken on by one of Riley’s 11 children, Tanya Riley Van Wagner, who lives in Onsted, Mich.

Riley is most remembered for his *Riley’s World* vignettes on WWJ, Detroit — long before Andy Rooney’s *60 Minutes* shtick. Riley began at WWJ, Detroit in 1960, anchoring the morning and noon newscasts. Apparently his ratings weren’t stellar, so management put him back on the street. Riley was thrilled with the “demotion.”

“I didn’t enjoy anchoring that much anyway,” he says. “It was boring to me.” Back in the day, newscasters wrote their own copy. Today, producers do all that, Riley says, and anchors just read. The old street reporter wanted no part of that.

Riley grew up in St. Cloud, Minn. He enrolled in journalism school at the University of Nebraska, but since the school did not teach broadcasting, Riley dropped out in favor of the American Institute of the Air, radio broadcasting school. While working as news and program director at stations in Iowa and Wisconsin, Riley was drafted in 1955 into the Army. He “battled his way” to the Far East Network newsroom in Tokyo, where he was the only enlisted man allowed to write and edit his own newscasts.

After the service, Riley landed a job as news director for WWTW in Cadillac, where he gained some notice for his coverage of the building of the Mackinac Bridge. He was then “recruited” by WJIM in Lansing and WKNX in Saginaw

before landing with WWJ, Detroit.

While at WWJ, one of Riley’s favorite stories was “Eyes of Age,” for which he won an Emmy. To do the piece, Riley actually stayed in an “old folks home” in Detroit. His mother was included in the piece. He recalls the courage with which the elderly residents faced their maladies. His saddest memory is of residents lining up at the nursing home’s “post office” for mail. Ninety-nine percent of them would not get mail, but they eagerly lined up everyday anyway. Riley’s admiration and dedication to older Americans continues

today with his volunteer work for Services for Older Citizens, where you can find him eating lunch three days a week — Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

In another piece for WWJ, “Skid Row,” Riley let his beard grow, put on tattered, filthy clothing and played the role of a wino, a bum. He even spent a night in a flophouse. He was initially afraid of other inner-city elements, but it was the suburban teenagers looking to harass a bum that proved the greatest danger.

While doing a piece on the growing battle between trucking and railroads, “Road to Rails,” Riley interviewed Teamsters President James R. “Jimmy” Hoffa, who disappeared and was presumed murdered in 1975.

In yet another piece, Riley spent his time off interviewing inmates at Jackson Prison. Not all his stories were serious. He had some fun doing pieces on the “Champion Husband Caller” at the Michigan

State Fair and on the Red Garter Band, which is still around today.

More recently, Riley wrote, produced and narrated a program, *Kids Talk*, for the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department. The program won a national Telly Award for Grosse Pointe War Memorial cable, WMTV.


Of course, the Hall of Fame induction occurred on the “worst” of weekends for the widespread Riley family. There was a destination wedding in Florida and a newborn and a baby on the way elsewhere. Riley sent a video of his induction to family members ... a fitting tribute to a pioneer in television news. 



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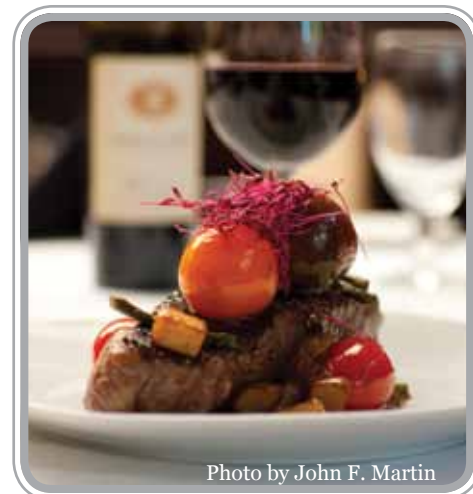


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VillageFest will feature food and refreshments, live music, a juried art fair, Kidz on the Block children's "play pen," a classic car show, sidewalk shopping, and a Sunday afternoon "Pooch Parade."

The festival, which is sponsored by Beaumont Health System, will span the entire three block shopping district of the Village, on Kercheval between Cadieux and Neff.



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City	Grosse Pointe Woods
Occupation	Teacher - elementary school



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Chocolate

Activity

Visiting with friends

Book

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Restaurant

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Mackinac Island

Childhood TV Show

The Honeymooners

Movie

My Big Fat Greek Wedding

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The Golden Rule

One thing you miss about being a kid?

