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Farms labor negotiations reached

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Municipal labor negotiations, characterized by the city manager as amiable, reached tentative agreements Monday, June 8, with across-the-board 2 1/2 percent annual pay raises and no unexpected impact on the budget.

Terms are through July 1, 2018, and apply to members of three bargaining units:

- ◆ public safety officers represented by the Police Officers Association of Michigan,

- ◆ public safety command officers represented by the Police Officers Labor Council and

- ◆ public works employees represented by the Technical & Professional Workers Association.

"The meetings were very congenial (and) relatively short," said Shane

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Bright futures

A group of Grosse Pointe North High School students gather together before graduating Thursday, June 11.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

At right, Grosse Pointe South High School students walk to their seats to start the graduation ceremony Wednesday, June 10. Below left, Baleigh Allen receives her diploma from Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education member Judy Gafa. Below right, students hold their hands over their hearts during the national anthem. For more graduation photos, see page 3C.



Bids awarded for renovations

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Frills are rejected to keep down the cost of city hall renovations.

A low-bid contract focuses on basics — replacing the roof and insulation, fixing leaks, replacing deteriorating wood trim in the vestibule and painting the exterior.

Not included is an optional HotEdge roof ice dam prevention system.

Nor is swapping out the vestibule's wood

windows and doors. Instead, wood is replaced by similar-looking but heartier aluminum.

City of Grosse Pointe officials awarded the work this week to M.L. Schoenherr Construction Inc.

The company's \$207,500 bid beat two competitors wanting \$57,745 and \$63,805 more for the job.

"Schoenherr has performed this type of work in the past," said Gary Huvaere, director of public service.

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Woods Foundation hopes to tee up mini golf course

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — With an eye toward an even more family-friendly park, the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation is proposing the installation of a miniature golf course at the city's Lake Front Park.

Foundation president Rob Nederhood, along with board members Lisa and Mike Fuller, brought

the proposal to a city council committee of the whole meeting Monday night and while there were questions from council members, there was unanimous agreement the project should move to the next phase of planning.

"The foundation feels that this would be a unique offering that would appeal to a broad range of the community, from pre-schoolers to

senior citizens," Nederhood said. "We know it will be a fun outdoor activity for the entire family."

Estimated costs range from \$150,000 to \$175,000, with the foundation underwriting the cost of the project. The foundation will begin fundraising once final approval is given.

"This is the biggest project we have taken on," Nederhood said,

"and we are looking at several options, including naming rights to one of the 18 holes."

Mike Fuller took the council through the proposed project, noting two sites at Lake Front are being looked at, one near the activities building, the other closer to the swimming pool and bath house. Construction of the course would take about four months.

If council approves the

project and fundraising goes as planned, the foundation would like to see the course in place by summer 2016.

Lisa Fuller told the council while researching the project, she found several municipalities operate miniature golf courses, most charging fees ranging from \$4 to \$8 per game. She also assured the council plans call for a more "natural" look for the course,

including waterfalls, elevations, plantings and lighting.

"There will be no big pink elephants for this course," she said.

Mayor Robert Novitke asked city administrators to review insurance coverage and maintenance costs for a project such as this, and expects to bring the foundation back later this summer for a further review of the project.

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Jean Gilbert
Home: City of Grosse Pointe
World War II veteran, 97, reflects on her time in the military



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B3 hosts bike drive June 27 Ground Zero steel donated

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Karen French and her sons were looking for a way to get involved, to give something of themselves to those in need. While sometimes it's challenging to find authentic opportunities, she said, they found the perfect opportunity not too far from home.

French and her sons — Michael, 16; Jack, 15; and Bennett, 11 — found a perfect fit with Back Alley Bikes, a nonprofit community bike repair and resource center in Detroit. They attended orientation, then went through training sessions and are a part of the volunteer team at BAB.

"It's new to us, but we really enjoy it," French said. "Our starting point was marrying our interest (in bicycling) with our interest in Detroit. We thought this sounded like a really cool place and they're doing really cool things. And they need a lot of help."

BAB started in 2000 as a means to provide transportation to youth in need. Now the nonprofit not only provides bicycles, but also repairs and education to Detroit residents who need or want bicycles. It includes an open shop for anyone who wants to build, repair or maintain their bikes. Youth and adult programs also are available to residents, as are bike giveaways, adult repair classes and other volunteer-based programs.

In fostering their relationship with BAB and its retail shop, called The Hub of Detroit, the Frenches also brought into the mix the owners of Bikes, Blades and Boards, Rick Teranes and Bryan Breslin. She suggested to them hosting a bike drive to help bring in donations for BAB.



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Bicycle donations made to Bikes, Blades and Boards will benefit Back Alley Bikes and The Hub.

B3 was on board right away, she said, offering the parking lot and a tented area for the drive, as well as employee assistance, discounts and coupons for people who donate their bikes and more.

"Here we are in this community that has so much," French said. "We have all this plentitude and there's this need. We need to figure out a way to help in some small way."

A bike drive is set from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 27, at Bikes, Blades and Boards, 17020 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

"It's about what we as a community — in a simple and straightforward way — can do to help those kids build their first bike," French said. "All these bikes will have a second life, whether they're used for parts or refurbished. They're trying to be sustainable, too, so anything that can't be used (for the bike program) is either recycled or repurposed."

There are several factors to BAB that make it not only interesting, but beneficial to the community. First, its shop is open to the community and any age can use it to repair bikes. Assistance is available, if needed. Parts are often free or

inexpensive.

Second, a mechanics-in-training program is offered for high school students who would like to work at BAB. Applicants are trained and hired to lead programs and work in The Hub.

A third facet is its Earn-a-Bike program. Through BAB, ages 10 to 18 are invited to learn basic bike repair skills. Instead of having bikes handed to them, they enroll in a four-week program that teaches them how to build their own bikes from scratch or refurbish old ones. "In the process, they learn everything they need to know about fixing a bike," French said. "The child comes in at no cost and they learn

to build a bike over the four-week process."

Not only does the process teach them repair and maintenance skills, but also mechanics, reasoning and mathematics. The added benefits of fitness and responsibility come after the program, when they get to take their new bikes on a group ride with mechanics-in-training and volunteers.

"It's a graduation, if you will," French said. "And it's a way to teach safety and road rules. They (BAB) provide helmets, bells, lights."

"These kids have earned that independence that comes with having their first bike."

Back Alley Ally memberships are offered to those who want to regularly support the shop. There are opportunities for anyone with a desire to help.

The June 27 drive seeks donations of used bicycles in any condition, as well as bicycle parts in any condition, bicycle accessories such as racks and apparel, new locks for youths who've earned bikes, new helmets for youth and cash donations.

BAB is located at 3611 Cass, Detroit. More information is available by calling (313) 879-5630 or visiting backalleybikes.org.



Back Alley Bikes provides bicycles, repairs and education to Detroit residents who need or want bicycles.

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Beaumont plans 3-story office building

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The city planning consultant won extra work this week to monitor construction of a three-story medical office building on the 3.39-acre campus of Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

Responsibilities include site inspections to ensure adherence to building permits and codes.

Plans for the building

show 60,000 square feet of floor space in a rectangular footprint measuring 521 feet along Cadieux from below the main hospital entrance halfway to Jefferson in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"The city does not have a building permit staff with the experience, availability and background to review the plans or conduct inspections for such a large project," said Peter

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War Memorial hosts lecture

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association hosts with Jefferson East a talk entitled "Sustainable Mobility for a Vital and Competitive Region," at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, at

32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The talk is being given by international community development expert Gil Penalosa, founder and chairman of 8-80 Cities, a nonprofit dedicated to transforming cities, as part of the "Move Detroit: Creating Vibrant, Inclusive and Innovative Public Spaces" conference. His talk will be followed by a question-and-answer session with the audience.

"We are thrilled to be a part of this important conversation and to partner with Jefferson East," said Charles Burke, president and CEO of the War Memorial. "Building connections and partnerships is essential to the sustainability of Metro Detroit and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association. The Move Detroit conference is a key step in incubating that effort."

The event is free and open to the public, but reservations are requested. Call (313) 332-4074 or visit gpwarmemorial.org.

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Pooch parade

At right, Kevin Lynch of St. Clair Shores wears a shirt that says 'True Happiness is a Rescue Dog' and on it is a likeness of his dog, Lola. Below, Tim and Jill McLarty of Grosse Pointe Woods brought friends and family along for the march. The McLarty's dog Hunter, center, was the Michigan Humane Society's grand marshal of this year's Mutt March.



At left, Kathy Kraydich of Warren sits with her dog Tobi and watches the boats and geese. Below, Nancy Henahan of Farmington Hills and Kim Noon of Novi have their hands full walking Lily, Yukon, Juneau, Dakota and Charlie, who are all rescues.

The 27th annual Mutt March took place at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House June 7 with more than 1,400 walkers registered.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Above, Winston, Dutch, Maddie, Rodie, Sydney and Monte take a break from walking in the cool grass. At right, Evan Reickert of Grosse Pointe Woods holds Cleo, CJ Buchta of Grosse Pointe Woods stands with Ginger, Victoria Treder of Grosse Pointe Shores holds Hera and her brother Paul Treder of Grosse Pointe Shores came to support the team.



Tigers legends reflect, raise awareness

By Joe Warner
Editor

DETROIT - It was a night of stories and memories Thursday, June 11, as some of the heroes of Detroit Tigers World Series championships past gathered to raise awareness and funds for the Joe Niekro Foundation.

The event, held at Detroit's MotorCity Casino Sound Board, featured players from the 1968 and 1984 World Series teams. The Tigers last appeared in the World Series in 2006, where they lost to the St. Louis Cardinals. In 1968, the Tigers beat the Cardinals and in 1984, they dispatched the San Diego Padres.

Niekro was a pitcher

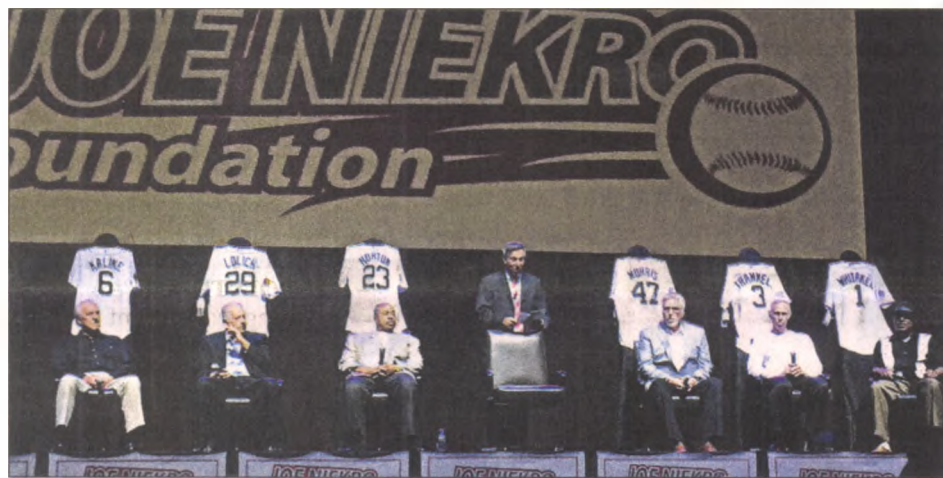


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From left, 1968 Tigers greats Al Kaline, Mickey Lolich, Willie Horton, emcee Eli Zaret and 1984 Tigers champions Jack Morris, Alan Trammell and Lou Whitaker.

for the Tigers and six other teams between 1967 and 1988. He won 221 games during his career and was known for a nasty knuckleball.

Niekro played in the World Series as a member of the Minnesota Twins in 1987. He died in 2006, at age 61, of a brain aneurysm.

The foundation formed to support families, patients, research and treatment of brain aneurysms, arteriovenous malformation and hemorrhagic strokes. Niekro's best friend, 1984 Tigers World Champion Dave Bergman, was instrumental in Detroit's fundraiser over the past two years as he quietly fought cancer. Bergman, who made his home with his family in Grosse Pointe Woods, died in February. Bergman founded the Grosse Pointe Redbirds baseball league, served

on the board of the Joe Niekro Foundation and his legacy lived on at last week's event as several former Tigers mentioned his dedication to his team and Metro Detroit.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Suzanne Antonelli, a business partner with Bergman at Southfield's Sigma Investment Counselors, continued the fundraiser's work this year as chairwoman. She co-chaired it with Bergman the past two years.

