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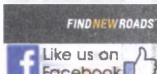


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Legacy on the Lake

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce held its second annual Legacy on the Lake Wednesday, June 22, at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House. The sold-out event honored the John and Marlene Boll family for their support of the community. The fundraiser for the chamber helps fund many of its community programs. At right, Marlene and John Boll accept their award. Below, Bob Bury, a friend of the Boll family, talks about their support of the Pointes.



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At left, Connie Ahee, John Ahee and Bettejean Ahee. Above middle, Barbara Fisher, Mary Matuja and Marlene Boll share a story. Above, Richard Thomas, Debbie Liedel and David Dieter.

Lock your stuff

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — It's summertime and the pickins are easy ... if residents don't lock their cars or bikes.

Grosse Pointe Woods police report at least 12 incidents in the past week of unlocked cars being rifled. In the worst case, a handgun was stolen. In other serious cases, wallets contain-

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Lakeshore fireworks Saturday

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Celebrate 240 years of American exceptionalism — the only nation founded by the people, for the people — during Independence Day fireworks Saturday, July 2, on the lakeside.

The first shell launches at 10 p.m. from the former Dodge family peninsula at the foot of Harbor Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Shows generally last 30 minutes. Prime viewing extends from Warner in the Farms to Grosse Pointe Shores.

Boaters anchored beyond a safety zone on Lake St. Clair vote their pref-

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Flame stays bright throughout 33-year career

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — He's not the one you want to see in your rearview mirror while speeding through a school zone, but when a house is on fire, 33-year public safety veteran Lt. Jack Patterson's a god-send.

"I hate fires — some-

body's losing property, somebody could lose their life and we could lose our lives," said Patterson, retired Friday, June 24, as head of the Grosse Pointe Farms fire-fighting division.

"Jack was the No. 1 go-to guy for firefighting experience and consultation," said Skip Fincham, retired public safety director and manager of

the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Woods. "He's an expert in incident command and an aggressive firefighter. Whether he was a public safety officer, sergeant or lieutenant, he was right in there with the troops fighting fires."

"I was inspired by Skip at a fire 30-something years ago, when I didn't know anything,"

Patterson said. "I realized, once I became a supervisor, that at 3 o'clock in the morning when a house is on fire, I have nobody to ask a question but myself. So, I needed to learn everything I could."

Patterson could have retired three years ago on maximum pension.

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Lt. Jack Patterson, head of the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety fire division, retired this month.

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First man to serve as president of the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe



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National Coney Island has new look

By Joe Warner
Editor

The oldest of the National Coney Island chain of 20 restaurants is also one of the busiest.

Near the corner of Mack and Moross, a mix of Eastside Detroiters and Grosse Pointers are regular customers at the newly-remodeled business.

It's also a popular gathering place for the staff of St. John Hospital & Medical Center, located just around the corner on Moross.

National Coney Island has been a part of Detroit since 1965, with the Mack and Moross location opening in 1970. The family-owned company has grown to 20 restaurants throughout metro Detroit.

The location has a new look, inside and out, welcomed by employees and customers.

"There are a lot of reasons people gather here," said company CFO Dan Roma, a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe. "It's the food and the service. It's comfortable.



Many of the employees here have been here for a long time. They feel they're a part of something and our customers enjoy that."

Roma said some of the staff checked on the remodel and wanted to help any way they could. "We let their personalities shine," said Martyna Nowak, director of marketing and a resident of St. Clair Shores. "The remodel took four weeks and features Detroit scenes, local cartooning and some history of the company."

Headquartered in Roseville, National Coney Island was founded by James Giftos when he

opened the original restaurant in Macomb Mall.

The menu and number of restaurants has steadily grown since. The Detroit/Grosse Pointe restaurant, at 19019 Mack, remains popular, along with locations at Gratiot and I-696, Harper and Old Eight Mile, Metro Airport and across from the Warren Tech Center, where the National Coney Island has a bar.

The company is known for its community involvement in Metro Detroit.

The coney and Hanis are the most popular items on the menu, but there's a mix of breakfast, lunch and dinner for all tastes.

"Our Mack and Moross store is an important part of our legacy," said Tom Giftos, president of the company and son of the founder. "We have been serving the Pointes for more than 40 years and we're excited to re-invest in the community with our remodeled store that features our updated decor package and completely new kitchen."

For more information, visit nationalconeyisland.com.



The new look inside and out of the National Coney Island near Mack and Moross is being celebrated by employees and customers.

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The League Shop, an established business for the past 45 years, has been the destination for all gift-giving occasions. The current owner is looking forward to retiring this year and selling the business.

The store is noted for creating bridal registries with European china and crystal to local pottery and glass. In addition, it has an outstanding reputation for creating detail-oriented wedding and non-wedding stationery, personalized gifts, custom gift wrapping and local delivery are additional services of this store.

The League Shop is a highly visible brick and mortar location on "The Hill" in "The Heart of the Farms". Customers are very loyal and return to the store because of the knowledgeable and courteous staff and selection of merchandise.

The ideal new owner would have a retail merchandising and/or marketing background. This is a "once in 45 years" opportunity!

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DSO coming to Ford House

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra returns to the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House for a two-concert series Friday and Saturday, July 8 and 9.

The series opens July 8 with "Broadway Hits and More," an evening of songs featuring the DSO and vocal duo Will and Anthony Nunziata, who perform Broadway showstoppers.

The July 9 performance, "An American Symphonic Celebration," features works by Bernstein, John Williams, Dvorak and others, featuring the DSO.

The grounds of Ford House open at 6 p.m. The concerts begin at 8 p.m. and are followed by a fireworks finale at 9:30 p.m.

General admission tickets are \$20 for adults, \$12 for ages 5 to 12.

Visit dso.org or call (313) 576-5111. Tickets are \$25 and \$15 at the door. VIP and preferred seating tickets are sold out.



Dance party

Grosse Pointe Woods opened the summer season with Music on the Lawn Friday, June 24. The Sun Messengers played for the crowd, which included, at right, Charlotte Julien, Sal Profeta and Phoebe Julien, stretched out and enjoying the tunes.

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Light issues

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Councilman Bruce Bisballe has a burr under his saddle about the slow pace of federal contractors installing new traffic signals at the intersection of Lakeshore and Vernier.

He called it a “government boondoggle” and compared crews doing the work to bureaucratic snafus causing long lines at airport security counters.

“I think the guys supervising it run the TSA,” Bisballe said.

Installation was supposed to conclude by last Thanksgiving.

Grosse Pointe Shores officials are striking back by revoking the contractor’s privilege to park construction vehicles

overnight in the Osius Park lot.

“We decided if they’re not going to work, they’re not going to have to get their equipment out of there,” said Brett Smith, director of public works. “We’re trying to use everything we can to get these guys motivated.”

One delay follows another, agreed Smith.

“Currently, we’re waiting for poles to arrive so we can install foundations for the poles,” he said.

Construction is federally-funded.

“We have a few different guidelines to work under,” Smith said.

“However, we have been consulting with the Michigan Department of Transportation and letting them know about the slow pace of work and material delays.”

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“Our pension system is set up when you reach a certain point, your monthly pension starts going down each year,” he said. “I need to stop the pension reduction.”