Running around with friends

What was your first job?

Teaching third grade in St. Clair Shores

Are you a collector of anything?

Waterford crystal

Your biggest accomplishment?

Raising two happy children and being married happily for 50 years to Alex.

What is your biggest regret?

Being diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis

What is the most historical day in your lifetime?

My first trip to Scotland

About

Pauline:

Pauline has been married to her best friend, husband Alex for over 50 years. Together they raised two children, Allison and Colin. They are now the proud grandparents of Colin, 12 and Ian, 7.

The family also shares their home with two cats, Henry and Leo, who Pauline says know they are loved.

A nearly life-long Grosse Pointer, Pauline cherishes her many dear friends. She is loyal, compassionate, happy, content and a good listener.

Though not deeply religious, she attends church, believes in God and Jesus Christ as her savior.



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Conversation, companionship

By Terri Murphy

*F*ind that most of my clients and their families initially place a low value on companionship. In fact, when we are speaking with prospective clients, conversations tend to focus on the more tactical aspects of care with little regard to the relational aspects.

We always hope to make life easier for our clients by helping with activities of daily living, but for people who live alone, companionship is also very important. People who are used to the company of their spouse or a significant other often find it uncomfortable to be alone for an extended period of time. Being alone may be a pleasant change every once in a while, but over time, isolation and boredom can set in. Also, every creak or noise in the home can be unsettling.

Frankly, many of our clients place a tremendous value in the presence of a caregiver. Be it a feeling of safety or peace of mind, a voice of encouragement, someone to reminisce with, participate in activities with, or simply having someone to lend a helping hand, life tends to be more enjoyable when it is a shared experience.

We need to place a higher value on companionship for our elderly. They can feel isolated and alone and this can lead to depression. It is important for people to interact regularly. So when looking at your loved ones' care needs, do not overlook the value of spending time with them and talking and participating in activities with them.

Terri Murphy is a Certified Senior Advisor and the owner of Home Helpers, a Non-Medical Home Care Business. She lives in Grosse Pointe. She may be reached by telephone at (313) 881-4600 or by email at tmurphy572@comcast.net. Home Helpers' website is www.homehelpers-mi.com.

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Bernida returns a winner!

By Ted Everingham

History repeated itself at 11:27:48 on Monday morning, July 16, when *Bernida*, winner of the 1925 and 1927 Bayview Mackinac Races, sailed across the finish line with an elapsed time of 47 hours, 27 minutes and 48 seconds to capture first place in her 14-boat class in the 2012 Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race. On corrected time, the 91-year-old "R" Class sloop also finished first in her 118-boat Shore Course Division.

Designed and built by MIT professor George Owen in 1921, *Bernida* was by far the oldest boat in the 219-boat fleet as well as the smallest: A couple of inches short of 32 feet long (only 23 1/2

feet on the waterline) and a mere 8 feet wide.

After her second Mackinac win in 1927, *Bernida* just disappeared until she was discovered near Frankfort, Mich., in 2004. Roman Barnwell



restored the tired boat on Mackinac Island and then tried unsuccessfully to sell her. Finally, he listed her on eBay.

Enter Grosse Pointe Park resident, Bayview member and sailmaker Al Declercq who called Barnwell and said, "Take *Bernida* off eBay, and I'll buy her." The deal was struck in October 2011, and Al brought *Bernida* home to Bayview, determined to sail her in the 2012 Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race...and win!

While Al will tell you that — thanks to Barnwell's work — *Bernida* "looks better today than when she won the first Mackinac race" in 1925, preparing her to slog her way 235 miles up Lake Huron required a good deal of work. The rig was strengthened and reconfigured, and high-load areas were reinforced.

Her six-man crew included Al, his son Matthew, long-time friends Fred Detwiler and Ken Flaska (both Bayview members and Grosse Pointe Park residents) and their sons, Ward and Connor, respectively. Ken went to the top of the mast during the race to replace a couple of broken blocks. His repairs held throughout the race.

Bernida's triumph in the 88th consecutive sailing of Bayview's iconic trek to Mackinac earns a special place in the annals of the race and a page in our *Great Lakes Log*.

Ted Everingham's *Great Lakes Log* can be seen daily at 1:30 & 4:30 a.m. and 1:30 & 10:30 p.m. on WMTV, a service of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, on Comcast channels 5 & 915 in the Pointes and Harper Woods, on WOW channel 10 in Grosse Pointe Woods and on AT&T U-verse in seven counties in Southeast Michigan.