More than a dozen players and staff associated with the team attended the event. The main stage included Al Kaline, Willie Horton, Mickey Lolich, Jack Morris, Alan Trammell and Lou Whitaker, who

fielded questions from emcee Eli Zaret.

For the players, the event was a chance to recall the glory days of playing baseball on a World Series championship team. They discussed the personalities, with especially colorful tributes to manager Sparky Anderson. They discussed the good, bad and ugly about Tiger Stadium, where standard locker rooms and a low, head-knocking, concrete ceiling out of the dugout added to the charm and pains of an old stadium.

The event included a VIP session with the players, dinner, silent and live auctions and an

opportunity to hear stories from local sports heroes. The attendees were entertained by the players' stories, but the room seemed especially focused when Lolich and Kaline spoke.

Kaline, talking about the motivation in 1968, said it was simple.

"I think the real reason why we won, because we lost the last day of '67," he said. "We thought we should have won that year. I think we came to spring training with one thought in mind."

That thought was to win — and they did. They won 103 games during the regular season and the seventh game of the World Series.



PHOTO BY JOE WARNER

Auction items, live and silent, raised funds for the Joe Niekro Foundation.

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Dame, City of Grosse Pointe manager. "Given the scale of the big project, we want to make sure it's done right."

The city's planning consultant, McKenna Associates, is represented at nearly every city council meeting by Executive Vice President John Jackson, a City resident.

"Although most people know McKenna as a planning consulting firm, we expanded our ser-

vices in 2008 to include municipal inspections, code enforcement and building and zoning administration," Jackson said. "We have a staff of multiple building officials and inspectors."

His staff will attend preconstruction meetings to "make sure it's a smooth process," Jackson added.

"McKenna already provided site plan review services for this building," Dame said.

He anticipates 70 percent of McKenna's fee to be paid by permit fees for the new project.

Beaumont's building is the largest construction project in the city in decades, Dame added.

"It is important to conduct a thorough and professional review of the proposed construction plans from a building code perspective and for ongoing inspections of the actual construction," Dame said.

Municipal officials approved construction in March.

Designers submitted plans showing the same 41-foot setback and 35-foot height limit if houses were built at the

site.

Medical and physicians' offices are slated for the ground and second floors.

Outpatient services fill the basement, freeing space in the main hospital for an additional 20 private in-patient rooms.

Construction is supposed to start in August. A grand opening is hoped for at the end of summer 2016.

The building is expected to generate \$60,000 to \$70,000 per year in additional property taxes, Dame said last month.

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Veteran reflects on service during WWII



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Above, Jean Gilbert of the City of Grosse Pointe recently attended the Memorial Day ceremony at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. At right, Gilbert during her time of service during World War II.

By Monica Sabella
Editorial Intern

Amidst the citizens and soldiers gathered behind the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Monday, May 25, there was one woman who stood out from the rest. She wore a faded green jacket decorated with brass buttons and a tan cap over her curled hair with the words "China," "Burma" and "India" scrolled across its crown. Her name is Jean Gilbert. She is 97 years old and a proud veteran of World War II.

Gilbert was born in Avoca, Pa., June 1, 1918. Her family moved to northeast Detroit a few months later to be near family. Her father was a lawyer, but his work was put on hold after he became ill.

"It was the Depression and it was rough," Gilbert said. Work was scarce and money was tight. "Sometimes we didn't even have a dime to go to a show."

Following her high school graduation, Gilbert took a job at the American Lady Corset Company making parachutes. The business was

on the sixth floor of a building off Fort Street above a recruiting office.

"I remember being able to see their families lined outside their window to say goodbye," Gilbert recalled. It wasn't until June 1944 when news came of an invasion in France that Gilbert decided to enlist.

"I was working in the parachute factory at the time and thought, 'What am I doing here?' and decided to join and help with the war effort." She joined the U.S. Air Force and received basic training in Des Moines, Iowa. Afterward, Gilbert was sent to Romulus to work in the air traffic control tower.

"I wanted to travel and I was sent to India," Gilbert said, smiling at the thought, "and it was great." Gilbert was transferred to Karachi, India, now a part of Pakistan, where she worked as a transportation agent for soldiers and POWs returning from Japan. "They were so surprised to see us (women). They couldn't believe there were women in the force." She recalled times when the soldiers would



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first arrive from the camps, always thin and some so weak they had to be carried on stretchers. Other times, the men would stay overnight and be off the next day and she'd try to arrange a more scenic route for their transportation.

Gilbert returned to the states in 1946 and married Howard Gilbert in 1955; shortly afterward they moved to Grosse Pointe. Her three daughters — Suzanne Hale, Kathryn Gilbert and Charlene Gilbert — attended school at St. Paul's Academy and Grosse Pointe South High School. During this time, Gilbert busied herself volunteering at a

number of locations. Whether mending the binding of an old book at Kerby Elementary School, leading a Girl Scouts troop, working in a clinic at Grosse Pointe South or in sales at Brownell Middle School, Gilbert was helping someone. One of her longest stays was at Bon Secours Hospital where she packaged meals for the homebound, took patients' blood pressures and delivered newspapers to their rooms. She worked there 18 years and remarked she liked being able to help people.

Gilbert now resides with her daughter, Charlene Gilbert, in the City of Grosse Pointe, a short walk from the Village. She is an active member of the Grosse Pointe Veterans' Club and enjoys attending events for veterans, as well as her weekly bingo games with Services for Older Citizens. She loves to visit the park, go to garage sales, travel and sit at home reading a good book.

"I like this little town," she said with a smile.

'Muscle on Mack' car show is set for June 28

Ray Laethem Motor Village presents its second annual "Muscle on Mack" car show fundraiser from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 28.

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cars, as well as music and food.

A raffle benefits Blum's Landing, a retreat for veterans in northern Michigan. For information, visit blums

landing.org.

Car pre-registration is required. Forms are available at Allemon's Landscape Center, 17727 Mack, Detroit. Cost per car is \$25 and registra-

tion is required by Thursday, June 25.

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Municipal dog ordinance gets overhaul

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — In the turbulence of April's pit bull mauling of a woman walking on lower Moross, city officials aren't so much putting teeth in the municipal dog ordinance as they are fitting it with dentures.

The ordinance originally had bite, but was defanged when at least one dog owner com-

plained blanket penalties for even minor animal infractions were onerous.

"A few years ago, they decriminalized vicious dogs and made it a civil infraction," said Shane Reeside, manager of Grosse Pointe Farms. "We want to give our prosecuting attorney more discretion."

The city council scheduled part of its meeting, 7 p.m. Monday, July 13, to reinstate criminal sanctions to the dog and

animal control ordinances.

"The administration is proposing that for egregious violations of the ordinance, specifically injury, we give the court the discretion to elevate punishment above a civil infraction back to a misdemeanor, which could include up to 30 days incarceration," said William Burgess, city attorney. "That's the only change."

That's enough for Lt. Detective Richard

Rosati.

He's unable to file criminal charges against the owner of a pit bull that escaped its yard April 1 and attacked a 64-year-old female neighbor's lower leg. The dog tore flesh down to the bone.

"I contacted the city manager regarding this because the ordinance gives us very little option as a civil infraction, not much leverage in the case," Rosati said.

The original ordinance

categorized all infractions as misdemeanors, even dogs running around loose, an everyday occurrence.

"People complained," Rosati said.

"There were some pretty significant consequences attached to the misdemeanor, like being denied entry to Canada," Reeside said. "So, it was made a civil infraction."

The whole code was decriminalized.

"We have to re-criminalize the vicious dog

part of this ordinance and maintain the other parts — dog running at large — as a civil infraction," Rosati said.

The pit bull owner had the dog euthanized, but still faces civil penalties.

"Charges weren't dropped because she voluntarily killed the dog," Rosati said. "That probably would have been ordered anyway. Charges are harboring a vicious animal, dog running at large and having an unlicensed dog."



PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

Frank Sumbera was honored by the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council for his outstanding record as coach of the Grosse Pointe North High School baseball team. Sumbera recently recorded his 1,000th victory, becoming one of three high school baseball coaches in the state to reach the milestone. The Woods' official proclamation cited not only his coaching record, but his dedication to his students. Sumbera and his wife, Mary Ellen, received the proclamation at the Monday, June 15, city council meeting.

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Reeside, Grosse Pointe Farms manager. "The focus of each three-year contract was wages."

Current contracts expire June 30.

"This increase in wages comes after a previous wage freeze going back to 2008," said Derrick Kozicki, city clerk and assistant man-

ager.

"We talked about this wage increase in the budget," said Councilman Louis Theros, chairman of the finance committee.

"The actual impact on the budget is somewhat less than (the wage increase) because other circumstances and benefits aren't subject to that 2 1/2 percent increase," Reeside said.

Some savings came from "minor" increases

in employee-paid healthcare deductibles and copays, he added.

"With those minor reductions and so forth, it was a 10 percent reduction in the premium for healthcare costs," said John Lamerato, city controller and treasurer.

"This is done to ensure the city stays below the recommended state cap for healthcare coverage," Reeside said.

Fisher streetscape to get new look

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Streetscape concepts for the block-long Fisher commercial district, between Maumee and St. Paul, go beyond ornamental trees and benches to seek more parking spaces.

City of Grosse Pointe representatives solicited ideas during three workshops with district stakeholders, including the principal of Grosse Pointe South High School across the road.

"Property owners and tenants have been very receptive," said John Jackson, of the city's planning consultants, McKenna Associates. "They liked the concept of a unified streetscape. They picked the design elements."

"To make this feasible, we need a grant," said Peter Dame, city manager.

Some suggestions, such as regrading part of the property to add six parking spaces, were dropped as too expensive.

"We are flexible," Dame said. "We want it to work for everyone."

Plans are preliminary, yet categorized in two main options separated in price by \$139,100.

Option 1 costs \$398,203 and includes

new paving, streetlights, drain tiles, benches, bicycle racks, trees, shrubs, perennials and related infrastructure.

Option 2 adds decorative flower pots, masonry walls and piers for a total cost of \$537,303.

Some 60 percent of construction is to be paid by bonds.

Most of the balance — \$159,281 for option 1 and \$214,921 for option 2 — is paid by "local contribution," according to McKenna's forecast.

Streetscape funding in the Village and along Mack came from grants, the city budget and assessments.

"All participants in the workshops verbalized a desire to continue to pursue a unifying streetscape," Jackson said.

To keep the momentum going, he recommended:

- ◆ reaching out to property owners and business representatives absent from the workshops,
- ◆ identifying grants and funding sources,
- ◆ continuing to coordinate Fisher plans with other redevelopment and public utility projects and
- ◆ refining preliminary designs based on stakeholder input.

Copies of the preliminary design will be given to all property owners and tenants on the block, Dame said. "Mail it to everyone," he said.

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"Due to their current construction schedule, construction would not begin until August and conclude in October,"

said Jason Arlow, an architect with the city's consulting engineers, Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick. "We're currently working with them on a project in Clawson. They're a good contractor."

The 6,000-square-foot city hall, at the corner of Maumee and Neff, is a former residence converted 20 years ago for municipal purposes.

The roof's been leaking ever since, Huvaere said a month ago.

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Woman overdoses, man arrested on drug charges

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Police aren't sure if an Eastpointe man, admittedly on heroin, purposely did almost everything wrong to help a woman dying of a drug overdose, or was so out of it he couldn't think straight.

She lived, however. He escaped charges of gross negligence, but was arraigned on drug charges in Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Court.

Officer Edward Wierszewski, on bicycle patrol at 2:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 10, spotted the suspect, Ernest Matthew Sizemore, 39, acting disoriented in the lobby of the BP service station, Mack and Moross.

Sizemore literally dragged his feet outside to a gray 2013 Dodge Dart and drove away, according to Wierszewski.

Wierszewski didn't see an unconscious 37-year-old Eastpointe woman in

the front passenger seat, reclined below window level.

Yet, he and an officer in a patrol car learned otherwise upon following the Dart to a far corner of the parking deck of St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

"The passenger was non-responsive, lifeless and did not appear to be breathing," Wierszewski said. "The driver opened his door and stated, 'I was in the military and I was trying to do CPR to her.'"

Both front seats were reclined.

"(I) observed two syringes and a burned glass pipe in the driver door," Wierszewski said. "(I) was unable to revive (her). (I) did observe her face and lips turning blue."

The driver said "she did heroin and Xanax," Wierszewski said.

Sizemore reportedly told another officer, on undercover patrol that night, she "had recently used crack cocaine and heroin."