Despite receiving law enforcement and fire fighting job offers, Patterson intended to rest a few months before resuming work.

“That’s changed,” he said.

Next week Patterson starts at a gun range.

“I’ll probably get back to teaching concealed pistol license classes; maybe a little private training,” he said. “We’ll see.”

Patterson foresees officers having to do more with less.

“Mutual aid isn’t what it used to be,” he said regarding the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods agreement to join forces in emergencies. “You’re not getting the same amount of manpower

because other departments have cut.”

Crime is becoming more dangerous.

“It was rare we picked up someone with a gun,” Patterson said of his early years on the job. “Now, it’s constant. We’re dealing with more violent people. The mental health system in this country has failed.”

He declined a big retirement bash, preferring goodbyes in the firehouse before leaving the last time.

“I’ve been fortunate to work under great administrations and managers Rich Solak and Shane Reeside,” Patterson said. “They cared about their people.”

Patterson’s late father, also named Jack, directed Woods public safety and retired as city administrator.

Younger Patterson has no regrets committing himself to what is essentially the family business.

“None at all,” he said. “The last three or four things in my personnel file are life-saving awards. You can’t put a price on that.”

LOCK:

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ing money and credit cards were taken, as opposed to a couple of instances where nothing was taken, but the car appeared to have been thoroughly searched, with items stored in the console or glove box strewn about the car.

On Monday, Bruce Smith, Woods director of public safety, was concerned enough about the spike in these cases to issue a NIXLE alert, reminding residents to always lock their cars.

“The Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department has taken

over 12 Larceny from Auto’s reports in the past week,” the alert said.

“This is a reminder to please lock your vehicles when they are left unattended and parked overnight. Thieves are targeting unlocked vehicles. In addition, please do not leave valuables in plain view. Citizens are encouraged to report any suspicious activity to the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety (313) 343-2400.”

Smith reminded residents this is a crime of opportunity, with perpetrators walking next to cars, trying door handles. Those left unlocked are searched, those locked are passed by.

“It’s a simple solution,” Smith said. “Lock

your cars, even if you leave them in your driveway.”

Residents accustomed to leaving their cars in their driveways are faced with an added dilemma with the current road construction being done throughout the city. At least one resident reported to police because her street is under construction, she parked her car on a side street overnight. When she returned the next morning, she found her car rifled through, but nothing was missing.

But at least one theft had an international twist. A Prestwick resident who was leaving for Russia, reported his wallet, containing 4410 rubles was taken. Before

the thief gets carried away with dreams of vodka and caviar, that amounts to about \$70.

While unlocked cars are the problem in the Woods, Grosse Pointe Park police say the current target there is unlocked bikes.

At least three bikes were reported taken from Windmill Pointe Park last week. In each case the bike was left at the bike rack unlocked.

“We can’t say it enough,” said Park Detective Michael Narduzzi, “lock your doors, lock your cars, lock your bikes. It doesn’t matter where you live. If you use a lock, 99.9 percent of the time you won’t have a problem.”

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erence by sounding their crafts’ horns and blinking running lights after the finale.

Fireworks, sponsored by the Farms, highlight the 65th Annual Regatta and Family Fun Weekend at residents-only Farms Pier Park Friday through Sunday, July 1-3.

Regatta activities are sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club, except for a concert at the park prior to the fireworks sponsored by the recreation department.

Entry to Pier Park is by city-issued park pass.

“On Saturday only, there are no guest punches or picnic permits,” said Dick Huhn, Farms recreation director. “Each Farms resident with a park pass can bring two non-resident guests. Guests are to be with the Farms resident when they enter.”

Enforcement is intended to restrict attendance, ensuring greater access and convenience to Farms residents.

“Crowds were getting so large, we had quite a bottleneck at the front gate of people coming in,” Huhn said of prior regattas.

Regatta schedule

Friday, July 1

- ◆ 6 p.m. Children’s art in the park. Chalk drawing on pavement. Awards issued. Register at the community center.
- ◆ 7 p.m. Sailboat race.

Saturday, July 2

- ◆ 10:30 a.m. Detroit Tigers mascot, Paws, prowls park grounds.
- ◆ 10:30 a.m. Decorated bicycle parade for children ages 3-4, 5-7 and 8-11. Community building parking lot. No registration.

- ◆ Noon. Pie eating contest at the picnic pavilion. No registration.
- ◆ 12:30 p.m. Inflatable boat races. Meet at the beach. Register at the front information tent. Late registration at the beach. Participants must wear a life jacket or vest.

- ◆ 1 p.m. Face painting near the concession stand.

- ◆ 1:30 p.m. All-ages free throw shooting contest. Register 15 minutes beforehand at the basketball courts.
- ◆ 2 p.m. Yellow ducky race. More than 200 rubber ducks are dropped in waters off the beach to race ashore. Trophies for top three finishers. Buy duckies at the information table near the park entrance — \$3 for one, \$5 for two.

- ◆ 3 p.m. Magician at the band stage.
- ◆ 4 p.m. Sand castle

contest at the beach.

- ◆ 5 p.m. Picnic table decorating contest. Judged on creativity and patriotic theme. Register at the information table.
- ◆ 6 p.m. 50/50 raffle drawing at the band stand.
- ◆ 7 p.m. Concert by Soul Provider Band.
- ◆ 10 p.m. Fireworks on Lakeshore at the foot of Harbor Hill.

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Mr. President of the League of Women Voters

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

Six years ago, Tom Wells joined the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe at his wife's request. After attending meetings, helping the treasurer and becoming treasurer himself, next month Wells begins a new adventure with the league.

Friday, July 1, Wells takes over as president, a post he said he earned because he's aggressive and outspoken. He is the first man to assume the post in the Grosse Pointe group.

"Men have been involved with the league

since 1974," he said. "There are men involved in state and local leagues as officers.

"I don't have a problem with the name because we don't have gender equality," he said. "When we approach gender equality, I'm all for changing it to the League of Voters."

More men are joining all the time, he said, but it's not only male membership he hopes to improve under his leadership.

"The league is shrinking," Wells said. "I am so excited and passionate about what the league does, stands for and has accomplished, but we

can do a lot better. I'm not coming in as a president of an organization that's just humming along and needs a caretaker To continue to be relevant and impactful, we need to adapt to today's world."

The Grosse Pointe league has less than 100 members. Wells would like to see that number improve to 200 or even 300. The average member age is 74. He'd also like to lower that average.

"We need an educated, enthusiastic electorate," he said. "That's what I'm trying to help with. Some of the stuff we do is so invigorating."

The league recently helped register 76 high school seniors to vote. It also was asked to moderate a school board candidate forum. Three candidate forums — for state representatives of Districts 1 and 2, as well as Wayne County commissioner for District 1 — are set July 12, 14 and 19 at the Wayne County Community College District's Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center. The forums will be recorded and streamed on the league's website, grossepointe.org.

"Come to our website to learn more about us," he said. "Our local website ... is phenomenal, easy to access and user friendly. The more we can draw people to that, the more people will realize what we're all about — voter education and voter advocacy."

Wells, 76 and a Grosse Pointe Farms resident, has a pitch he uses to entice new members.