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Above, the *Bernida* sails her way to victory. Below, *Bernida* crewmembers Ken Flaska, Al Declercq, Matthew Declercq, Fred Detwiler, Connor Flaska and Ward Detwiler



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Frank Cherro is Head Chef at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club

The old saying “they eat with their eyes first” has never been more true when you arrive at Morning Glory. Walking down Kercheval through the “Hill” of Grosse Pointe Farms to turn into the beautiful front portico, furnished with the fireplace and the statues, hits you in the face like hot steam from an oven. The very first thing you notice on the inside has to be the spiral staircase nestled among the elephant collection. The other artwork is quite nice and fitting to the atmosphere. It’s a library meets executive board room meets coffee

shop. The rooms are balanced, and the shop had a great feeling about it.

You can’t help but notice what’s in store for your inner child with the sight of cakes on display. However, those are for later.

First we need to talk about the savory items offered by chef Andre Neimanis. The smooth and velvety tomato soup served with a hunk of baguette is just the beginning of a simple yet elegant lunch menu. The Muffaletta sandwich served on ciabatta was delicious.

My group tried a few of the breakfast offerings too. The ham and cheese croissant was well received as were the scrambled eggs. I was slightly disappointed that my cheddar biscuit was overlooked.

Along with our food, Morning Glory has a wonderful list of coffee drinks, which we sampled — Espresso, Macchiato, Café au Lait — and don’t forget the drip coffee featuring Kenya AA and Vienna blends.

We easily cruised into our selection of mini pastries and tarts. Wasn’t it a line from Jerry Maguire, “You had me at cannoli”?

Pastry Chef Sandi Seaman, with her staff of decorators, offers a miniature and full-size version. I highly

Morning Glory Grosse Pointe Farms



Chef Frank’s rating

recommend the mini fruit tart, or should I say several of them?! Sharing space in the display case was a Black Forrest Tart, Mocha Mousse Cup, a larger size fruit tart, Beignets and a nice selection of cakes. There are also many different types of bread baked every morning, and you can purchase the day’s remaining baked goods at a reduced price in the evening.

When you are out for a nice evening stroll, Morning Glory has an adult beverage list as well. Spanish Coffee and Nutty Irishman top my list, but a romantic glass of wine or cold beer on the porch could be just as relaxing.

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P.S. there is a statue at the front door of a handsome yet husky fellow, it’s not me.



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2011 Run the Pointe winners: Austin Montgomery, left, 1st place in men's 5K race, Evan Carter, center, 2nd place in men's 5K race, Jack Dolan, right, 3rd place in men's 5K race

Photo by John Sohn



FUNDRAISING FOR SOUTH ATHLETICS

By Kim North Shine

There are lots of reasons to Run the Pointe, and they aren't all about finishing with a fast time.

For one, it's a great way to see Grosse Pointe Farms as the course goes up The Hill business district, through beautiful residential streets and down Grosse Pointe Boulevard.

There's also the fun of starting off one of the last days of summer, outdoors, maybe with family or friends, doing something good for you.

And then there's the cause that the proceeds from the run support: scholarships for four South student athletes each year, purchase of uniforms and protective gear no longer covered by the district, special events and seminars such as the appearance of an Olympic wrestling champ and more.

Run the Pointe, a fundraising event for the Grosse Pointe South Athletic Booster Club, is set for 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at South High School.

There are 5K, 10K runs and a 2-mile walk. Registration can be completed online or the day of the run.

As far as organizers can tell, this is officially the ninth year of Run the Pointe, says John Sohn, a board member of the booster club and organizer of the run.

It has grown and taken on some race crowd legitimacy since being certified by the USA Track & Field Association and since outfitting runners with chip-timers that record official finish times.

"We try to keep our run somewhat low key and low maintenance," says Sohn, a father to three daughters, all of them cross-country runners. "But with the certification, if someone were

to break a world record, it would be officially recognized.

"We've tried to make it more formal for serious runners and also keep it simple," says Sohn.

Last year more than 350 people participated, and Sohn says the same number — or more — are expected for 2012. Of last year's runners, 25 came from outside of Grosse Pointe. The majority are South students, many of them taking pledges to raise funds for the teams they play for. Others are South parents interested in joining the cause.