"(Sizemore said) he had recently used crack cocaine and heroin," said the undercover officer. "I detained Sizemore for the remainder of the investigation."

Hospital security and medical staff wheeled her to the emergency room and saved her life, according to police.

Another officer said Sizemore possessed .3 grams of heroin wrapped in tinfoil, two needles and a crack pipe.

Wierszewski wanted detectives to seek negligence charges.

"He left (her) in the vehicle unresponsive while he entered the service station to get a drink and food," Wierszewski said. "He pulled into St. John Hospital passing two areas clearly marked as 'Emergency,' then continued to park in the basement level of the

parking structure, recline his seat while (she) was unresponsive and not breathing."

"The prosecutor didn't give that charge," said Lt. Detective Richard Rosati.

Police impounded the Dart, belonging to the woman.

"She went from blue and not breathing to, a few hours later, coming to headquarters inquiring about her car," Rosati said. "It is what it is."

On Tuesday, June 12, Farms Judge Matthew Rumora arraigned Sizemore for:

- ◆ heroin possession,
- ◆ possession of narcotics paraphernalia and
- ◆ operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs.

Rumora set a \$50,000 cash-only bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing at 8 a.m. Wednesday, July 1.

Park man charged with larceny, breaking into police car

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The man facing two felony charges for stealing public safety supplies behind the backs of officers fighting a four-alarm fire had little to say last week during his latest day in court.

Defendant Andrew Meeker, 48, on Wednesday, June 10, limited his dialogue to little more than "Yes," "Yes, sir," and variations thereof while foregoing his right to pretrial hearings in Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Court.

He chose instead for his case to head straight to Wayne County Circuit Court.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Gary Bresnehan had no objection.



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Judge Carl Jarboe presides in Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Court over the case of Andrew Meeker, 48, of the Park. Appearing before Jarboe are Assistant Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney Gary Bresnehan, Meeker and defense counsel Robert Zaraneck.

Park Judge Carl Jarboe accepted Meeker's "valid and knowing waiver of the preliminary exam" and scheduled his arraignment in circuit court at 9 a.m. Wednesday, June 24.

"Is there anything else for me to address at this

time?" Jarboe asked Meeker and his attorney, Robert Zaraneck.

"We're both all set, judge," Zaraneck said.

"No, nothing else, your honor," Meeker added.

"OK, very good," Jarboe said, closing proceedings.

Meeker, of the Park, is charged with larceny of property worth between \$1,000 and \$20,000, plus breaking and entering a police cruiser while officers tried to extinguish flames engulfing two neighboring business early Monday, June 1, on lower Charlevoix in the

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Be wary of thieves

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — This is the time of year when the phrase, "They're back," applies to more than fish-flies.

Just as the beginning of summer-like weather welcomes increased outdoor activities, the onset of warm evenings draws crimes of opportunity.

Stolen bicycles, larcenies from parked cars and thefts of lawn equipment and other items from garages are de rigueur this time of year.

Often, the common denominator of crimes of opportunity are unlocked parked cars, houses, garages and unattended bicycles.

"Someone went through a couple cars the other day on Hillcrest," said Lt. Detective Richard Rosati, head of the public safety department detective bureau. "Unlocked cars, once again."

Just this month in Grosse Pointe Farms, thieves made off with:

- ◆ backyard patio furniture in the 200 block of McMillan,
- ◆ a black Trek 820 bicycle from racks on Fisher at Grosse Pointe South High School,
- ◆ a 2014 Ford Taurus, in the 400 block of Belanger,
- ◆ a silver, 21-speed Giant mountain bike in the first block of Radnor Circle and
- ◆ a credit card in a car parked in the 200 block of Hillcrest.

— Brad Lindberg

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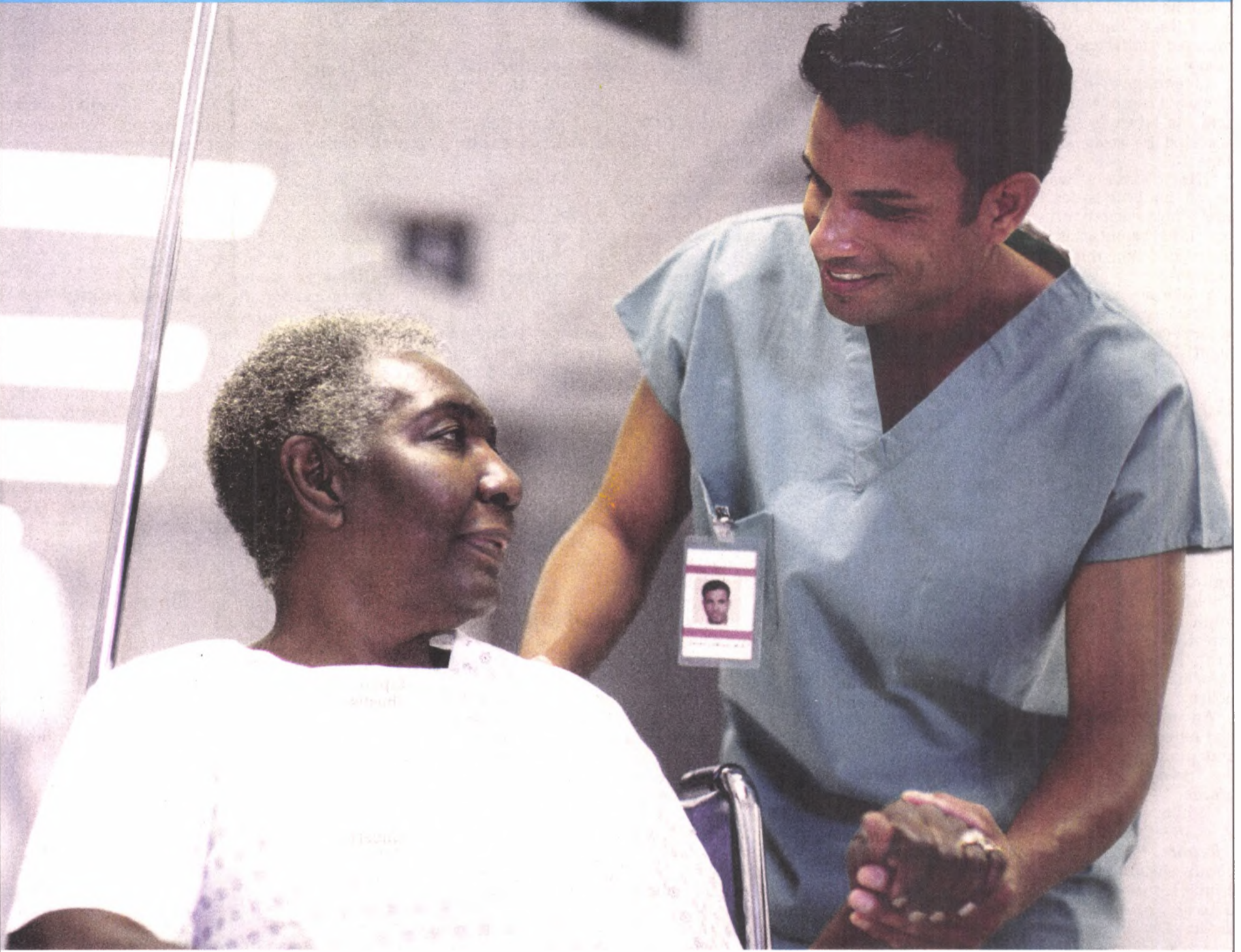


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City of Grosse Pointe

More damage

Another vehicle parked on Village Lane was reported vandalized this month.

A teenage City of Grosse Pointe woman said the latest incident occurred the weekend of June 6-7.

"(Her) vehicle was keyed on both sides," said a public safety officer. "(She) reports this is the second time this has happened."

Another resident reported a car vandalized at the same location overnight Thursday, June 4.

Failed theft

Soccer moms and car thieves have something in common. They both like minivans.

Sometime after 8 p.m. Saturday, June 6, someone tried to steal an unlocked white 2007 Chrysler Town & Country minivan parked in the driveway of a house in the 700 block of Lakeland, the owner told police.

"An unknown person had entered the vehicle and punched the ignition," said a public safety officer.

Nothing was missing.

—Brad Lindberg
Report information about these or other crimes to the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department at (313) 886-3200.

Public Safety Report

Grosse Pointe Farms

On account

A Grosse Pointe Farms man received a telephone call last week from a Comcast representative wanting payment of a \$693 bill.

The bill is for an account opened at a residence in the 16900 block of Prairie Street in Detroit.

But, the Farms man lives on Moran.

"Comcast told (him) to make a police report," said a Farms public safety officer, logging the incident as identity theft. "Comcast needs a copy of the report. They will then investigate."

Late return

Police caught a 62-year-old Detroit woman last week driving a rental car that was so overdue from the agency it was listed as stolen.

A patrolman spotted the woman at 2:10 p.m. Saturday, June 13, driving a white 2014 Toyota Camry sedan with an expired registration tab on eastbound Mack near Moross.

Records showed the car's mileage as 13,563 when rented in August 2014.

Mileage at the time officers impounded the

vehicle totaled 31,121.

Drugs and more

A 29-year-old Roseville man faces drug and alcohol charges resulting from a traffic investigation on Mack near Bournemouth at 2:16 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13.

A patrolman saw him behind the wheel of a silver 1996 Honda Accord stopped at a red light on southbound Moross at Mack.

"Upon the light turning green, the vehicle remained stopped and did not proceed until the light changed to yellow," said the officer.

During curbside questioning near Bournemouth, the man reportedly disobeyed orders to keep both hands in plain sight on the steering wheel.

"I observed (him) make furtive gestures with his right hand," said the officer.

The driver registered a .10 percent blood alcohol level, resulting in his arrest for drunken driving.

A search of the Honda revealed 3.56 ounces of marijuana, a marijuana pipe, two grinders, three packages of rolling papers and one liquid ounce of hashish oil, police said.

Charges include drunken driving, posses-

sion of marijuana, possession of narcotics paraphernalia and violating a suspended driver's license, according to police.

Released

A male motorist, arrested shortly before 7 a.m. Thursday, June 11, at the intersection of Moross and Chalfonte for creating a disturbance at an unrelated traffic wreck at Moross and Piche, isn't being prosecuted due to extenuating circumstances.

The man, a senior citizen, has health issues that may temporarily affect his conduct for the worse, according to police.

Left out

A bicycle left in a front lawn on the first block of Radnor Circle at 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, was stolen by 7:30 a.m. the next day, according to the homeowner.

The bike is a silver, 21-speed Giant mountain model.

Late update

A woman told police last week that during the afternoon of Friday, May 22, someone stole her \$1,500 silver-colored MacBook Air from a red backpack at the Central Branch public library at the corner of Kercheval and Fisher.

Car found

Shortly before 10:20 a.m. Friday, June 6, a confidential informant alerted a Farms patrolman to a stolen car stashed in a garage in the 5500 block of Lodewyck, between East Warren and Chandler Park Drive on Detroit's eastside.

The officer found the car, a 2008 Pontiac G6 reported stolen last September in Huron County, minus front fenders, hood, front bumper cover, engine, transmission and interior.

A woman living at the house said the car was there when she moved in last winter.

"(She) stated she had been leaving the garage door open, hoping the vehicle would be noticed by police so it could be recovered," said the officer. "The driveway to the garage was no longer visible as grass in front of the door was about 3 feet high and the garage door was closed."

—Brad Lindberg
Report information about these or other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department at (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Dodgem cars

A patrolman cruising northbound Lakeshore stopped a few minutes before 3 a.m. Friday, June 12, as an oncoming car with bright lights approached head-on against the flow of traffic.

"(The) vehicle was closing in on (my) vehicle and never slowed," reported the officer, logging its speed as 40 mph.

He turned around and stopped the driver, a 35-year-old Walled Lake man, operating a 2013

BMW 750Li four-door.

The driver faces a drunken driving charge resulting from having a .202 blood alcohol level, said the arresting officer.

The driver also claimed to be armed, but wasn't, police said.

—Brad Lindberg
Report information about this or other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department at (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Park

Disorderly conduct

At 8:30 p.m. Monday, June 8, an intoxicated 26-year-old woman was causing a disturbance at the home of her ex-girlfriend in the 900 block of Harcourt. When police arrived, a struggle ensued and she was arrested.

Signs for sale

Three Higbie Maxon real estate signs were taken from three different lots in the 800 block of Bishop sometime between Friday, June 5 and Monday, June 8.