"Join us. If all you want to do is show your support and be a member ... you have my pledge you will not be inundated with requests to do things and give money," he said. "If you do want to volunteer, that's great. If you do try something and you don't like it ... no harm, no foul. I will get somebody to replace you."

"People are busy — show us your support, write a check, be a member, give us what you can and what you want to. I've found in my history of being in business, people respond much more enthusiastically if they're involved with the process and not being told what to do and if they have an opportunity to voice their displeasure."

Born and raised in

Grosse Pointe, Wells attended Grosse Pointe High School, where he met his future wife. Married at 18, the couple celebrates their 58th anniversary in August.

Wells graduated from Johns Hopkins University in three years and began working as an accountant for Arthur and Anderson. He opened his own CPA firm in 1969, then in 1973 devised a retirement plan with his business partner.

"I proposed that we buy businesses," he said. "That's how I ended up in the cable TV business, where we had overall very nice success."

From cable television to child care centers, Wells spent years "retired, then back in business, retired, then back in business."

He still owns two child care centers in Texas and sells real estate. He and his wife, Jan, have four children and five grandchildren. In his spare time, he golfs, travels, reads and spends time with family.

"I have enjoyed as a parent every single phase and stage of my children's and grandchildren's lives," he said. "Family is such a corner-



Tom Wells

stone in our lives."

A sports fan in his younger years, now Wells considers the league his greatest passion. He's been a member for six years.

"If you like what we do, if you support what we do, what we stand for, what we try to accomplish, what we have accomplished, join us, support us," he said.

"It's \$60 a year, \$90 for a family, \$30 for students. As an all-volunteer organization, we need supporters if we're going to be effective in our mission."

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Trellis rust threatens pear trees

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — A pear tree with roots

to the community's founding has lived on what is now Kay Felt's lakeside lawn for close to a century, and she's not letting anything happen to it on her watch.

"I spend at least \$1,000 per year on that tree," said Felt, a retired attorney and former councilwoman in Grosse Pointe

Shores.

George Osius, the Shores' first president and namesake of its municipal park, planted the tree circa 1920 on his ribbon farm and orchard extending about two miles inland from Lake St. Clair.

"It's a pear tree from Europe," Felt said.

French pears of old have a special place in Pointe lore, rating poetic

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Flipper

Police impounded a silver 2014 Ford Escape that a reportedly drunken 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms male flipped on Chalfonte near Washington shortly after 12:30 a.m. Saturday, June 25.

"I observed (the car) upside down with heavy damage," reported a public safety officer, responding at 12:43 a.m.

The driver, smelling of intoxicants, "appeared uninjured and confirmed he was not hurt," said the officer. "Initially, (he) stated he had nothing to drink, but later stated he had two or three beers."

Officers logged his .228 percent blood alcohol level — nearly three times the legal maximum to operate a motor vehicle in Michigan — and arrested him for drunken driving.

Officers searching him said they found two fake identifications, including a Rhode Island driver's license.

Bike taken

Someone stole a \$535 gray Trek 7.2 bicycle from a garage in the 800 block of St. Clair while the homeowner was out of town July 7 to 20.

"(The) garage was closed, but not locked," reported an investigating officer.

Phone taken

A 4-foot-tall, 11-year-old Detroit male is suspected of stealing a 15-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms boy's iPhone and Dr. Dre wireless earphones, worth a combined \$400, from a backpack on the playground of Maire Elementary School at about 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 20.

Police searching for the suspect on Cadieux in Detroit were directed by three other juveniles to his residence.

While speaking with the boy's father, the suspect and two friends arrived on bicycles.

"None had the stolen property on their person and denied they knew where it was," said the officer.

They blamed three other juveniles allegedly

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at the playground smoking marijuana.

Napping

At 8:47 p.m. Sunday, June 19, police investigating a woman allegedly sleeping inside a light green 2013 Toyota Prius parked in the 700 block of Notre Dame noticed a pool of purple, wine-colored vomit near the driver-side door.

"(She) exited the vehicle and appeared to be having trouble balancing," reported a patrolman.

The woman, 29, of Dearborn, denied drinking, but registered a .167 percent blood alcohol level, resulting in her arrest for drunken driving, according to police.

Officers searching the vehicle reportedly found a nearly-empty bottle of Porto Morgado wine.

A male resident of the block alerted police to the woman.

"(He) stated the car was parked in front of his house for over an hour with a female sleeping inside," said an officer.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Hacked

There's no known suspect in the May 6 hacking of a 14-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms girl's Instagram account.

Her father reported it to police Saturday, June 25.

"(The hacker) created an account using her pictures and name, with one letter different, and contacted (her sister) via

personal messaging," reported a public safety officer.

Narcotics

Police scooped up two law breakers during a traffic investigation starting at 8:16 p.m. Friday, June 24, on westbound Mack near Canyon.

A patrolman pulled over a 54-year-old Detroit man for operating a black 1999 GMC Sierra with "loud" exhaust spewing "noxious fumes."

Police searching the vehicle said they found three packages of crack cocaine weighing a combined 1 gram, another gram of heroin, three glass pipes and various forms of identification belonging to at least three other men, including the victim of a car break-in this month in Plymouth Township.

"The drugs are individually packaged for sale (or) distribution," reported the officer.

A female passenger, 32, of Detroit, was "animated, jittery" and wanted on a Wayne County warrant for violating parole relating to cocaine possession.

Prize con

Winners of the \$250,000 Publishers Clearinghouse sweepstakes needn't wire \$274 to the company to receive the prize money, a 22-year-old man from the Farms learned after doing so Monday, June 20.

He limited his loss by not agreeing to forward another \$2,300.

"If you're required to wire or pay any amount of money in order to claim a prize, it's a scam," according to the Clearing House website, pch.com.

"PCH sweepstakes are always free to enter and there is never any fee associated with winning."

Caught in act

A woman living in the 200 block of Merriweather, investigating the sound of her front door opening at about 7 a.m. Monday, June 20, intercepted what police categorized as a breaking and entering.

"When she came downstairs, a white man (medium build, balding) and white female (slim with dark sunglasses) were standing in the foyer speaking to each other in what she thought to be Russian," said a public safety officer.

The couple claimed to be a cleaning crew and departed the area in a white van.

"Later in the day, (the homeowner) noticed the screen door pneumatic closer was separated from the door," said an officer. "(She) thought it may be from the suspects' forcing entry" and notified police at 2:47 p.m.

Coming calm

Things should calm soon in the 400 block of Allard Road, where police often referee arguments between a 66-year-old male homeowner and 62-year-old male tenant.

"This department has been to this address numerous times on civil disputes between the

(owner) and (tenant)," reported a patrolman Friday morning, June 24. "(The owner) stated his lawyer is in the process of evicting (the tenant). That should be June 30 or July 1."

The men had been arguing about a female house guest's taking or eating a mango, according to the officer.

Cuts off cruiser

A woman, 45, of Oakland Township, violated a ban against U-turns on Mack at Kerby, cutting off a patrolman operating a cruiser, he reported shortly after 8 p.m. Thursday, June 23.

She shouted an apology from the driver-side window of her blue 2010 Infiniti QX56 "that she was not from the area," said the officer, pulling her over in the 18800 block of eastbound Mack.