The race entry fee is \$20 and donations above that are appreciated. They can be designated to specific sports or teams, Sohn says.

"Our aim is to give the kids the best so they can succeed athletically," says Sohn, "and we think academically also." ☐



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Your most often used phrase? "We do one on one in-home tutoring." I get asked every day, what is Tutor Doctor?

Best advice you have received? Focus on the positive and don't get hung up on minutiae.

If you weren't a Tutor Doctor what would you be? I would be working with seniors (senior home care) or something with a non-profit. Helping families and the homeless.

What is your next goal? Expand Tutor Doctor to other parts of Metro Detroit to reach more families and kids needing help.

Favorite thing to do outside of work? Hang out with my family and dogs, go for walks in the neighborhood and to the Village for ice cream.

Tell us something about you that most people don't know. Probably that I have a goofy side and I'm both very caring and empathetic. And, I am a huge Ohio State football fan!

Words to live by? Things happen for a reason. And...don't go a day without ice cream!

About Michael:

Michael and wife Lisa live in the Park.

He enjoys going on 'adventures' around town, downtown Detroit, Up North and to Eastern Market.

When he's not busy as the Tutor Doctor, Michael likes taking the dogs to the park, reading, sports and working out.

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Daisy Mae doesn't like thunder or fireworks. She makes her home with Tracy Drake.

Daphne



Daphne is a 1-year-old female Samoyed of Grosse Pointe Woods who loves to go for walks in the neighborhood with her owners Lindsay and Jared Schroeder.

Frances Teacup & Miss Peyton



Frances Teacup, left, is a 1.5 year old chihuahua/dachshund mix. Miss Peyton is a 5-year-old chorkie. They live with proud owners Kristi and Adam Latra.

Isabelle



Isabelle, enjoying a beautiful day at American Cancer Society's Bark for Life in Grosse Pointe, resides with Walker and Anne Archer of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Lowen Brau



Lowen Brau, pictured at American Cancer Society's Bark for Life in Grosse Pointe, lives with Helga Gust in St. Clair Shores.

Maddie



Maddie enjoys Bark for Life with her Grosse Pointe Woods owners, Carol Cohn and Bark for Life Chairman Mark Cohn.

Meeka



Meeka, a Bark for Life participant, happily resides with Bark for Life Chairman Mark Cohn and Carol Cohn of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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April Haddock, Office Assistant, Grosse Pointe Apartments
“April is well mannered and house trained as of February 2012. She enjoys visiting Frankenmuth and reading the Grosse Pointe Magazine.” Submitted by her “owner,” Anna Bartolotta, of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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In back, from left: Dr. David Balaj, owner of Harper Woods Veterinary Hospital and Lola; Jeremy France of the Harper Woods Police Department with Modi on a leash; Debbie Reed of the Grosse Pointe Woods Police Department. In front: Corinne Martin, executive director of GPAAS, with Iggy Pop. Far left, Dr. David Balaj and Champ, a homeless beagle.

Teaming up to give lost animals new hope

By Margie Reins Smith

*M*odi is one lucky dog. “We got a call on a Saturday,” says Harper Woods Police Officer Jeremy France. “It was about an injured dog at Eastland Mall. He’d been hit by a car and was running on three legs. His back leg was mangled, just dangling. In spite of that, I chased him for 25 minutes.”

France took the dog to Dr. David Balaj, owner of Harper Woods Veterinary Hospital/Animal Urgent and Critical Care Center, the only veterinary facility on the east side open 24/7, 365 days a year.

“Our team went into emergency mode,” Balaj says. “We assessed him, treated him for shock and gave him pain medication. He turned out to be a really cool dog. He’s affectionate with people and gets along with other dogs. He’s probably a pit bull terrier mix. We named him Modi. He had such heart, we couldn’t bear to put him down, so we amputated the mangled leg.”

Now, thanks to France and Corinne Martin, executive director of the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society (GPAAS), Modi will likely find a new home with a loving family.

Martin and Balaj have been working together for 16 years, but only since April 1 has GPAAS had its own office


next to the Veterinary Hospital.

“We are licensed as an animal protection facility, so now we can hold found animals for a time while we try to track down their owners,” Martin says. “And we do try.” The adoption society has one paid employee and about 70 volunteers.

Unclaimed animals are transferred to the GPAAS’s adoption program and placed temporarily in foster homes. “We have adoption showings every two weeks,” Martin says, “about 20 dogs and cats are available.”