Walking while stoned

A 27-year-old Detroit resident was taken into custody at 5:45 p.m. Thursday, June 11, after police found him interfering with traffic in the 1100 block of Wayburn. The suspect cursed at police and refused to get out of the street. After arresting the suspect for disorderly conduct, he was found to have marijuana in his possession.

Treenapping

Two 3-foot potted Durante purple flowering trees were taken from a front porch in the 1000 block of Maryland by an unknown suspect the afternoon of Thursday,

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Arson prelim rescheduled to next month

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By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Judge Carl Jarboe, a Michigan State University grad, doesn't condemn Avery Javon Smith for being a student at the University of Michigan Dearborn.

The thing riling Jarboe is Smith's alleged May 27 break-in and arson of Smith's ex-girlfriend's unoccupied second-floor flat in the 1300 block of Wayburn, Grosse Pointe Park.

"There were people living in the lower unit," Jarboe said during a pre-trial hearing Wednesday, June 10, in Park Municipal Court. "They would have been burned to death if this hadn't been caught."

The session, intended as a preliminary examination, was rescheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday,

July 1, so Smith's court-appointed attorney, Douglas Hamel, can prepare a defense.

"I was just appointed Monday, (June 8)," Hamel told Jarboe. "There's a lot of discoverable material I do not have yet."

Smith is charged with:
♦ first-degree arson, punishable by up to life in prison;

♦ home invasion, second degree, a 15-year felony;

♦ malicious destruction of a building, a 5-year felony and

♦ habitual offender, third degree, which doubles the maximum of the primary sentence.

"It's a very strong case," said Park Capt. David Lock, head of the detective bureau, after the hearing. "We're confident."

Smith appeared in court via real-time video



Judge Carl Jarboe presides over a video hearing for Avery Javon Smith's alleged arson on Wayburn.

from the Wayne County Jail, unable to post a \$500,000 cash-only bond set by Jarboe.

Hamel sought a lower bond.

"He (Smith) has a lot of

good points," Hamel lobbied Jarboe. "He's fully enrolled as a student at U of M Dearborn and he's also working full time."

"To me, \$500,000 is reasonable," Jarboe said.

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Watch your purse

A shopper leaving Kroger at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 7, discovered her wallet and cell-phone missing from her purse. Police remind residents to not leave purses or valuables unattended in a shopping cart or on a counter.

Grosse Pointe Woods

NIXLE alert

Woods public safety officers issued a NIXLE alert at 12:22 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, after receiving several reports of a suspicious person entering backyards near Bournemouth and Mack. In most cases, the suspect, described as a teenage black male, average build, was scared off by neighbors. Police remind residents to keep doors locked and to use outdoor lighting at night. Public Safety also urges residents to call the department immediately if they see anything sus-

UDAA

An employee of a pet store on Mack parked her 2001 Jeep Cherokee behind the store at noon Wednesday, June 10. When she left work at 2:30 p.m., her car was gone, replaced with a 2003 Chrysler minivan with a punched ignition. Police were able to contact the owner of the minivan, which had been stolen earlier.

— *Kathy Ryan*
Report information on these and other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department at (313) 343-2400.

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Park.

Both crimes can be penalized by up to five years in prison.

"This is the case where

they were fighting the fire and allege things were stolen out of a police or emergency vehicle during the fighting of a fire," Jarboe said, introducing the hearing.

Meeker remains free on \$20,000 bond. He only had to post 10 percent.



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Above, the front yard of the Klimisch home on Fairford. At right, a feature at the Minadeo home on Berkshire.



Above, this outdoor kitchen on Merriweather hosts refreshments during the walk. At left, a feature of the Young garden on North Deeplands.



Above, a section of Anne Van Ash's Zen garden on Barrington. At right, a feature of the Beals garden on Renaud.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

A selection of stunning Grosse Pointe landscapes featuring roses, koi ponds and unique features is highlighted during the Grosse Pointe Garden Center Inc.'s 24th annual Garden Tour.

The tour, which sees around 500 visitors over two days each summer, is set 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, June 26, and Saturday, June 27.

Seven stops are planned — six residences as well as the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Trial Gardens and Veterans Garden.

"It is really difficult finding gardens that are tour-worthy with people willing to open up their gardens to us," said Ginny Brown, a member of the garden tour committee. "I'm just thrilled with these gardens this year."

The tour is unrouted, so people can come and go as they please as long as they have the garden tour brochure, which serves as the event ticket.

The Klimisch garden on Fairford in the Shores features a front yard with multiple white pine trees, a 15-foot rhododendron, a dogwood and azaleas. A fieldstone wall and flagstone path lead to multiple gardens surrounding the home, including a miniature garden, as well as a koi pond and waterfall. The backyard also features various outdoor sculptures, hydrangea, ferns, shade plants and much more.

An MSU Extension Master Gardener information table will be available at the Klimisch home.

For Mary Beals, who lives on Renaud, Grosse Pointe Shores, her garden is a labor of love. She and her husband have lived there 25 years.

"We didn't inherit a nice yard," Beals said. "I remember hyperventilating thinking, how am I going to do this? I just whittled away."

They added a greenhouse first, then a pond

and eventually flower beds. A rose garden, vegetable garden, variegated willow and flowering crab apple trees outline the landscape. A rain barrel is the main watering source, which helps give life to the yard's tropical and succulent plants, as well as its goat's beard, Asiatic lilies, lady's-slipper orchids and more.

A unique feature of the Beals garden is a greenhouse, in which Beals grows tillandsias — air plants that grow without soil.

The Ecology Center will host an information table at the Beals home.

The Young garden on Deeplands in the Shores was designed by homeowner Victoria Young. She works daily in the garden, which features two rose gardens with 65 yellow roses, flowering dogwood, Siberian iris, Japanese maple, panicle hydrangea, catawba rhododendron and much more. She also supervises the garden and lawn maintenance. A curved brick path leads from the front yard to the side and back areas, where perennials, annuals and boxwoods bloom near a large brick patio.

The Vallan garden on Merriweather, Grosse Pointe Farms, features an inviting "home retreat." An outdoor kitchen, patio and fireplace are accented by pear, crimson maple and other trees, as well as rhododendrons, roses, hydrangeas, holly and azaleas.

During the garden tour, the Vallan home hosts a boutique featuring gardening items for sale — including potted plants, T-shirts, topiary, crafts, fairy gardens and more. Refreshments and snacks for tour-goers are offered as well.

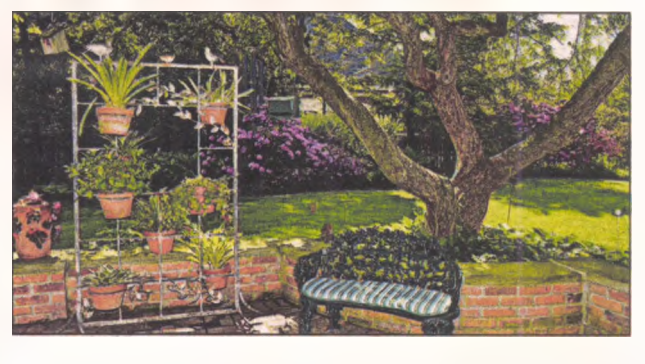
The Minadeo garden on Berkshire offers an eclectic variety of potted plants and birdhouses, as well as a trellis supporting a honeysuckle vine. The yard includes roses, agastache, salvia, lilies and a variety of flowers

require a strategic mind with the ability to analyze and respond to changing market conditions (interest rates, inflation, global unrest, drought, etc.), in other words, someone to take the wheel and steer around roadblocks, potholes, and unexpected market forces.

Since 2009 over 200 companies have entered the Robo-advisor business. Typically these services use an automated approach to select an investment allocation for a low fee. I think the date of inception for these businesses is particularly interesting; we have not



Above, the Zen garden on Barrington boasts Japanese features. At left, candles set the stage in the Vallan garden on Merriweather.



Above, the Beals garden on Renaud includes a crab apple tree. At right, roses are abundant in the Young garden on North Deeplands.



Above, the Minadeo garden on Berkshire features a variety of birdhouses. At left, this tree was spared after a lightning strike by being carved into a sculptural centerpiece in the backyard on Fairford.

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Go With the Flow?



Suzanne Antonelli, CFP®
Senior Portfolio Manager

An article in last week's Wall Street Journal titled "When Robo-Cars Crash, It's Your Fault" discussed the inclination of Google's autonomous cars for being involved in an above average number of accidents. According to Google, none of these accidents were the fault of the autonomous car. If

Google's claim is correct, we have an interesting paradox: Google's robo-cars have more accidents than human drivers, but it is the fault of human drivers.

Likely the problem rests with the clash between the fundamental precision calibrated into autonomous cars and the flexible view of traffic laws on the part of the motoring public. Google cars are programmed to optimize safety: slow in responding to a green light, quick to break for a yellow light and diligent in observing speed limits. Human drivers tend to react immediately when the light turns green,

accelerate on yellow, and the speed limit seems to be merely a suggestion on the 696 speedway! In other words, autonomous cars tend to hinder the normal flow of traffic, as human drivers are far more likely to go with the flow rather than completely obey all traffic regulations. A Google car is never late for an appointment, distracted, or angry; but humans are, and robo-cars are proving they lack the flexibility to avoid the dynamic forces and subtleties of the motoring public.

There is a lesson here for investors. Like driving conditions, markets fluctuate and

require a strategic mind with the ability to analyze and respond to changing market conditions (interest rates, inflation, global unrest, drought, etc.), in other words, someone to take the wheel and steer around roadblocks, potholes, and unexpected market forces.

Since 2009 over 200 companies have entered the Robo-advisor business. Typically these services use an automated approach to select an investment allocation for a low fee. I think the date of inception for these businesses is particularly interesting; we have not

had a serious market retrenchment since 2009. Corrections are expected in stock markets, and a healthy part of the investment cycle. It has been almost six years, the entire lifespan of the robo-advisor business model, and it is inevitable that we will experience a market decline of over 20% in the future. An autonomous system cannot anticipate the reaction or overreaction of an individual, nor can they educate their clients and prepare them for this inevitability.

Just as it may not make sense to attempt to preprogram an automobile, without

regard to changing road conditions or the responses of other drivers, portfolio management is not a "one and done" proposition. Investors and their portfolio managers should be prepared to respond to changing market conditions.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

BNI

Business Network International meets at 7 a.m. Friday, June 19, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 7:15 a.m. Friday, June 19, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Men from any faith or community are welcome. Call Eric Lindquist at (313) 530-8656.

Ford House

The 28th annual EyesOn Design car show is set for Sunday, June 21. The event includes 300 cars, brunch and more. Call (313) 824-4710 or visit eyesondesigncarshow.com. "Legacy on the Lake," honoring Edward J.

Russell III, takes place Thursday, June 25. The event includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dancing. Proceeds benefit the K-Line Trolley. Call (313) 881-4722.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meet at 7 p.m., Monday, June 22, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184.

Artist Lounge

The Artist Lounge, 20507 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, offers summer camp for ages 5 to 11, from Monday, June 22, to Thursday, Aug. 20. A Junior Prep Art Camp for ages 12 and older is also available. Call (586) 421-4233.

The Artist Lounge also offers open classes during June for all ages. Costs and projects vary. Call (586) 421-4233 or

visit theartistlounge.biz.

SOC

Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a program about choosing a skilled nursing facility at 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 23. Heartland Health Care Center-Grosse Pointe Woods' Admissions Director Rachel Schafer leads the program. Call (313) 882-9600.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, offers "Nature's Superheroes" at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 24. The program includes hands-on activities about nature. Call (313) 821-8830.

The Ewald Branch also offers the Joel Tacey Super Caper Comedy Show at 1 p.m. Friday, June 26. The show includes comedy, magic,

music and more to help foster excitement for reading. Call (313) 821-8830.

Book signing

Grosse Pointe Farms resident and author John Kozak discusses and signs copies of his book "Through the Eyes of Rose" at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 25, at the Roseville Public Library, 29777 Gratiot. The book is a tribute to his mother and their escape from Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia in 1949. Kozak will answer questions following his presentation. Call (586) 445-5407.