She slurred, admitted drinking during her 11-year-old daughter's swimming meet at a pri-

vate club in the Farms and registered a .15 percent blood alcohol level, according to police.

Officers cited her for drunken driving and, because the daughter was in the vehicle, child endangerment.

Fake insurance

The case of a Warren woman, 38, is typical of roughly a half-dozen arrests last week of motorists for possessing fraudulent auto insurance certificates.

An officer pulled her over on Mack above Moross shortly after 4:30 p.m. for illegally parking a black 2000 GMC Suburban in a handicapped spot at a nearby Farms bank.

"The insurance broker (said) her company receives correspondence almost daily from the Michigan Secretary of State in regard to forged insurance," said the officer.

Bench taken

A children's metal-framed wood bench worth \$200 was stolen

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I SAY By Joe Warner

Legend of Froggy

We had a pet frog. His name was Froggy. He lived in a small aquarium in the bedroom of my eldest daughter, Abby.

Froggy was a gift to her around her first birthday. He just croaked, pun intended, a couple weeks ago.

You would've thought Froggy was a possum. He played it well. There were times when he slept so soundly, not moving to the original touch, that he started the march toward burial in the next room, only to start splashing his way to say, "Don't do it; I'm alive."

When we looked for a frog to purchase, not much went into it. The guy at the store said to take a picture of it, because they don't last long. I could purchase a new "Froggy" and my kid would never know. I honestly never had to do that. Froggy lived more than 14 years.

Granted, he wasn't the most entertaining pet. He wasn't like dogs or cats or guinea pigs or any of the other animals buried down the hill from my house.

Froggy required new water every couple weeks, food pellets every other day and usually I'd talk to him each morning before I left for work and when I came home. I said good night to him most nights I was home.

Each year he ate less than \$10 worth of food. That's right, \$10. He would prop himself on the tank's rocks to eat. He would swim around the tank at night. We used to joke he was training to be a Navy SEAL.

One time, pre-generator, I lost power for four days. It was below zero, near Christmas, and I hung with Froggy near the fireplace. Keeping his tank warm. Making sure he was OK. We slept by the fire at night. When a hotel room freed the next day, I checked in. With Froggy's tank on the desk.

That pet frog survived some remarkable times, like when Molly or Abby dropped him on the bathroom tile floor while they were trying to change his water. Neither admits who dropped him.

Froggy seemed injured. Swam sideways for a few days. He had some issues. Then, just as I'm contemplating the next move, he comes to life. It's like he could see the impending burial at sea.

He was the perfect pet for our house. The girls split time with me and their mom. I travel some when they're not home. Low maintenance pet, was Froggy.

So when I returned from a recent trip and went to say hi and feed Froggy, he was gone. I tested to see if he was faking, but he wasn't. Come to find out, it's real easy to tell when a frog is no longer alive.

After 14 years, how do I tell Abby her pet is gone? I guess I just tell her.

"Can we get another pet?" she asked immediately. "How about a fish or a cat or a dog?"

I said it was too soon. I was sad, as were the neighbors who took care of Froggy when I was out of town. Much more than Abby, I think.

"He lived a really good life, Dad," Abby said. "It will be OK."

Yes it will, Abby. I'll get over this. Stay cool, Froggy. You were the best.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pure Grosse Pointe

Music at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House above, provided by G&G Music Group, entertained those attending the Legacy on the Lake event for the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce. The music continues there next week with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Details on page 2A.

LETTERS

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

Not too late

Last week's letter captioned "Reality" and written by Mr. Finazzo (a high school classmate) misunderstands the status of race relations in our community and how best to address this chronic problem.

The letter seeks to excuse the recent incident in which Grosse Pointe high school students circulated a virulent video condemning African Americans and suggesting, among other things, they should return to Africa. These students, the author asserts, are not culpable because "their real life experiences have played a greater role in shaping their views."

This is pure nonsense and ignores the fact black people have had a "rough ride" in the Grosse Pointes for a century, including a long period the author and I should remember when they weren't allowed to buy property in the community and traveling in it by automobile was hazardous for them because of police practices. Allowing our kids to apply situational ethics to human rights issues is bad parenting and worse citizenship.

One can't help observing that dislike of the "other" is also prevalent in the British "Brexit" vote and in the Trump anti-immigrant political campaign. Both purport to take citizens back to a more halcyon time (which didn't exist) and deny the progress which has been earned so painfully. Both are advanced primarily by white people, mostly of modest educational background, but including many people we know. Since these adherents share a negative and mean-spirited perspective, it is only appropriate to characterize them with the applicable philosophical adage: "Denial is not a river in Egypt."

Let's hope adults take over these conversations before it's too late.

WILLIAM D. HODGMAN
Grosse Pointe Park

Caution

We are blessed in our community to have venues like "Music On The Plaza" in the Farms and now, more recently, "Music On The Lawn" in the Woods. I am a frequent attendee with family members, and we enjoy

the entertainment and people watching. The crowds span the ages from babes in arms to seniors in their 90s, along with dogs of all kinds.

The concern I have is parents who seem oblivious to the danger of hearing loss for their children. I see young children with and without their parents standing/dancing within a few feet of the speakers that project high decibel sound from the musicians. Young children in particular are more likely to suffer a degree of permanent hearing loss under these conditions. For those parents who doubt this potential hazard, I suggest they talk to their pediatricians.

I think it would be appropriate for the organizers of these events to make announcements to their audiences, suggesting parents keep young children some distance towards the rear. Depending on the venue, it might be 50 to 100 feet away, but I leave that detail to the organizers and sound technician in attendance. I note St. John Providence Hospital is a sponsor of the two venues I mention, and I would hope their pediatric department will support this suggestion.

BOB SEJFULLA
Grosse Pointe Farms

Support

For nearly four years, Grosse Pointe has been left out of the conversation in Lansing.

Grosse Pointe Woods has been represented by someone who has yet to pass a piece of legislation and is unable to work across the aisle on some of the most agreeable is-

sues.

All five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods will face challenges in the coming months that could have been avoided if we had a voice in the majority. This issue is in part due to the district demographics. But this year, we have an opportunity to have a voice in Lansing once again. We have this opportunity in the form of a tenacious 24-year-old Republican and Grosse Pointe Woods native William Broman.

I am endorsing Broman for state representative of District 1 for several reasons, but primarily because I know he will work for our community and he has a legitimate opportunity to win. Broman has flipped the script and truly connected with Detroit residents.

We can sit back and allow our interests to be silenced for another two years, or we can give one of the hardest working young men I know the opportunity to fight tooth and nail for our interests in Lansing. With a degree in biomedical engineering from one of the top schools in the country, Broman stands to make far more money in the private sector. It is because he is giving this up to run for state representative that I am certain he truly wants to devote himself to service of this community.

Broman will work tirelessly on our behalf as state representative in Lansing and if you don't join Team Broman we will most certainly have another two years of no representation in state government.

RICHARD SHETLER JR.
Grosse Pointe Woods

GUEST OPINION By Judy Gafa and Gary Niehaus

GPPSS Pointes of Pride this year

Editor's note: Part two of two.

The end of each school year provides a natural time to stop and reflect on the goals, objectives, successes and areas of opportunity for our district. Our schools are strong. Here are some specific examples to support that.