“Before Corinne, what happened to lost pets in Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe Woods was unpleasant,” Balaj says. “Corinne reminds us why we

became veterinarians.”

The next adoption showings will be from noon to 3 p.m., Saturdays, Aug. 11 and 25; Sept. 8 and 22, at 23720 Greater Mack in St. Clair Shores. GPAAS is located at 20048 Harper, next to Harper Woods Veterinary, and is funded by donations. It charges \$295 to adopt a dog, \$100 for a cat and \$125 for a kitten. For more information, call (313) 884-1551 or go to www.gpaas.org. 

Margie Reins Smith is a Grosse Pointe freelance journalist. Her blog, The Newfangled Gramma, can be found at margiereinssmith.weebly.com. Her e-mail is ms0006@comcast.net.

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August

Calendar

06 MONDAY

- Grosse Pointe Public Library craft “Night Shivers” at the Woods Branch, 2-3 p.m.
- Kids Cooking Boot Camp at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, ages 8-12, register by Aug. 3, \$150 for 4 classes, runs through Aug. 9, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Kid Power! at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, ages 4-6, register by Aug. 3, \$153 for 5 classes, 1-4 p.m. through Aug. 10

07 TUESDAY

- Fairy Twilight Dessert at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, a famous Fairy Tale Princess sings to guests and leads them in story time and crafts, with dessert to follow, all children will receive a book to take home, courtesy of Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, \$25 per person, \$20 per member, other Fairy Twilight Dessert dates: Aug. 9, 15, 21, 23, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

08 WEDNESDAY

- Grosse Pointe War Memorial Summer Music Festival featuring New Odyssey, \$8 per person, child under 10 is free with paying adult, each additional child is \$4, grounds open: 6 p.m., concert: 7:30 p.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Croquet League, spectators are encouraged to come early and enjoy a casual dinner grilled by the pool house, also takes place Aug. 15, 22 and 29, 6-7:30 p.m.

09 THURSDAY

- Global Leadership Summit at Grace Community Church: A 2-day burst of leadership impact, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., visit gracewired.com for more information.
- Bow Wow Bake Shoppe Ice Cream Social, Yoghund frozen yogurt for dogs and novelty ice cream for people, also takes place Aug. 23 and 30, 7-9 p.m.

10 FRIDAY

- GPPL: JIM GILL’s Family Room Tour at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, “Music Play for Folks of All Stripes,” buy tickets at Central Library beginning Mon., July 30, event begins at 10 a.m.

11 SATURDAY

- All-Pointes Outdoor Movie at Grosse Pointe South football field, 9 p.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Fairy House and Terrarium Workshop for Families, recommended for ages 5-8, \$25 per person, \$20 per member, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- West Park Farmers Market on Kercheval in GP Park, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption at Camp Bow Wow, 12-3 p.m.

13 MONDAY

- Monster Making at Grosse Pointe War Memorial through Aug. 17, make a new monster each day, registration required by Aug. 3, \$128 for 5 classes plus \$30 materials fee payable at time of registration, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Public Library “Sleeping Beauty” at Ewald Branch, 2-4 p.m.

14 TUESDAY

- “The Brothers Grimm in Popular Culture” presentation by Wayne State University professor Dr. Donald Haase at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, \$10 per person, \$7 per member or student with ID, 6-8 p.m.

15 WEDNESDAY

- WCCCD/SOC Senior Fun Day at Grosse Pointe War Memorial with keynote speaker Dr. Werner Spitz, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- CPR for Family and Friends at Beaumont Bon Brae Center, \$30 per person, 7 p.m.

16 THURSDAY

- Assumption GreekFest at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.
- “Grimms’ Fairy Tales: The Real Story” presentation by Wayne State University professor Dr. Donald Haase at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, \$10 per person, \$7 per member or student with ID, 6-8 p.m.