War Memorial

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers summer day trips. On Thursday, June 25, visit Cornwell's Dinner Theatre for a performance of "Hatfield and McCoys." Cost is \$83. On Thursday, July 16, visit the Huron Country Playhouse to see "Chicago (the Musical)." Cost is \$118. On Monday, July 20, take a bus tour that includes the IHM Sisters of Monroe, the

Four Star Greenhouse and a display of gardens. Cost is \$60. On Monday, Aug. 3, take a trip to Cedar Point for \$80. On Thursday, Oct. 1, visit Stratford Festival to see "The Sound of Music." Cost is \$165. For more information, call (313) 881-7511.

Blood drive

An American Red Cross blood drive is planned from 2 to 7:45 p.m. Friday, June 26, at St. Clare of Montefalco, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park. Call (313) 408-1808 or visit redcrossblood.org.

Reunions

The Grosse Pointe North High School class of 1980 is having its 35th reunion Saturday, June 27, at Punch Bowl Social in Detroit. Tickets are \$50 and advance payment is appreciated. Checks, made payable to "GPN Class of 1980," should be mailed to 18530 Mack Ave., No. 304, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Grosse Pointe South High School's class of 1990 celebrates its 25th reunion at 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 25, at Bayview Yacht Club. The event includes music, dancing, a photo booth, cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, late-night snacks and more. Tickets are half off at \$25 per person through Tuesday, June 30. Starting Wednesday, July 1, tickets will be \$50 each. Visit tinyurl.com/k8jau2l to buy tickets and for more reunion weekend details.

Dominican High School hosts its 60th class reunion Friday, Sept. 11, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. Call Anna Mae (Feist) Reinhard at (313) 881-3185.

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that attract hummingbirds. Two waterfalls, a koi pond, aquatic plants and spouters, a vegetable garden, apple trees and more also are featured.

On Barrington in the Park, Anne Van Ash has designed a backyard Japanese Zen garden. Traditionally, these gardens feature wood, stone and water and Van Ash has incorporated all three into her design. Wind chimes, Oriental statues and a Japanese pagoda are featured among shade-loving varieties of plantings. Her front yard features a densely-planted, lavish English-style garden.

The Trial Gardens at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, follow the theme of "Gertrude Jekyll, a Study of Color and Design." Garden clubs are invited to design and plant the nine perimeter plots and the top three gardens are recognized at an awards tea in September.

The War Memorial's Veterans Garden, funded through donations, is a serene and quiet memorial to those who've served in the military. Garden paths and memorial benches, as well as engraved pavers, offer veterans and their families a way to honor members of the military.

"This is our major fundraiser for the garden center," Brown said, adding that people who attend the garden tour may have fun identifying different plants and shrubs.

Kathy Brown, also a member of the garden tour committee, said horticulturalists will love the ideas they may find at homes along the walk.

"The beauty of the ideas, what to do in yours, the uniqueness," she said are all draws.

Added Ginny Brown: "It's all about ideas and relating to their own space. That's why we have such a variety of gardens."

The event wraps up with a raffle drawing at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 27, at the War Memorial. Participants need not be present to win. Prizes include a watercolor painting by Robert Fionda, Waterford Crystal pieces, jewelry, gift certificates and more. Raffle tickets are \$5 or three for \$10.

Tickets for the garden tour are available at various merchants and the War Memorial. Cost is \$12 in advance, \$15 the day of the walk. For more information, visit gpgar.dcncenter.org or call (313) 881-7511, Ext. 206.

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Calling all princesses!

Princess Party set for June 27 at War Memorial

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

It all began with Evelyn Edwards.

When Dr. Joseph Pellerito Jr. met her three years ago, she had recently been in a car accident. The then 4-year-old suffered a catastrophic spinal injury at the C2 level, was on a respirator/ventilator and was paralyzed from the neck down.

With his background in occupational therapy and rehab technology, Pellerito, a resident of Grosse Pointe Park, was called in to speak with the girl. She revealed at their first meeting she loved dancing, climbing trees, playing tag and other activities, but her injuries prevented her from doing much of what she loved. Slowly, her friends disappeared.

"Other kids were unsure how to interact with her," Pellerito said.



Above and below, last year's Princess Party included 150 girls and women.

"She was unable to socialize in the traditional way. She really lost her network of friends."

On a second visit, Edwards told Pellerito her favorite thing was princesses; he knew that was something with which he could work.

"My goal was to help her socialize with other children, in particular children without disabilities (because those are

the kids she'd be going to school with) and somehow work to build her self-esteem and self-image," he said. "I wanted her to see herself as a strong, independent young woman someday. That requires relationships, a sense of belonging and a sense of accomplishment."

Pellerito decided to use the Internet to connect Edwards with a girl a few years older who could mentor her. He elected his daughter, Ivy, then 7, to be that mentor. While at first difficult, before long their "FacePal" sessions became amazing.

Naturally, in time, the girls wanted to meet in person, at which point they read princess books to each other. That meeting spawned another with a couple more girls at a princess-themed business in Novi.

"To watch them interact, you realize it's not about self-esteem and socialization," Pellerito said. "It's about the girls without disabilities learning from the others — that they're cool and fun. It's a beautiful thing to witness."

Things really took off after that.

The first Princess Party occurred at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial last year. Around 500 people showed up, including 150 girls, from 6 months old to a woman in her 90s.

This year's event is planned from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 27, at the War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

"We're celebrating bravery, beauty and brilliance," Pellerito said. "We're not promoting dependency. We're promoting that girls with disabilities are brave, beautiful and brilliant. They're so smart; they can do anything they put their minds to."

"We're teaching the public that. That is what we're all about."

The program has evolved this year to include Renaissance Festival volunteers donating princess costumes, as well as King Leo, portrayed by Grosse Pointe actor Leo Babcock. A deejay, photographer and dress-up photo booth are also included.



COURTESY PHOTOS

All ages are welcome to the Princess Party Saturday, June 27. The event includes makeovers, crafts and more.

Miss Michigan Wheelchair will be on hand as well.

Three stations will be set up — for hair, nails and makeup — all manned by Grosse Pointe professional stylists. There are multiple chairs at each station, but if there's still a wait, crafts will be available for those in line. Hot hors d'oeuvres will be offered as well.

A brief ceremony also takes place; each girl will receive an introduction, a flower and a certificate. Then there's a dance party.

"The whole thing is about celebrating the bravery, beauty and brilliance of girls with or without disabilities," Pellerito said.

The party is funded largely by a GoFundMe page. More than \$4,000 was raised in six weeks and private donations have also come in.

The Princess Party is hosted by Motor City Ambucs, a nonprofit organization of which Pellerito is president.

"It's the best kept secret in Grosse Pointe," Pellerito said of the Princess Party, "in Southeast Michigan, really."

"We don't ask for a penny from anyone who's participating. We have an all-volunteer group, including the board of directors. We have generous sponsors who essentially underwrite everything."

Registrations are being accepted, but spaces are filling up fast. Pellerito said those who wish to attend after spaces are gone will be put on a waiting list and are added to the top of next year's guest list.

Register online at the princessparty.org or by emailing goprincessparty@gmail.com.



Muskie Derby is June 24

The 20th annual Charity Muskie Derby, hosted by the Michigan Ontario Muskie Club, takes place Wednesday, June 24, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

The event is a joint effort of the Michigan Ontario Muskie Club, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Detroit Yacht Club and Detroit Athletic Club.

More than 40 boats will participate. The morning starts with a 6 a.m. continental breakfast, followed by registration at 7:30 a.m. Following an 8 a.m. shotgun start, boats head out for fishing until 3:15 p.m. A dinner and raffle take place at 5 p.m. Prizes also are awarded.

Cost to bring a boat and equipment and sail with six people is \$700. Cost to sponsor a boat with a captain, mate, equipment and four guests is \$800. Additional anglers cost \$125; ages 13 to 18 cost \$60 and ages 12 and younger are free. Dinner-only tickets are \$55.

Proceeds benefit the Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods branch of the Special Olympics.

For more information, call Eric Woodhouse at (586) 945-0390 or Ed Pascua at (734) 709-2766.



From left are Vince Brennan, Rodney Orr, 2011 derby winner and Special Olympian Steven Kujawski and Greg Saltana.

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Correction

The article "Churches host Vacation Bible School," from the Thursday, June 11, edition, should not have included a VBS program at St. James Lutheran Church.

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Fairy Tale Festival is June 27

Tickets are on sale now for the Fairy Tale Festival, set for Saturday, June 27, at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. The festival, "Wings and Things," celebrates fairies and dragons, as well as butterflies, bugs, birds, airplanes, superheroes and more. Fairy Tales of Ford House has become a tradition for families through storytelling, art, music, performances, activities and games. The

event also will host the unveiling of the butterfly benches for the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's "Seat Yourself in Grosse Pointe" program. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Family four packs, which include admission and hot dogs for four, are \$42. The first 250 to purchase four packs will receive a live butterfly to release at 11:30 a.m. To purchase tickets, visit fordhouse.org/events.



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The Fairy Tale Festival takes place Saturday, June 27, at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, Grosse Pointe Shores.

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Ronald McDonald House celebrates grand opening

Nearly 200 guests attended the grand opening gala for the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit on May 30 at the Max M. Fisher Music Center. The event raised \$37,000 for the new house, 4707 St. Antoine, Suite 200, in Detroit's Midtown.

During the reception, guests were shuttled to the new house for a tour. Many said they were impressed by the size, the furnishings and the elegance of the house, which opened to residents April 1.

During the program, Ronald McDonald House Executive Director Jennifer Litomisky spoke about "The Heroes Behind the House," thanking the work of Gary Granader, who oversaw construction. His father Harry built the first Ronald McDonald



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Aimee Cowher of Grosse Pointe Farms served as gala co-chairwoman.

House of Detroit in 1979, next to Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Jackie Meara, regional director of global operations for Ronald McDonald House Charities, noted the importance of longtime support of McDonald's owners and operators

and La-Z-Boy, which furnishes new Ronald McDonald Houses in the U.S. and around the world.

Larry Gold, CEO of Children's Hospital of Michigan, spoke about the partnership between the hospital and the house. Families who have

stayed at the house spoke about their experiences and how much the staff and the house meant to them during a trying time in their lives.

Donors who contributed \$10,000 or more to the Hearts, Hands and Home Campaign were given engraved crystal hearts onstage, presented by Litomisky and Teresa Saputo, chairwoman of the campaign.

"The gala was our way to thank donors for their gracious support and generous contributions over the years and especially during the renovation for the new house," Litomisky said.

To date, the house has raised nearly \$2 million for a \$3 million campaign that runs through August 2016. Learn more at rmhc-detroit.org or by calling (313) 745-5909.

Art, craft workshops offered

Summer Kids Arts and Crafts Plozoa Workshops are offered June through August at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

A birdhouse workshop is offered for ages 5 and older from 10 a.m. to noon Monday, June 29, and Tuesday, June 30. Barbara Davis instructs. Cost is \$70.

A stop-motion animation workshop takes place from 10:30 a.m. to noon Monday, July 6, through Thursday, July 9. Tony Shopinski instructs. Cost is \$90.

A shoebox fairy/gnome garden workshop for ages 5 and older takes place from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, July 14, and Wednesday, July 15. Barbara Davis instructs. Cost is \$70.

A clay workshop for ages 5 and older takes place from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Aug. 18, and Wednesday, Aug. 19. Barbara Davis instructs. Cost is \$70.

Children's drawing and painting classes for ages 5 and older take place from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays for six weeks, June 27 through Aug. 8. Cost is \$130 plus supplies. Registration closes

Friday, June 26.

Children will create with charcoal, pastels and oil paints during this series of classes, which is open to different levels of experience.

To register for a class or workshop, call the Grosse Pointe ART Center at (313) 881-3454 or download a registration form online at grossepointeartcenter.org.

Cinema Detroit offers variety

Starting Friday, June 19, Cinema Detroit hosts the 2015 Sundance Shorts Tour. Thousands of short films are submitted

to the Sundance Film Festival each year, but only the best are chosen to tour the nation. The tour includes drama, documentary, animation and short films. Tickets are \$10.

The 83-minute film "The Face of an Angel" explores the ideas of truth, objectivity and the way narratives are constructed through a fictional account of the Meredith Kircher/Amanda Knox case. A journalist (Kate Beckinsale) and a documentary filmmaker (Danile Bruhl) are pursuing the ever-murkier story of a murder suspect (Cara Delevingne) in

Italy. The journalist becomes tormented by the circumstances of the case, questioning her own values and motives. This is an official selection of the Toronto International and London Film festivals.

This drama runs 101 minutes and tickets are \$9. Showtimes are daily at 7 and 9:30 p.m., except Sunday, June 21, when showtimes are 5 and 7:30 p.m.