Program Awards

Four Grosse Pointe Destination Imagination teams with students from Brownell, Pierce, Parcels and Trombly advanced to represent GPPSS and compete against students across the globe in the global finals in Knoxville,

Tenn. Grosse Pointe South's SunDevils solar car team, the first high school solar car team, placed eighth in the nation last summer and is headed into its fourth year of competition.

We have two Grammy award music programs at both high schools.

North and South Thespian Troupes 49 and 5781 each earned two Superior honors at the Michigan State Thespian Festival. There are two GPPSS students on the state board.

GPPSS students in our ASD autism program

were featured at michiganoutdoorstv.com.

Brownell, Parcels, North and South earned State Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, including the most individual awards for a single year ever for South High School. View student work at gpschools.schoolwires.net/Page/17550.

Our student newspaper and yearbook programs win state and national awards every year through the National School Press Association and Columbia Press Association. Pierce Inklings a finalist in the

2015 Columbia Press Association Gold Crown middle school category).

Grosse Pointe North Jazz Band received a superior rating at the Music-in-the-Parks Festival at Cedar Point.

Parcels Middle School's seventh and eighth grade vocal, instrumental, and orchestral students participated in the Cedar Point Music-In-The-Parks festival Saturday, May 21. All five ensembles earned first place superior ratings and the

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Seeking solution to City's rubbish deficit

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Rather than toy with piecemeal solutions to the municipal rubbish collection system's \$85,000 annual deficit, members of the city council want a long-term fix in one big swoop.

The City of Grosse Pointe mayor and council favor a uniform strategy.

Rejected is charging individual customers for solid waste collection based on usage and the myriad ways that can be calculated — size, weight, volume or amount.

In the meantime, however, a \$50 fee was established this week for public service crews to haul away non-metal bulk items. Examples include sofas, carpet rolls and mattresses — things

weighing more than 50 pounds or that don't fit in 32-gallon rubbish bins.

The fee is forecast to generate \$10,000 revenue each year.

Nearly five years ago during the prolonged recession, cost-cutting officials considered solving the rubbish system's financial problem by eliminating rear-yard pickups.

The service is labor

intensive and requires additional Cushman utility carts in the municipal motor fleet.

Instead, council members retained the service as the type of largess which — along with quick public safety response, resident-only municipal parks and highly-rated public schools — make the suburb what it is.

Rear-yard collection is back on the endangered

list. Elimination saves enough money each year for the system to break even, according to City Manager Peter Dame.

"Rear-yard pickup is less important. It should go," said Councilwoman Jean Weipert.

A few years ago, an estimated 50 percent of City residents used rear yard collection, but participation seems to have dropped, according to Dame.

"None of us can answer that without having raw data about what the costs are," said Councilman

Christopher Boettcher. "We need to come up with a solid waste program that will work, other than just saying we're going to raise the tax rate or come up with a higher per-household charge."

"A lot of the services we provide the community cost more money, but are things residents come to expect and appreciate," said Councilman Andrew Turnbull, hoping to maintain rear yard collections. "We should expect to pay a little more in terms of overall tax for the services."

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from the roadside on Mary between 5:30 and 9:10 p.m. Sunday, June 19, according to the owner.

The bench is painted with zoo animals.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Drunk

A 44-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man, investigated at 2:17 a.m. Sunday, June 26, for weaving a 2016 Ford F-150 pickup truck on southbound Lakeshore near Woodland Shore Drive, was arrested for drunken driving.

He registered a .15 percent blood alcohol level, according to the arresting officer.

Marijuana

Two 43-year-old women, one from Detroit, the other from Las Vegas, face drug charges resulting from a traffic stop on Lakeshore at Woodland Shore Drive at 11:27 p.m. Friday, June 24.

A patrolman pulled over the Detroit woman for operating a 2011 Buick without headlights.

"(I) observed minor amounts of a green, leafy substance believed to be marijuana on the passenger seat and floorboard, consistent with remnants of rolling a marijuana cigarette," reported the officer.

A search of the center console revealed a container filled with two grams of marijuana, according to police.

—Brad Lindberg
Report information

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Handgun taken

An Ohio resident reported to police a Sig Sauer P290 handgun was taken sometime overnight Thursday, June 23, from a car parked at a relative's house on Anita. The visitor had a license to carry the weapon.

—Kathy Ryan
Report information on this and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

Grosse Pointe Park

Money taken

A patient at a doctor's office on Jefferson inadvertently left her purse unattended during an appointment the afternoon of Friday, June 24. When she retrieved her purse, she discovered \$50 missing.

Larcenies from garages

◆ Sometime overnight Wednesday, June 22, an unknown suspect entered a garage in the 1200 block of Wayburn and removed a weed whacker and a woman's bike.

◆ Sometime overnight Thursday, June 23, an

unknown suspect gained entry to a garage in the 1400 block of Lakepointe by kicking in a locked access door and took a lawn mower and several power tools.

They know who did it

A former employee, a 22-year-old Eastpointe resident, is suspected in the theft of several pieces

of lawn care equipment. According to police, the man left a job in the 1000 block of Audubon at 12:30 p.m. and took with him hedge clippers, leaf blowers and a chainsaw. Police continue to investigate.

—Kathy Ryan
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Northeast Guidance Center to Increase Affordable Housing on East Side



Artist Rendering Phase II Townhomes

Northeast Guidance Center [NEGC] broke ground for Mack-Ashland, Phase II, to expand its successful affordable housing project on Detroit's east side. The timely project will provide more low-income housing and hope for many of our most vulnerable Detroiters, including domestic abuse victims, veterans, aged out foster care young people and those diagnosed with serious mental illness.

NEGC partnered with Southwest Solutions and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority [MSHDA] to add 28 beautiful townhomes in an area that desperately needs housing alternatives. Southwest Solutions, the real estate developer for both phases, worked with MSHDA to secure close to \$700,000 in Low-Income Housing Tax Credits toward construction of the townhomes.

"We're building on the success of Mack-Ashland, Phase I," stated Sherry McRill, president of NEGC, as she pointed to a group of current Mack-Ashland residents in attendance who are currently enjoying the benefits of low-income

housing and an array of supportive services. "Supportive housing is the key to ensuring individuals and families enjoy successful recovery in their quest for mental health wellness."

In addition to new housing for low-income citizens, the project will benefit local homeowners. A plan to demolish unsalvageable properties is underway and some of the remaining residents will have access to funding to improve their homes.

The housing development expertise of Southwest Solutions helped to bring the project to fruition. "We are privileged to be a collaborative partner with NEGC and U-SNAP-BAC," said Tim Thorland, executive director of Southwest Housing Solutions. "Mack-Ashland, Phase II helps to alleviate the critical shortage of quality affordable housing in our city."

"This is the kind of project that excites me to attend," added Burney Johnson of MSHDA. "We are increasing affordable housing in Detroit."

Phase I one of the Mack-Ashland Community project was com-



Townhome construction site on Ashland

pleted in 2013 featuring an apartment building containing 12 studio, 18 one-bedroom, six two-bedroom and a trio of three-bedroom units. Humble Design will furnish 8 supportive housing units.