17 FRIDAY

- Assumption GreekFest at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.
- Animal Show at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, sponsored by Lou’s Pet Shop, a hands-on, interactive show with a tortoise, giant frog, talking parrots, boas, Flemish giant bunny, scorpions, tarantulas and more! \$3 per person, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Member Shopping Days, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

18 SATURDAY

- SCS Pilates Connection Open House, free intro class, goodies and giveaways, located on the east side of Harper, just south of 12 Mile Rd., 1-4 p.m.
- Historical Society of St. Clair Shores’ White Elephant Trunk Sale on Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum grounds and in library parking lot, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- GreekFest at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 11 a.m. - 12 a.m.
- Sunrise Sunset Saloon Parking Lot Party, proceeds to benefit “Hear Me Speak”
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Member Shopping Days, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Fairy Tale Quest: Travel through an adventure on the grounds, led by Russ and Julie Glen of Lore Adventures, all will receive a fairy tale book from Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library, recommended for ages 8-12, \$7 per child, \$5 per youth member, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- West Park Farmers Market on Kercheval in GP Park, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

19 SUNDAY

- Assumption GreekFest at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

20 MONDAY

- Fancy T-shirt Making at Grosse Pointe War Memorial through Aug. 24, registration required by Aug. 10, \$128 for 5 classes plus \$30 materials fee payable at time of registration, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

21 TUESDAY

- Memory Screening at Nursing Unlimited, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

25 SATURDAY

- West Park Farmers Market on Kercheval in GP Park, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption at Camp Bow Wow Training Center, 12-4 p.m.

29 WEDNESDAY

- Racing for Kids to the Hill, all day event

30 THURSDAY

- The Lake House Cancer Support Group, 7 p.m.

September

Calendar

01 SATURDAY

- West Park Farmers Market on Kercheval in GP Park, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

03 MONDAY - Labor Day

04 TUESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Public Schools first day of school

05 WEDNESDAY

- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Croquet League, spectators are encouraged to come early and enjoy a casual dinner grilled by the pool house, 6-7:30 p.m.

08 SATURDAY

- VillageFest: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- Clambake at the Cottage honoring John (Jack) Williams, MD: food, live entertainment, beach-theme activities, a twilight bonfire, package raffle and much more at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. This event benefits the Henry Ford Medical Center - Cottage Emergency Department, tickets range from \$75-\$1,000, event begins at 6 p.m.
- GPHS Izzy's Second Saturday at the Provencal-Weir House, 1-3 p.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Fairy House and Terrarium Workshop for Families, recommended for ages 5-8, \$25 per person, \$20 per member, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- West Park Farmers Market on Kercheval in GP Park, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption at Camp Bow Wow Training Center, 12-3 p.m.
- GP Woods Annual Senior Citizens' Day at Lake Front Park, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

09 SUNDAY

- VillageFest: 12-5 p.m.

11 TUESDAY

- Learn at Lunch at City Kitchen with motivational speaker Sadie Bolos of the Bolos Academy, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

13 THURSDAY

- Mack Ave. Sidewalk Sale, runs through Sat. Sept. 15

- Mack Ave. Business Association "Discover Mack Event," vendors will be on front lawn of Grosse Pointe Woods City Office, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House presents "The Pied Piper: Franco-American Versions of a German Legend" presentation by Wayne State University professor and Fairy Tale scholar Dr. Anne Duggan, \$10 per person, \$7 per member or student with ID, 6-8 p.m.
- SOC Auction. Go to www.socservices.org for information.

14 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe Art Center 74th Member Show, 12-6 p.m.

15 SATURDAY

- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Fairy Tale Quests: Escape into a fantasy world to become a hero or a princess, and travel through an adventure on the Ford House grounds, led by Russ and Julie Glen of Lore Adventures, all will receive a fairy tale book provided by Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library, recommended for ages 8-12, \$7 per child, \$5 per youth member, also takes place Sept. 29, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Run at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park, 5K/10K run or 5K walk, \$25 registration fee before Sept. 5, \$30 registration fee after, event at 8:30 a.m.
- West Park Farmers Market on Kercheval in GP Park, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

16 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "Oklahoma - the Musical," Sept. 16, 20-23, 27-30

18 TUESDAY

- Memory Screening at Nursing Unlimited, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- GPCC Business After Hours at Sunrise of Grosse Pointe Woods, 5:30-7 p.m.

19 WEDNESDAY

- League of Women Voters Kick-Off Meeting at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 7-9 p.m.
- GPHS Bicknell Lecture Series: Fox Indian Massacre 1712

21 FRIDAY

- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Member Shopping Days, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- GPHS Memorial for Fox Indian Massacre at its GPP site

22 SATURDAY

- 2012 Run the Pointe: 5K and 10K chip-timed races will run through Grosse Pointe Farms, along with a 2 mile walk option, at Grosse Pointe South High School, 9 a.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Member Shopping Days, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House presents "Artfully Inspired: Using Grimm Stories," young artists will tour the Once Upon a Time: Grimmly Inspired exhibit to investigate how high school students and community artists have used the stories of the Brothers Grimm to create works of art. Grosse Pointe North art instructor Rob Thies will lead them through a creativity exercise to help them create their own original art, recommended for ages 8-12, \$30 per person, \$25 per youth member, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- West Park Farmers Market on Kercheval in GP Park, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption at Camp Bow Wow Training Center, 12-3 p.m.