Other upcoming films include "Fresh Dressed," which will be screened for a week, beginning Friday, June 26, and "The Midnight Swim," which begins Saturday, June 27.

Parking for Cinema Detroit, 3420 Cass, Detroit, is free and monitored on the north side of the building. Tickets are available online or at the box office during regular business hours. Doors open one half-hour before showtime.

Visit cinemadetroit.com or call (313) 281-8301 for showtimes and more information.



Your Letters Requested...

As the Grosse Pointe News approaches its 75th anniversary this November, the staff invites you to join us in reminiscing about our community.

Your memories are an integral part of Grosse Pointe history, which connects us all together.

Your letters can be about anything. Here are a few ideas to consider:

- The last item you purchased at Jacobson's
- Favorite ice cream place and why
- Your first car or Grosse Pointe job
- School events or favorite teachers
- Your childhood home or memorable friends
- Seasons by Lake St. Clair
- Historic or community events

Photos are accepted. They may be dropped off, mailed or emailed (.jpg preferred).

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CHURCH EVENTS

Christ Church

The Christ Church Spirituality Center presents a workshop about personal experiences of transcendence from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday, June 22, through Thursday, June 25, at the church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. The workshop uses art media, reflective writing and sharing to nurture personal growth. Registration deadline is Friday, June 19. Cost is \$240; assistance is available. Call (313) 885-4841, Ext. 113.

St. James

St. James Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a book discussion group at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 22. The group will discuss "Still Alice" by Lisa Genova. Call (313) 884-0511.

Dinner cruise set for June 27

Pregnancy Aid of Detroit invites people aboard the Diamond Belle Riverboat Saturday, June 27, for a dinner cruise on the Detroit River that also journeys into Lake St. Clair.

The cruise is from 7 to 10 p.m. and features food donated by The Hudson Café, The Jagged Fork and Fairway Packing Company. In addition to dinner, beer, wine, soft drinks and dessert are included. Raffle prizes — including an Apple watch and a Shinola watch — as well as musical entertainment, round out the night.

Tickets are \$50 per person; valet parking is \$5. For more information or tickets, visit pregnancyaid.com.

PASTOR'S CORNER By the Rev. Edward Dunn

Vocation: A place of gladness, hunger

It's been more than 20 years since anyone asked me, "What do you want to do when you grow up?" The last time it happened was at the midpoint in my seminary education when my advisor invited me to his office and began our conversation with that question. I was surprised but have come to appreciate his wisdom and grace in asking it.

I was certain at the time I knew what I was going to do upon graduation. I was a graduate student studying theology and education. I was attending two graduate schools and working on dual degrees that would lead me to serving as a pastor within the Presbyterian

Church.

The wisdom of my advisor's question could not be known at that time. I have found deep satisfaction in my vocation, but I have also grown to appreciate it is a vocation that changes over time. My vocation has changed because life is constantly changing. I am fortunate to have a calling to a ministry where I find fulfillment and service and most recently have been blessed to be a pastor in this community once again.

How about you? What do you want to do when you grow up? Frederick Buechner, a Presbyterian pastor, educator and

author, offers these words to define vocation. He writes, "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." Finding one's vocation includes an internal awareness and external affirmation and each is determined by the gifts you have, the preparation you undertake and your suitability for that work.

There are numerous stories in the Bible about vocation. We read of the boy Samuel's call in I Samuel 3 and of the call to the prophet Isaiah found in Isaiah 6 that seem to come from a spiritual vision. We read of the call of the first dis-

ciples of Jesus in the gospels — one example found in John 1 — the result of a real encounter with Jesus. At a later point in the New Testament we read about Timothy, a young man who is a protégé of the Apostle Paul.

Each of us has a vocation. This reality of gladness and hunger or need is not limited to a sense of religious vocation. What brings you deep gladness in life? Where does your gladness intersect with the world's deepest hunger? Therein you will discover your vocation.

Dunn is pastor of Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church.

AHEE jewelers host 'Viva Las Vegas'

edmund t. AHEE jewelers hosts the 34th annual Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration at Comerica Park to benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 11. The event includes performers, tribute acts, Vegas showgirls and casino games. Featured acts are

The Simone Vitale Band, Vegas Legends Tribute Band, DJ Prevu with percussionist Jared Sykes, Scottie Alexander on piano, Vegas showgirls and Elvis look-alikes.

Food and cocktails are available at the Tiger Club, Big Cat Court and additional locations throughout the ballpark.

A fireworks presentation begins at 10:30 p.m., followed by the raffle. More than \$30,000 of fine jewelry and timepieces will be raffled, including pieces from Roberto Coin, Mikimoto, Ippolita, Ivanka Trump, David Yurman, Rolex and Tag Heuer. The grand prize includes a ladies Rolex

Datejust watch valued at \$10,700.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each; participants need not be present to win. All proceeds benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. More information will follow in the Grosse Pointe News.

Visit ahee.com/capuchin for details.

Officers installed

At its annual Scholarship Award Luncheon Wednesday, May 20, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, the executive board for the Grosse Pointe Woman's Club was installed. Executive board members are, from left, Nancy Hison, corresponding secretary; Nila Carter, first vice president; Pam Zimmer, president; Sharon Ruggioli, recording secretary; and Peggy Hickey, second vice president. Not pictured is Treasurer Noelle Landin.

The club's new season begins Wednesday, Sept. 16, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. For more information, call Zimmer at (313) 926-6726 or Hickey at (313) 407-1842.



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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.

Sara Laux Murphy

Sara "Sally" Laux Murphy, 52, died Thursday, June 11, 2015, in Grosse Pointe, following a 34-year battle with multiple sclerosis.

She is survived by her husband of 26 years, Paul; daughter, Natalie; mother, Linda Laux; father, David Laux; sisters, Emily Laux and Cynthia Laux Kreidler (Jim); 25 nieces and nephews; and many loving brothers- and sisters-in-law, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mrs. Murphy was born July 1, 1962, in Washington, D.C., and grew up in Chevy Chase, Md. In 1980, she graduated from Stone Ridge High School of the Sacred Heart in Bethesda, Md. She graduated from Amherst College in 1984 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and political science.

Mrs. Murphy was diagnosed with MS in 1980, but despite increasing physical challenges, she lived her life fully and without hesitation. Following her graduation from Amherst, she studied neuropsychology at Drexel University, interned with the Johns Hopkins Medical Institution's Neuroscience Department and worked on the landmark National Women's Health and Aging Study in Baltimore.

As an adult, she lived in Washington, D.C., Maryland, Pennsylvania, Arizona, Connecticut and, since 1999, Grosse Pointe.

She also traveled extensively in France, Ireland, Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, the Caribbean and beyond. She trekked through the jungles of Southeast Asia on an elephant, enjoyed whale watching in Alaska, kayaked in Lake Michigan, danced the moonwalk and, in the summer of 1988, bicycled across the United States on a tandem bicycle.

Later in life, Mrs. Murphy became a champion for literacy. At age 52, she published a children's book, "Silly Sally Goes to the Zoo," in which a young girl in a wheelchair takes a whimsical romp through an imaginary zoo. She served on the advisory council of LitWorld, an organization that supports literacy around the world, and was instrumental in LitWorld's decision to establish programs in Detroit.

Her family said Sally was a loving wife, devoted daughter, caring sister, loyal friend and remarkable mother. They said she was a model of strength, grace, laughter and love whose passion for life was a joy to behold.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at noon Friday, June 19, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made

to LitWorld, 222 Broadway, 19th Floor, New York, NY 10038, or at litworld.org. Include "In memory of Sally Laux Murphy" with any donation.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Robert Dean Pankau

Robert Dean "Bob" Pankau, 89, passed away peacefully Friday, June 12, 2015.

He was the beloved husband of Jean Terese (nee McCrea) for 60 years, who predeceased him. He was the dearest father of Anne Pankau (Cameron Duncan), Robert Pankau II (Theresa) and Marcia O'Dwyer (Neil); cherished grandfather of Robert Pankau III (Jennifer), Lauren Barnes (John), Kevin O'Dwyer and Brynn and Evan Duncan; great-grandfather of Noelle Pankau and dear brother of Jean Lomasney (Glenn "Jerry").

He was predeceased by his beloved parents, Albert and Anna Pankau; dear sister, Betty Falzetti and brother, Raymond.

Mr. Pankau proudly served in the U.S. Navy on the USS LSM 387 in the Pacific Theatre of Operations from June 1944 to June 1946.

A funeral Mass was celebrated June 16 at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park.

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Thomas H. Pine

Former Michigan resident Tom Pine, 74, passed away Sunday, May 31, 2015, after a three-month battle with lung cancer. He lived in Arizona.

Born Jan. 11, 1941, Tom is survived by his wife, Elaine Pine; daughter, Katherine Pine and her companion, Jeff Thiele; daughter, Tracy Pine; son, Phil Pyle and daughter-in law, Maria Pyle; and son, Matt Aaronian.

He also is survived by his sister, Carole Pine Fischer, (the late Lou Fischer) and sister-in-law, Sharon Pine, the wife of Tom's beloved brother, Richard Pine, who predeceased him.

According to his family, Tom was known for his wonderful sense of humor, outgoing personality and insatiable love of life. A tremendous void now rests in place of his boisterous laugh. He will be remembered by friends from coast to coast.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 23, at the

Bon Secours Chapel inside Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe.

Melissa Danielle Kelso-Walker

Melissa Danielle Kelso-Walker died Wednesday, June 10, 2015, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center with family at her side.

Melissa was born March 23, 1981. From the time she was a youngster, she had the "gift of gab" and was a natural-born salesperson. For the last 10 years, she worked in the mortgage and banking field, most recently as a loan officer for Michigan First Credit Union.

Melissa was an active, busy working mom, devoted to her son, family members and friends. Her sense of adventure served her well, as she continually sought out new things, whether it was a Saturday afternoon of zip lining, tango lessons, performing improvisational comedy, introducing her son to The Henry Ford or the Detroit Zoo or attending air shows, fishing, picnics and water balloon flights.

Her family said Melissa was a friend, confidant

and mentor. She always looked for ways to help people. She sustained friendships over many years and across the country, just by keeping in touch with a phone call, e-mail or text. She was the first person to lend a helping hand and, most importantly, never one to judge. She was enthusiastic about life and what it offered. Whatever activity she participated in or event she attended, she would say, "It was the best day ever!"

Melissa is survived by father, Brent Kelso and stepmother, Michelle DeLand; mother, Brenda Karaska; 7-year-old son, Taylor; siblings, Terrena Miller (Tim), Justine Kelso (Chris Ford), Jennifer Kelso, Zachary Kelso and Mallory Karaska (Ryan Brooks); former husband, Tom Walker and aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service to celebrate Melissa's life will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a fund established for Melissa's son, Taylor, at youcaring.com/melissa-son-taylor-365575.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

JLD awards dinner

The Junior League of Detroit had its 101st general membership meeting and annual awards dinner at Country Club of Detroit Wednesday, June 3.

Several Junior League members were honored for volunteer work the past year, including Placement Awards for two women who have dedicated more than 56 years of service to the organiza-

tion, as well as the CorPLUS Award to a member whose efforts exemplify excellence and generosity of service to Detroit.

Placement Award recipients were Rita Goss of Grosse Pointe Farms, who has served the JLD 36 years, and Ann Turnbull of Grosse Pointe Park, who has served 20 years.

Volunteer Lisa Gandelot of Grosse Pointe Farms received the Sustainer Outstanding Service Award and Volunteer Extraordinary Awards were presented to Katie Doelle of Grosse Pointe Woods, Natalie Zoufal of Grosse Pointe Woods, Kate Peach of Livonia and Jennifer Hill of Detroit.

The Committee Award was given to the Centennial

Celebration Committee.

The CorPLUS Award was presented to City of Grosse Pointe resident Laura Huebner who has concentrated her charitable efforts for more than 35 years with the Detroit Institute of Children. As part of the CorPLUS Award, the DIC will receive \$1,000 on Huebner's behalf.

The major award of the night, the Community Partner Award, was presented to the Meijer Roseville Store, which provides support to the JLD's Kitchen Kit project. Meijer management provides the JLD with preferential pricing, free shipping and gift card donations.

Kitchen Kits are a key component to the JLD's Community Impact Initiative — Project EAT, or Education, Access and Tools — and help provide well-equipped kitchens to those in need so they can cook healthy food.