Phase II construction begins this fall with occupation beginning in the spring of 2017. The Mack-Ashland Community is owned by Mack-Ashland II Limited Dividend Housing Association Limited Partnership and is a subsidiary of Southwest Housing Solutions.

Northeast Guidance Center promotes total wellness with an emphasis on behavioral and physical health care for children, adults and their families. NEGC serves nearly 1200 children and more than 4700 adults annually.

To support the Phase II, purchase tickets to NEGC's Kruize4Kids fundraiser:

Kruize4Kids

August 11, 2016, 6-9:30 p.m., Jefferson Beach Marina, St. Clair Shores

This year proceeds from Kruize4Kids will support our Mack-Ashland housing project. With the help of *Humble Design*, a non-profit agency that collects donations of furniture and household items for the homeless, we will again furnish "happy, humble homes" for supportive housing residents. **Tickets are \$150 each. Sponsorships of various levels are available. More information: <http://neguidance.org/>**

About Northeast Guidance Center

Northeast Guidance Center is a comprehensive community health agency founded by the Junior League of Detroit in 1963 to provide services to children on Detroit's east side, and today is committed to innovative, community-based services that promote behavioral and physical healthcare. NEGC serves nearly 1,200 children and over 4,700 adults annually. For more information, visit www.neguidance.org.



Left to Right, O'Dell Tate, City of Detroit Department of Neighborhoods Linda Smith, Community Engagement Consultant, U-SNAP-BAC Timothy Thorland, Executive Director, Southwest Housing Solutions Sherry McRill, President & CEO, Northeast Guidance Center Timothy Killeen, Wayne County Commissioner, Peggy Trewn, NEGC Board of Directors, faculty EMU School of Nursing, Burney Johnson, Deputy Director, MSHDA, Tiffany Douglas, Market Manager, Bank of America Julie Nagle, director, Humble Design

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immortality in 1849, reprinted on page 32 of "Tonnancour," Vol. 1:

"From your lofty tops o'er the river blue

"Ye have looked, long, long ago,

"As the savage leaped on the shining sands

"With scalping-knife and bow."

Yet, an invasive fungus from the Old Country, trellis rust, is on the war-path against pear trees in North America.

Trellis rust — native to Europe, first diagnosed in the Pacific Northwest in the 1990s and detected in Michigan in 2009 — now is likely in the Pointes.

Brian Colter, Grosse

Pointe Park city forester, on Thursday, June 9, clipped green leaves spotted with telltale, orange, fuzzy-edged rust lesions from a sickly pear near the boardwalk at Patterson Park.

"The yellowish lesion may be trellis rust," said David Roberts, senior academic specialist in the Michigan State University College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Roberts made the diagnosis within minutes of receiving photos of the tree emailed to his office on campus.

"The main issue on the tree is a serious case of fire blight, a bacterial disease," he said.

Fire blight, an established problem for trees bearing fleshy fruit, turns

leaves nearly black and can kill the host upon spreading to the stem or trunk.

Trellis rust is a new threat.

"It can kill the tree," Colter said. "Managing it is difficult."

"Trellis rust is going to be devastating," said Brett Marshall, chairman of the Shores tree board and owner of a tree company. "It kills trees slowly over a period of years."

"Unfortunately, ornamental Bradford pear was a frequently-used replacement for ash trees," said Roberts, referring to thousands of ash killed during the last decade by invasive emerald ash borer.

"(Trellis rust) is controllable by injections and foliar application of

fungicides," Marshall said.

The pathogen, or spore, is windblown, but may piggyback on birds and squirrels, Marshall and Colter said.

Trellis rust also has a symbiotic dependence on juniper.

"It over-winters in juniper," Colter said. "Right around this time of year, the spores kind of hatch from galls on junipers. Infection on pears progresses through summer."

"Later, in October, pear trees produce spores that go back on the juniper again," Robert said.

A newly-planted, four-foot juniper grows 160 feet from the pear at Patterson Park.

"Not all rust fungi are like this, but this one

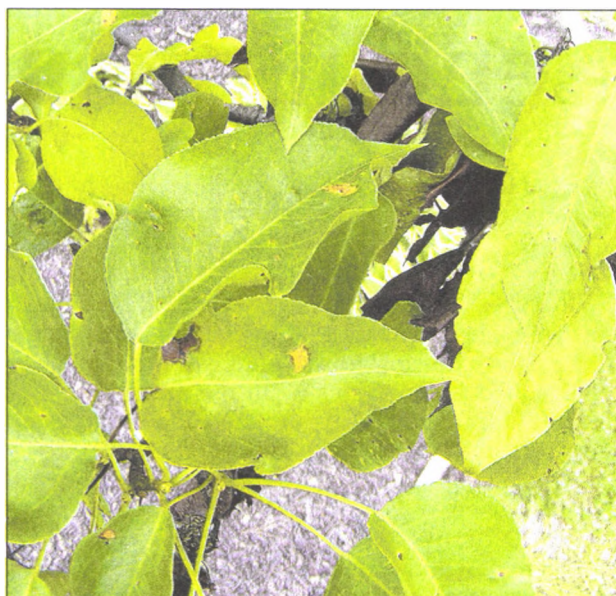


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Trellis rust, an invasive fungus from Europe indicated by orange lesions on leaves, kills pear trees.

requires to two hosts," this way, that is what the Roberts said. "Whether fungus requires. If it doesn't have it, it disappears." you want to say God created this or it just evolved

PRIDE:

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eighth grade choir brought home the Top Overall Middle School Choir award.

Pierce Middle School students brought home the gold and bronze state medals for Social Studies Olympia, and both Quizbowl teams made it to the finals.

Ferry Elementary's Science Olympiad Water Rockets team earned second place in their division. More than 1,000 students from Oakland and Wayne counties participated in that competition.

In the Chicago Dixie Classic Music Festival, all three ensembles of North instrumental students earned a superior rating. In addition to this

great honor, our symphony band clarinet section brought home the "Most Outstanding Woodwind" trophy.

Poupard's Green Team received a \$400 Peace, Love and Planet grant for their garden.

Individual Student Awards and Recognitions

Pierce's Eva McCord received a silver medal at the national level for her poetry submission to the 2016 Scholastic Art & Writing competition.

Senior Marcus Guerguis, a student in our ASD program, has accepted a summer internship with DTE.

Brownell's Olivia Frye was among the three Level I finalists in Michigan for the 2016 Letters about Literature Contest.

South's Tower Belles earned the Bishop Luers

High School-Grand Champion award for Women's Show Choir, Best Female Soloist and Best Stage Crew.

Sixth grade Brownell student Meghan Wysocki was regional, state and division winner for the Daughters of the American Revolution Essay contest this year.

Michael Marchiori is a North graduate who launched his own non-profit. For more information on Giving Pack and its current School Supply Pack Drive, visit givingpack.com.

TV production programs at North and South high schools had strong showings at the Michigan Student Film and Video competition, Michigan Interscholastic Press Association, Meijer Great Choices PSA contest and the National Academy of Arts and

Sciences Michigan Chapter Student Production Awards including several Awards of Excellence for both schools.

North's Sebastian Cubillejo received a Best of Show Award for his animated short film "2187." His film was displayed to the public at the Detroit Institute of Arts' Film Theater.