24 MONDAY

- St. Ambrose Oysterfest, 5-9 p.m., see page 34 for additional information!

25 TUESDAY

- Family Center presents: "Who are your kids listening to? Parent vs. friend" seminar for parents and caregivers at Brownell Library, 7 p.m.

28 FRIDAY

- SOC Auction. Go to www.socservices.org for information.

29 SATURDAY

- Fall Festival in the Park, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Henry Ford Cottage Auxiliary - Kitchen Tour, strolling dinner and tour of kitchens, \$35 per person, 4-8 p.m., for ticket information, call (313) 882-5109

30 SUNDAY

- Henry Ford Cottage Auxiliary - Kitchen Tour, \$15 per person, 12-5 p.m., for ticket information, call (313) 882-5109.

ASSUMPTION GREEKFEST



Be Greek for a day!

By Patti Theros

Assumption's popular GreekFest makes its return Aug. 16-19 with four full days of excitement and Greek food and culture.

"Return of the tried and true traditions as well as exciting new offerings will make this Festival even more outstanding than last year's," says Assumption GreekFest Co-chairperson Tom Thomas. "We'll



have all the traditional Greek food including salad, leg of lamb, spinach pie, chicken kebob, souvlaki and of course, 'flaming cheese' saganaki and much more," says Thomas.

In addition to the Greek food, festival goers will enjoy live entertainment, Greek dancing, shopping with vendors from all over the country and a taverna. Performances from the popular Hellenic Society For the Performing Arts Dancers are among dance groups scheduled.

Opening ceremonies will begin on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. with the youth from Grosse Pointe South High

School's Choir singing the National Anthem in Greek and English.

GreekFest 2012 includes a "Kids Tent" with plenty of great rides, activities, games, a petting zoo and pony rides. Friday is "Free Family Day" from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., with no admission charge for the entire family. Regular admission is \$2 and children under 12 years of age are no charge.

Grand Raffle is always a highlight! Purchase a \$5 raffle ticket for an opportunity to win 1st prize – a 2012 beautiful Cadillac CTS with a two-year pre-paid lease from Jim Riehl Friendly Auto Group from Festival Sponsor, Jim Riehl, two airline tickets in the continental USA from Cosmopolitan Travel and four cash prizes.

And if you're in a hurry, call ahead to the GreekFest Express Station for drive-thru/carryout service at (586) 246-0803 between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Tours of Assumption Church will be given daily. Visit the cultural exhibit prepared in collaboration with the DIA in the Hellenic Room and view the work of internationally known iconographer Vlasis Tsotsonis.

Festival hours are Thurs. and Fri. 11 a.m. - 11 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m. - 12 a.m., Sun. 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church is located at 21800 Marter Rd. in the communities of Grosse Pointe Woods and St. Clair Shores. Free parking and shuttle services are available. For more information, call (586) 779-6111 ext. 3 or visit assumptionfestival.com. Proceeds from GreekFest will benefit programs for the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church and Cultural Center, and the Assumption Nursery School. ☐



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Michigan's Lemon Law

By Randall D. Cain

In 1986, the Michigan Legislature enacted what has become known as the Lemon Law. If you buy or lease a new vehicle and a problem persists even after four attempts to fix the defect, you may be entitled to a replacement vehicle or refund.



The Lemon Law applies to passenger cars, SUVs, pickup trucks and vans that are purchased or leased in Michigan or by a Michigan resident regardless of where the vehicle is purchased or leased. The law does not apply to motor homes, buses, trucks, motorcycles or off-road vehicles.