Along with the awards, the JLD also announced winners of \$10,000 in scholarships, which were awarded to 10 Wayne County students who have demonstrated an interest in volunteerism while maintaining good grades.



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The sounds of the U.S. Army Field Band can be once again enjoyed at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

U.S. Army Field Band performs

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial hosts a free concert by the U.S. Army Field Band at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, on the back lawn, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a performance by the Motor City Brass Band. The War Memorial grounds open at 5 p.m.

The Concert Band and Soldiers' Chorus are the oldest and largest of the

U.S. Army Field Band's performing components. These two ensembles combine to present joint concerts on their national tours.

The joining of these two ensembles — the 65-member Concert Band and 29-member Soldiers' Chorus — allows them to offer unparalleled versatility of programming, ranging from orchestral masterworks and operatic arias

to Sousa marches, jazz classics and Broadway musicals.

No alcoholic beverages may be brought to the event; food and drinks, including beer and wine, will be available for purchase.

There is no seating for this event; visitors should bring their own blankets or lawn chairs.

For more information, call (313) 332-4074 or visit warmemorial.org.



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Ann Turnbull of Grosse Pointe Park and Rita Goss of Grosse Pointe Farms received Placement Awards for their years of service with the Junior League of Detroit.

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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

In honor of Dad

This Sunday is Father's Day. I'm making strawberry shortcake for my dad, Harvey, and the rest of the family. I chose a recipe from my first cookbook ever, "Better Homes and Gardens."

This not-too-sweet shortcake is the perfect reason to celebrate the strawberry while it's still at season's peak.



Homemade Shortcake with Strawberries

1 quart (or more) fresh strawberries, hulled and thinly sliced
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1 tablespoon sugar

For the shortcake:
2 cups flour
2 tablespoons sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 stick butter, cold and cut into small pieces
2/3 cup milk
1 egg
fresh whipped cream for serving
fresh mint leaves for garnish (optional)

Toss the sliced strawberries with the lemon juice and the sugar. Cover

and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

In a medium bowl, sift the flour together with the sugar, baking powder and salt.

Place the mixture in the bowl of a food processor. Add the butter and pulse several times. Return the mixture back to a bowl.

In a small bowl, whisk together the milk with the egg. Pour the wet mixture over the dry and stir just until combined. Spread the mixture into a greased 8- to 9-inch springform pan or pie plate.

Bake for 15 to 20 minutes, until golden brown.

Cut the shortcake into wedges while it is still warm. Halve the wedges horizontally and tuck

some of the strawberries inside. Top with more strawberries, a dollop of fresh whipped cream and a sprig of fresh mint.

To prepare fresh whipped cream, whip one or two cups of heavy cream, along with a teaspoon or two of sugar and a dash of vanilla, until soft peaks form. Store covered in the refrigerator until ready to serve.

Say "Happy Father's Day" to your dad with this homemade sweet strawberry treat.

I'm sending a special shoutout to my dad, Harvey, who, along with my mom, Marguerite, raised nine children whom I was lucky enough to be smack dab in the middle of. Thanks dad, I love you. Banana.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Ahmed Bazzi, D.O.

Treating an elbow injury

Q: My child fell and hurt his elbow falling from a monkey bar. How can I tell if it's fractured?

A: The warm weather is here, which is great news for kids who have been cooped up inside. As kids hit the play-scapes, trampolines and other activities requiring jumping and climbing, parents should be forewarned these activities have the potential to cause elbow injuries.

In fact it is one of the more common injuries we see in the orthopedics department. According to the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, fractures that occur in, or around, the elbow account for about 10 percent of all fractures in children. Many elbow injuries occur at playgrounds when children are playing on monkey bars. They lose their grip, slip off and fall onto an outstretched arm.

For younger children, falls from lower heights, such as the bed or couch, are often responsible for elbow fractures as the child puts his/her arm out to break the fall. Parents should discourage bouncing on beds or furniture.

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tive equipment. Elbow guards and pads can help reduce the risk of an elbow fracture.

When to seek care from a pediatric specialist

Symptoms of a broken elbow include:

◆ Severe pain in the elbow and forearm

◆ Limited range of motion after an injury

◆ Possible numbness in the hand, if nerve injury has occurred

If your child complains of elbow pain after a fall and refuses to straighten his or her arm, see a doctor immediately.

Treatments depend on the type of fracture, how angulated it is and the degree of displacement. Displacement refers to how far apart the broken ends of the bones are.

If your child suffers an elbow injury, it is important to be seen by an emergency room pediatric specialist or a pediatric orthopedic specialist since some of these injuries may be associated with nerve damage, impaired circulation and

arrested growth or deformity if not treated promptly.

Dr. Ahmed Bazzi is an orthopedic surgeon at Children's Hospital of Michigan at the Detroit Medical Center. For more information on orthopedic services at Children's Hospital of Michigan, visit childrensdmc.org/orthopedics or call (313) 745-5117. DMC Children's Hospital of Michigan is a member of The Family Center's Association of Professionals.

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Woods library offers shuttle for seniors

By Jody McVeigh
 Community Editor

It's quite a walk from the parking lot of the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Library to the building itself, especially for the older generation. When library staff noticed a decline in its senior patrons, they devised a plan to rectify the situation.

Beginning Thursday, July 16, the library will offer bus service from the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center to the library twice a month.

GPPL Director Vickey Bloom said she hopes to boost the number of seniors who use the library and welcome back those who stopped coming.

"For seniors, it's a long

walk to that front door," Bloom said. "We want to make it so if they want to go to Woods, they can go to Woods."

The library partnered with Services for Older Citizens, which operates the Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Service bus, to shuttle seniors the first and third Thursday of each month. The bus will depart the community center at 11 a.m.

"They can wait right there, even if it's raining, and sit inside the community center," Bloom said. Once they're at the library, "Staff will be available to help them find the books or movies or whatever they're looking for."

Refreshments will be available as well.

The bus departs the

library at noon and brings seniors back to the community center. For seniors who'd like to participate in the Seniors Club there, meetings start at 12:30 p.m. The club meets for holiday celebrations, luncheons, cards, treats and more for a membership fee of \$15 a year.

"We'll see how this goes with the trial and readjust depending on the needs of the group," Bloom said. "We're just doing this at Woods, but if we ever saw a need (to expand the program), we'll look into it."

The scheduled service is flexible, too; if seniors want it adjusted, the library will listen.

The service is offered to ages 60 and older and is free to riders; the library covers a small

fee. It will not run on holidays, so Bloom suggested calling the library when holidays roll around to verify what dates the bus will operate.

For now, Bloom hopes the program is a success and is looking forward to a nice turnout when the bus service starts.

"Seniors love the library. They always use the library. They want the books and movies to check out," Bloom said. "We feel they are very important members of the library community and we want to make sure to meet whatever needs they may have."

The Woods Branch library is located at 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, call (313) 343-2325.

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BASEBALL

South beats North in quarters

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North/Grosse Pointe South boys' baseball rivalry went to an entirely new level last week.

The squads met in a Division 1 quarterfinal game at Wayne State University with the winner not just getting more bragging rights, but a trip to the Final Four at Michigan State University.

South used a four-run top of the first inning to beat North 6-3 and advance to the Final Four for a second consecutive season. South won the season series with North 5-2.

"To go to the Final Four two years in a row is special," South head coach Dan Griesbaum said. "Ever since we lost in last year's title game, I thought about going back to the Final Four."

"We were ready to play and to play North in a quarterfinal game meant so much more."

Jumping out to the 4-0 lead was huge and it gave starting pitcher Andrew Fabry even more confidence.

Will Poplawski led-off with a single and a dropped fly ball in the



South head coach Dan Griesbaum, left, and North head coach Frank Sumbera exchange pleasantries after their quarterfinal game.

outfield put two runners on.

Ryan Liagre singled home a run and a single by Brad Thompson scored another run.

A third run came home on another error and a single by Will Norris quickly made it 4-0 just six batters into the game.

North starting pitcher Tommy Burke settled down and got into a groove, allowing the Norsemen to stay within striking distance.

"Tommy pitched well and we didn't help in the field," North head coach Frank Sumbera said. "We could have been out of the first inning with minimal damage."

The Norsemen had a

golden chance to get on the board.

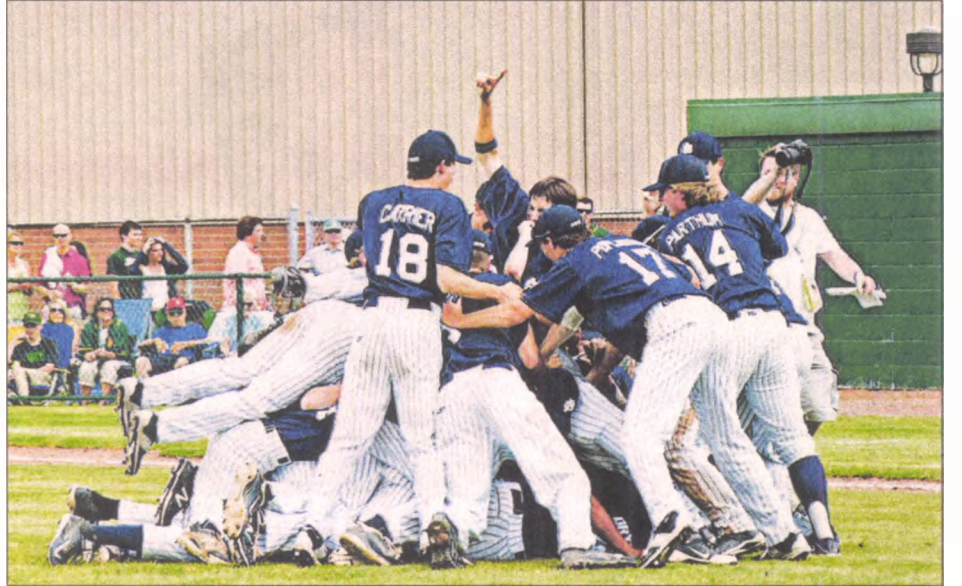
They loaded the bases in the second, thanks to singles by Alex Huguenin, Burke and Sam Cross.

However, Fabry was able to get Malik Bruton to hit into an inning-ending 6-4-3 double play.

Bruton hit the ball hard, but it was a tailor-made double-play ball.

The Blue Devils sored single runs in the second and fifth to make it a 6-0 lead.

The Norsemen struck for three runs in the sixth when pinch-hitter Henry Burghardt reached on an error and Tristin Richardson followed with a single.



South players celebrate after beating Grosse Pointe North in a Division 1 quarterfinal at Wayne State University.

Dan Robinson, who is headed to Central Michigan University on a baseball scholarship, drilled a two-run triple, and he scored on a Huguenin double down the third base line.

South finished with 12 hits to six for North and Fabry improved to 10-1 on the season.

Poplawski, Liagre, James Fishback, Thompson, Norris and Logan Mico had two hits apiece for the Blue Devils, while Huguenin had two for the Norsemen.

Burke suffered the loss, going 4 1/3 innings

and Alex Kracht finished the final 2 2/3 innings.

Grosse Pointe North finished the season 30-12.

As for Grosse Pointe South, it played Portage Northern in one of the semifinals at McLane Baseball Stadium at Kobs Field at MSU.

Things fell apart early as South fell behind 6-0 after two innings in an eventual 8-0 semifinal loss to Portage Northern.

Five errors helped Northern score its six runs and the Blue Devils never regained momentum.

"We started the game with two errors and it

snowballed from there," Griesbaum said. "We had some walks, hit batsmen and three more errors, and it was 6-0 on one hit after two innings."

"We played well the rest of the game, but could not recover. We also left a ton of runners on base. We actually out-hit them 8-6."

Norris suffered the defeat, throwing two innings. Doug Graham pitched the final four innings.

Grosse Pointe South finished the season 32-12 overall.

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Soccer

LIGGETT

Semi loss

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' soccer team was 40 minutes from playing in the Division 4 state championship game.

The Knights played a good first half as freshman Alexis Wenger scored to give them a 1-0 halftime lead in their semifinal game against Lansing Christian at Troy Athens last week.

Head coach David Dwaihy and his Knights couldn't keep up the pace in the second half as freshman Kasey Jamieson scored twice to lift Lansing Christian to the 2-1 win and ending Liggett's season.

Liggett was ready for the challenge and played well enough to be on the winning end.