Jennifer Maiorana, and Alexis Motschall were named to the National Press Association Honor Roll for their work on The Tower, Grosse Pointe South High School newspaper.

North's Hope Kujawa and Ben Sliwinski were recognized as outstanding soloists (only four of these awards were given out at the festival).

North students Audrey Ajouloni, Julia Babcock, Emily Brown Baker, Ava

DeLoach, Olyvia Shimko, and Jay Garlapati presented their projects: "Water Quality in the Great Lakes" and "How to Limit the Number of Single-Use Plastic Bags Among Consumers" to a 101.9 WDET sponsored event at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Tuesday night.

At the Michigan State Thespian Festival, South's Emily Fleming earned a Superior in Monologue Performance and junior Mary Reinman a Superior in Solo Musical Theatre. Junior Calyx Turco was awarded an Excellence in Solo Musical Theatre as well.

In addition, junior Lolly Duus of Grosse Pointe North's troupe 5781 earned a Superior in Solo Musical Theatre and a Superior in Monologue Performance and sophomore Lee Daniel scored

an Excellent in Playwriting.

Ada Marotzke of Brownell won a Scholastic National Gold Medal for her graphite self-portrait.

We celebrate student and staff awards at each televised board meeting and in our weekly update to parents. Let us know what additional awards our community can celebrate. While this list is representative of our school accomplishments, it is not all inclusive as we live out our mission to Promote Innovation Maximize Potential Embrace Community. We hope you, too, share our vision of One GP: where everyone learns, every day.

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NEW VIEW

Iconography completed at Assumption

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

Since February, iconographer Vlasis Tsotsonis and his assistants diligently worked to finish a project started in 2006 to restore the interior paintings at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. The work was deemed necessary after a 2002 fire.

Monday, June 20, the church hosted a reception to thank Tsotsonis and display the completed second phase of restoration.

Tsotsonis was selected in 2006 and completed phase one — which included the altar, chapels and area above the altar — in 2012.

Phase two included the painting of the dome, pendentives and side arches.

“What we’re following is the traditional or the Christian beautification of the church,” Tsotsonis said through interpretation by the Rev. Michael Varlamos. “The placement of the icons is pretty standard. The inspiration clearly comes from God.”

The dome features Christ at its center sur-



rounded by a ring of angels, prophets and ancestors. The pendentives feature Sts. John, Matthew, Mark and Luke. Female saints and hymnographers complete the phase in the choir loft soffit and arch.

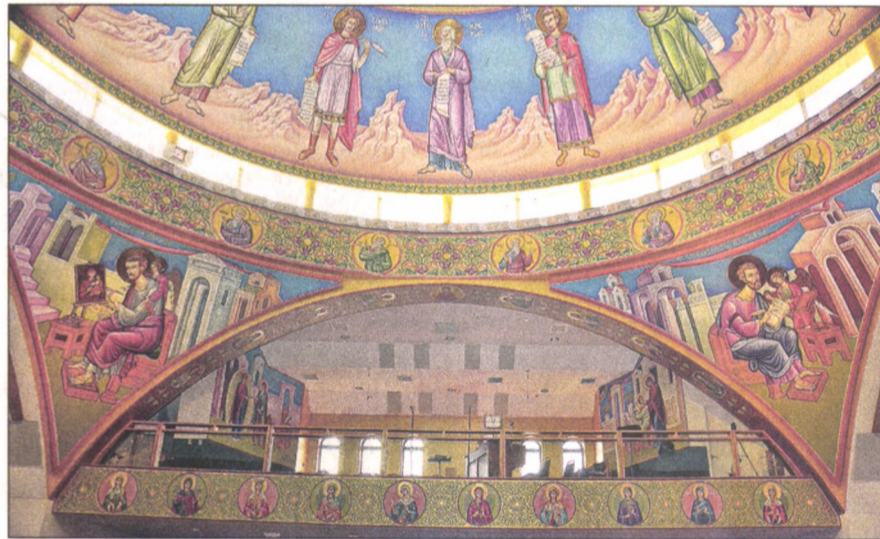
Tsotsonis and his assistants — Nikolaos Gaitanidis, Georgios Psomas and Laert Bregasi — used a classroom as their studio. They sketched and painted figures on canvas, which then were transferred to the dome and pendentives. Finishing touches were added directly to the surfaces.

Though scaffolding has been erected in the church most of the year, Varlamos said services still occurred, which



The Rev. Michael Varlamos, left, and iconographer Vlasis Tsotsonis stand in front of the altar featuring Tsotsonis’s work.

These pendentives show Sts. Luke and Mark. Above them are ancestors of Christ and in the medallions below are female saints. In the arched section above the medallions of female saints are hymnographers.



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Above, the dome is painted with Christ in the middle, the first circle depicts the Liturgy of Angels and the outer circle depicts prophets of the Old Testament. Left, St. Elizabeth, grandmother of the Virgin Mary.

drew comments from many parishioners.

“One person said, ‘Every time I come to

church, something new catches my eye,’” he said, adding there may be a phase three down the road.

Tsotsonis, 65, was selected for the job after Varlamos saw some of his work overseas. Apart from pieces in the United States, the iconographer has completed work in Jordan, Greece, Libya and

Israel, among other locations worldwide.

When he leaves the United States July 10, Tsotsonis won’t have much down time as he has another project “as soon as he gets home,” Varlamos said.

“When I first came here, I visualized (the project),” Tsotsonis said. “I saw the size of the dome — it’s larger than most — and had a concept of what I thought would fill the space. I wanted to maintain the reverence and dignity of the space, while making it aesthetically pleasing and biblically correct I feel I have fulfilled this

concept.”

The size was a challenge, Tsotsonis said, but he managed to fill the space without making the figures feel heavy.

“The images absorb and project light,” he said. “I hope to give people the sensation, when they come in, of feeling not weighted but embraced. I feel I’ve succeeded in that.”

The figures were painted in classic Byzantine form with traditional colors of the 15th century. Tsotsonis also noted the contrast of the soft colors with the 24-karat gold leaf used on the project.

While Tsotsonis is happy to return home, Varlamos is pleased the project is complete as well.

“I’m relieved, overjoyed,” he said. “It’s been quite a task I feel we had great synergy working together. It’s a community effort and really is quite remarkable.”

Varlamos said the iconography serves as a reminder of the church’s humble beginnings.

“Things should be beautiful as much as they are sacred,” he said, adding he hopes the completed project inspires others “to live a Christian life.”



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AREA ACTIVITIES

BNI
Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, July 1, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

SOC
Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts bocce 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, through Aug. 30, on the front lawn. Gene Fedeli facilitates with assistants Ben and Ryan Matheson.

SOC offers a walking club 1 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning July 6, weather permitting.

Learn about protecting and sheltering assets, avoiding the high cost of long-term care insurance and more during "Protecting Your Financial Future" at 12:45 p.m. Thursday, July 7, with Michael Laskowski of Western & Southern Financial Group. Dessert follows the program.

For information on these programs, call (313) 882-9600.

Herb Society
The Herb Society of America Grosse Pointe Unit meets 7 p.m. Thursday, July 7, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Guests are invited to learn more about the unit and its herb beds.