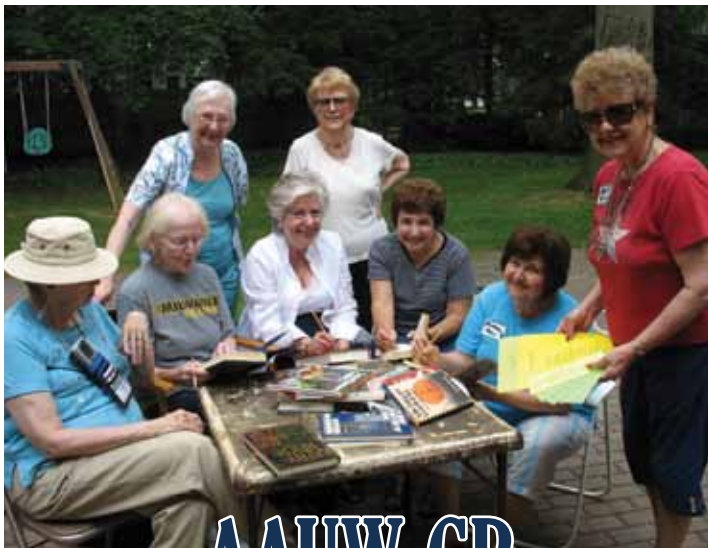
The Lemon Law is not triggered until the vehicle has been subjected to a reasonable number of repairs. A reasonable number of repairs usually means four repair attempts for the same problem within two years or the vehicle is out of service for 30 or more days during the term of the warranty or within one year from date of delivery, whichever comes first.

The defect doesn't have to be obvious or major; it just has to impair the use or value to the consumer which could mean a constant squeak or odor.

The Lemon Law has further requirements, and it is strongly suggested that you seek professional advice regarding the fine points of the law. Better still if you can just enjoy your new vehicle with nary a care in the world.

Happy motoring!

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AAUW-GP used book sale returns

The new and improved sale returns with the fun and camaraderie of past years. The goal is to raise funds for scholarships, national and international women and girls' education scholarship endowments, and Alternatives for Girls in Detroit. This endeavor has been the mission of AAUW Grosse Pointe Michigan: To advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

The sale offers nearly 30 different categories of fiction and non-fiction, children's literature, how-to and cookbooks, as well as rare books, autographed books and assorted collectors' items usually managed in silent auction style.

"All members come together to work on this Grosse Pointe Branch project; and our women depend upon the community for support," says Used Book Sale chairperson Ellen Chapin.

The Annual Sale will be held Oct. 3 – 6, in a new location, The Luther Center at First English Ev. Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier at Wedgewood in Grosse Pointe Woods. Hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. – 7:30 p.m., Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Parking is free and plentiful. E-mail aauwgp@comcast.net for information on the Oct. 2 Preview Party. ♣



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*Pete Waldmeir,
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lives in Grosse Pointe
Woods.*

Don't believe that stuff on the Grosse Pointe Internet rumor mill. I never attended classes in the old Cook Schoolhouse.

I couldn't pass the kindergarten entrance exam. Besides, my ancestors' blood wasn't blue enough.

Actually, the venerable Cook School is only one of a handful of Detroit area elementary buildings that I missed

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At Denby, my counselor, Joe Walsh, once offered to buy me a lunch bucket and a pair of overalls if I'd quit school and go to work.

”

attending while my divorced, hard-working mother, Helen, was shifting us three kids from rented apartments to rented flats, usually a step ahead of the bill collectors.

As the new school year approaches, in fact, I find it difficult to recall the name of a single teacher I had while attending five elementaries in my first eight student years.

Well, “student” may be a bit of a stretch. “Inmate” probably is a better description. If they had called a punishment a “timeout” in those days, I'd have served more of them in one school day than the Pistons call in an overtime game.

By the end of my freshman year at Denby High, however, I had gained a lot of useable knowledge. Like how to forge my mother's signature on excuses and report cards, how to con girls into doing my homework, how to grease my hair into a DA (ala John Travolta in *Grease*), how to siphon gas out of parked cars to save date money, how to sneak into the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club pool with a buddy and a couple of girls at 2 a.m., etc. — all that

important stuff.

How'd I make it out of Denby? I credit two men — my counselor, Joe Walsh, who once offered to buy me a lunch bucket and a pair of overalls if I'd quit school and go to work. And Elmer Miller, my algebra teacher, who became so frustrated with my mathematic stupidity that he just threw out my test papers without reading them and gave me a passing “D” grade so I could graduate.

Say what you will, I did make a unique contribution to the Denby High Class of June 1948 that included a chubby kid named Archie Van Elslander, later to be known as Art Van. I was the only June '48 class member to graduate in July of '48... from summer school! ☺

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