The Knights had offensive opportunities and the defense was good, but Jamieson was able to get two shots by fresh-



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Liggett freshman Alexis Wenger scored the team's lone goal in a tough 2-1 state semifinal loss to Lansing Christian.

man goalkeeper Teagan Cornell and that was the difference.

Cornell had a nice run for the Knights during the five state playoff victories, giving up zero goals.

Her play helped the

rest of the team play better knowing their goalie would make the saves.

Liggett finished the season 14-6-1 overall.

Graduating are Haley Neuenfeldt, Courtney deRuiter, Autumn Buysse and Carina Ghafari.

Track & field

REGINA



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All-State

Regina High School's 3,200-meter relay team of Grosse Pointe Park residents Julia Roarty and Lauren Valentini, Teresa Diehl of St. Clair Shores and Jasmine Browning of Detroit, competed at the Division 2 state track and field finals at Zeeland-East High School Saturday, May 30. They placed fourth with a time of 9:37.89, breaking the Regina school record, to earn five points and All-State honors. Pictured above from left to right are Roarty, Diehl, Valentini and Browning, seated. Regina's track and field team is led by head coach Gregg Golden, as well as assistants John Dunn, Bob Valgoi, Becky Hendren, Eric Ford and Meaghan Ogonowski.

Softball

LIGGETT

Knights fall to USA in quarterfinals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The underdog University Liggett girls' softball team traveled to Flint Kearsley last week to battle No. 1 ranked Unionville-Sebewaing in a Division 4 quarterfinal game.

The Knights' coaching staff did everything in their power to get their players physically and mentally ready for this game.

Liggett played well, but in the end USA advanced to the Final Four with a 1-0 nine-inning victory.

"What can I say about how hard our girls played today," head coach Ted Alpert said following the 90-minute bus ride back

to Liggett. "Our seniors played great and they showed the younger girls that all the hard work and preparation leads to success and leads to playing a great game against the No. 1 ranked team in the state in Division 4 in the state quarterfinals."

The Knights had chances to score, but the lack of a clutch hit was the key to the defeat.

Anna Majewski had two hits to lead the team, while Taylor Slayton, Maddie Hamilton and Emily Miserendino had one hit apiece.

Zarine Minwalla, making her final high school appearance on the mound, pitched a great game, going 8 1/3 innings, giving up only

four hits, one earned run, six walks and two strikeouts.

Of the six walks, three were intentional to USA's home run hitter, Breanna Dinsmore. In addition, USA's college recruit, pitcher Nicole Bauer, had 10 strikeouts.

"We were ready to play this game and we had some good swings against Bauer," Alpert said. "We just couldn't get the big hit to drive in runs and our defense, especially outfield and middle infield, was tremendous. They kept us in the game."

Liggett finished its season 21-11 and Alpert graduates team leaders Slayton, Minwalla and Kacie Wuthrich.

Lacrosse

CRANBROOK-KINGSWOOD



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State title

Grosse Pointe Park residents McCalla Mecke, left, and Charlie Peck hoist the MHSAA Division 2 state championship trophy after they helped Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood beat Okemos 10-9 in the title game. The Cranes finished the season 14-9 overall.

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Copies of the recommended budget are on file with the Library Director at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe, Michigan for inspection during regular library hours, as well as the two branches. At the public hearing, all citizens, taxpayers, and property owners in the library district of the Grosse Pointe Public Library shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard. **THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.**

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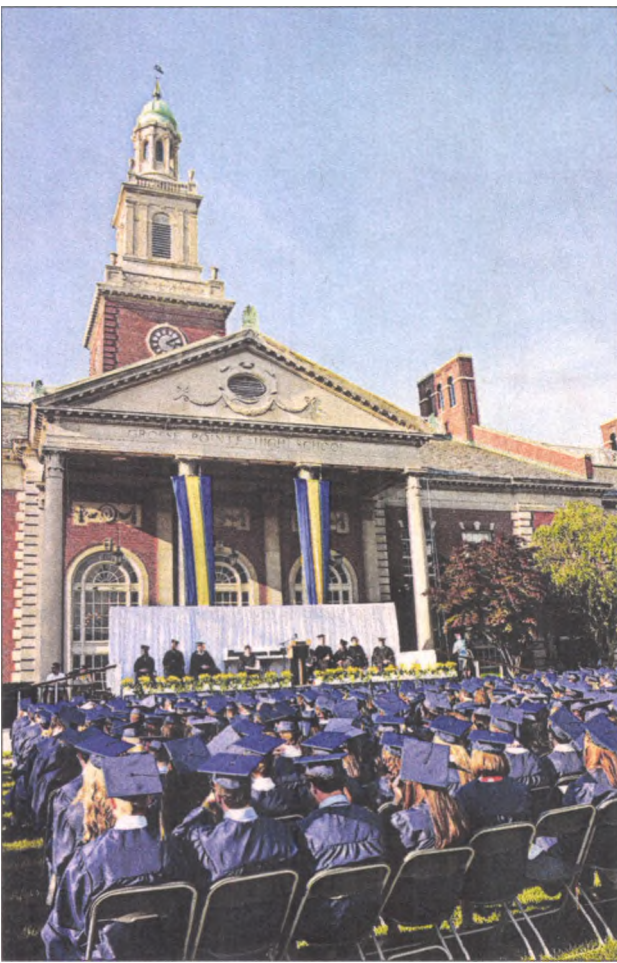


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Heading south

Pasha Vreeken of Grosse Pointe Farms has signed a letter of intent to play soccer at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla. Vreeken graduated in June from IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla., where she played her senior year for Kelvin Jones and the U19 women's soccer team. Prior to IMG Academy, she attended University Liggett School for six years and credits the coaching she received there as a critical building block to pursue her love of the sport. She also credits Liggett for being academically prepared to meet the many challenges an away Academy presented.

Pomp and circumstance



Grosse Pointe South High School is the backdrop for the 2015 graduation ceremony.

Grosse Pointe South High School seniors and assembled guests enjoyed sunny skies during commencement exercises Wednesday, June 10. Principal Moussa Hamka addressed 422 soon-to-be graduates before the presentation of diplomas.

Rain and an indoor ceremony did not dampen the spirits of the 296 seniors who graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School Thursday, June 11. Principal Kate Murray recognized the students for their accomplishments and encouraged them in their future endeavors.

— Mary Anne Brush

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Newly minted Grosse Pointe North High School graduates, as is custom, toss their caps into the air upon being conferred graduate status.



North's Dora Juhasz adjusts her cap.



Grosse Pointe South Class of 2015 graduates toss their caps high into the evening sky.



Principal Kate Murray addresses Grosse Pointe North Class of 2015 members.



Moussa Hamka gives his first graduation address at Grosse Pointe South.



Matthew Kennedy, South senior class president, addresses the crowd.



Haley Reid gave the commencement address to her fellow North graduates.



North's Christian Sottrel receives his diploma from GPPSS Board of Education secretary Margaret Weertz.



Emily Zink, right, gives a last-minute fix to Kate Wietecha's cap before walking out to graduate at South.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 1, 2015

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Councilperson Charles Flanagan.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilperson Flanagan from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held May 18, 2015.
- 3) To hold a Public Hearing on June 15 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public input and comment on the transfer of Community Development Block Grant funds.
- 4) To adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing a litigation matter.
- 5) To add to the agenda the retaining of additional Legal Counsel and Professional Appraisal Services for the Eastland Tax Appeal matter.
- 6) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 105850 through 105937 in the amount of \$320,111.82 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Plante & Moran in the amount of \$15,520.00 for the professional services performed in conjunction with the 2014 audit. (3) Approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$9,767.01 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of May 2015. (4) Approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$6,196.10 for professional services during the month of April 2015 for the following projects: 2015 Emergency Concrete Repair, #180-170; Albanian Islamic Center, #180-166; SRF Open Cut Repairs, #180-119; SRF FCIPP, #180-117; SRF SCIPP, #180-118; 2016 Gas Main Replacements, #180-168 and the 2014 Emergency Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-160. (5) To appoint Ms. Mary Beth Kane to the Library Board for an unexpired term ending January 2017.
- 2) To Place for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance No. 2015-04, entitled "An Ordinance Regulating Portable Storage Containers and Mobile Storage Containers," and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.
- 3) To adopt the City of Harper Woods Freedom of Information Act Procedures and Guidelines policy, effective July 1, 2015.
- 4) To allow WCA Assessing to retain Laura Hallahan, of Hallahan and Associates, P.C. to represent the City in the Tax Appeal of Eastland Mall at the hourly rate of \$164.67/hr, not to exceed a value of \$10,000 without further administration/City Council approval.
- 5) To allow WCA Assessing to retain the service of Laurence G. Allen, of Allen and Associates to appraise the various parcels under appeal in the Eastland Mall case, in a multi-step process, to achieve a value range conclusion and if ultimately necessary, to conclude a narrative appraisal of the property with a fee not to exceed \$25,000 excluding expert witness fees.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

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4C | SCHOOLS



Reuben Randle, DeAgionna Richardson and Nicholas Russell were among 18 students who fished with Jim Maisel and Mark Hill of the Downriver Bass Association.

Fishing fun

Students from Grosse Pointe North High School in the Autism Spectrum Disorder program, spent a recent afternoon fishing at Windmill Pointe Park in Grosse Pointe Park. Nick Raymond, a teacher's assistant at Full Circle community campus, created the event 10 years ago.

The students and volunteers caught northern pike, small bass and silver bass, which they released after catching.



Jalen Brown and Carlon Kern eat they lunch they packed after a morning of fishing.

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Board highlights positive end to school year

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

During a regular meeting of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education Monday, June 15, the board was asked to review policies on public records, entrance age and animals on district property.

Of particular interest to parents is Policy 5320 on immunization. According to the policy, students must meet the immunization requirements set by the state to enroll or attend school.

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- ◆ The child has received at least one dose of each immunizing agent and the next doses(s) are not due yet.

Voting is slated for the Monday, June 22 meeting.

Other agenda action items included the approval of the elementary school social studies curriculum and French I textbook. The adoption of new French I textbooks was recommended because the books currently used in French classes at the middle and high school levels are out-

dated in culture as well as vocabulary.

The current elementary social studies curriculum was adopted by the district in 2008. In 2010 the board approved the use of The Michigan Citizenship Collaborative Curriculum for third and fourth grades. Use of MC3 in kindergarten through fifth grade was r e c o m m e n d e d .

According to presenters, MC3 units use multiple instructional approaches and modalities, include more hands-on activities to promote a higher level of student engagement and provide many more opportunities for students to work in groups and engage in substantive conversation to create their own knowledge.

The social studies curriculum changes were presented and approved by the Educational Programs Leadership

Council May 20.

Director of Student Services Stephanie Hayes presented a special education update and MDE Significant Disproportionality Notification for the 2013-2014 school year.

"It was an excellent school year," Hayes reported. "We met our goals and progressed in every area." Communication strides included a parent newsletter and survey that, based on 130 respondents, resulted in overwhelmingly positive responses.

Regarding the MDE Significant Disproportionality Notification for the previous school year, Hayes concluded that black students with cognitive impairments were disciplined at a higher rate than non-black students. On a positive note, 60 percent of staff participated in posi-

tive support outcomes for students.

"The goal is to keep kids in school," Hayes said. "The more they are out, the worse it gets, whether the student has a disability or not."

Superintendent Gary Niehaus reiterated the importance of positive behavior support, citing the Positive Behavior System used in other districts. According to Niehaus, Grosse Pointe looks to make a full move to the PBIS program across the district.

Said Trustee Lois Valente, "Students are not well served by being pulled out of instruction for general discipline issues." She recommended students be put on a behavior plan before discipline is enforced.

The meeting included recognition of students who are entering a branch of service after

graduation. Students from North were Matthew Kane, U.S. Air Force, and Malik Underwood, U.S. Army. Students from South included James Sands, U.S. Marines; Scott Brooks, U.S. Naval ROTC; Michael Landuyt, U.S. Naval ROTC; and Jared Ells, West Point. Board members had an opportunity to congratulate Ells, who was there to receive his certificate of recognition.

Before adjourning, a number of trustees commented on the positive end to the school year with the high school graduations last week.

"I have been to a lot of graduations and this one was on top of the scale," said Niehaus. "It takes a lot of preparation, but it was well worth it. The class of 2015 has set a high bar that we can all take notice of."



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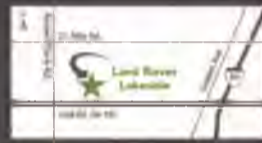
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