Woods Community Center
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Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, offers a trip to Plymouth for Art in the Park Friday, July 8. The fair features the work of more than 400 artists, including paintings, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, fiber, fine glass, woodwork, mixed media, photography and folk art. A bus departs the center at 10 a.m. and leaves Plymouth around 3 p.m. Cost is \$8 for Woods residents, \$10 for non-residents. Call (313) 343-2408. Call (313) 343-2408.

Belle Isle
A golf skills contest, in conjunction with the National Golden Age Veterans Games, takes place 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, at the Belle Isle Golf Center, 175 Lakeside, Detroit. Competition is divided by age, from 12 and younger to 79 and older. An adaptive golf division is included. The contest is free and golf pros will be on hand to provide tips. Use of the driving range and equipment also are free.

Alliance Française
L'Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe hosts a Bastille Day celebration 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday, July 14, at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Tickets include hors d'oeuvres, wine, sparkling juice and Perrier. The event also includes a cash bar,

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Summer programs abound at WCCCD

Center for Learning Technology offers myriad classes

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

Wayne County Community College District celebrates its 50th anniversary next year.

The addition of the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center's Center for Learning Technology two years ago is testament the district is still going strong.

This summer, young learners are invited to a variety of camps — just a few of many offerings the district provides the community.

Monday, July 11, through Friday, July 15, a free International Summer Camp for ages 8 to 12 offers the chance to study the music, history, literature, dance and language of cultures around the world. Camp meets 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. The same week, Art Camp for ages 7 to 10 costs \$40 and includes hands-on instruction with a variety of materials.

The following week, Monday, July 18, to Friday, July 22, Camp Infinity begins for girls entering fifth through eighth grades. Cost is \$75 and includes the study of video game design concepts, web page design, robotics and HTML web design as a means to inspire girls to pursue education in technology.

These are just a handful of the summer options available for young students. The buildings at University Square, located on Vernier in Harper Woods, offer courses yearlong for students of all ages. Through its programs, WCCCD hopes to unite the dis-

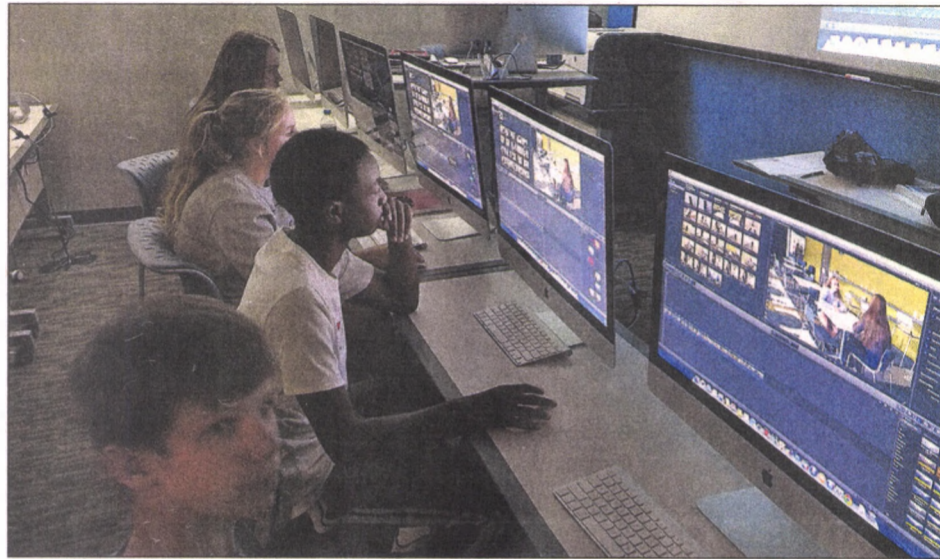


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Students participate in camp last year at WCCCD.

trict, universities, businesses and K-12 school districts to enrich the community.

Center stage

The Center for Learning Technology features eight classrooms and two computer labs. Apart from student opportunities, it hosts staff training for school districts and distance learning opportunities, as well as community organization meetings. For example, Girl Scouts recently trained at the center and received badges at the end of the day, Provost Sandra T. Robinson said. The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe also recently hosted voter registration events there.

The center offers more than 100 degree and certificate programs, as well as study-abroad opportunities while serving as Poupard Elementary School's evacuation site and offering to the public a student commons area with computer stations.

Community outreach is extremely important to us," Robinson said.

WCCCD consultant Julie Corbett said programs all meet state standards and the community is welcome to the facility for a variety of opportunities.

"Any professor could come and use the media room to introduce a class to his students," Corbett said. "Local safety departments have inquired about training here as well."

"We will continue to offer the use of our building to the community (as we grow)," Robinson said, adding while center classrooms generally seat 20 to 24 students, its biggest room can handle 70. The center offers academic classes, transfer-only classes, general education and non-credit classes. The summer semester began in May.

Thinking big

Providing larger opportunities for students is a goal of WCCCD, which partners with several universities offering degree programs.

"We're always thinking, because we're a university center, how do we connect with a four-year?" Robinson said. "We want to make sure everything is aligned as far as classroom and training opportunities."

Ferris State University is the latest four-year institution to join forces with WCCCD.

Through partnerships with the University of Detroit Mercy and University of Michigan-Flint, as well as Northwood, Ferris, Madonna, Davenport, Western Michigan and Michigan State universities, students can earn degrees in anything from fashion design to cyber security — "all the latest trends students need to be prepared for," Robinson said, adding each partner university has guidance counselors at the center. Other degrees include nursing, aging studies, criminal justice, dental hygiene and social work.

The universities are partners with WCCCD, not competitors, Robinson said.

"The Center for Learning Technology was not an afterthought," she said. "We serve the entire district, on its own and in conjunction with other campuses."

Enabling students to continue with bachelor's or master's degrees while staying close to home, Robinson stressed WCCCD's commitment to dual enrollment as well.

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Woods library offers birthday parties

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

From cake and balloons to favors and gifts, birthdays can be expensive.

When the celebrant is just a few years old, they may not appreciate the gesture.

"So many people have really little ones who don't even know they're having a party," said Lynne Severini, Grosse Pointe Public Library librarian. "Why spend \$400 or \$500 on a party the child doesn't even know is going on when they can come here?"

The Woods branch, 20680 Mack, offers themed birthday parties for ages 6 and younger. Space is available to rent for \$50 and includes a 15-minute storytime, a Golden Book gift for the birthday child, games and toys.

"They don't have to clean the house," Severini said. "It's from 1 to 3 p.m., so the child has already had a nap and already had lunch ... It's easy to clean up for you and us."

Parents may bring snacks, cake and drinks, as well as cups, plates and utensils.

Space is available to rent the second and third Saturdays of each month.

"They don't have to book that far in advance," Severini said. "If it's open, we'll book it."



PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

The Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods branch hosts birthday parties for ages 6 and younger.

Themes include "princess," "superhero" and "animals."

"It seems to be working out," Severini said. "We've been getting great feedback. It's fun, easy and there's no big cleanup."

"That's the point," she continued. "Instead of taking them somewhere and spending \$300 at Chuck E. Cheese, this is so easy."

Parties of up to 15 children may be booked through administration at the Central branch by calling (313) 343-235.

Play time

The Woods branch also offers Mommy Pop-Ins, a drop-in, freestyle play time, 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays.

"It's a way to get moms in the community to meet

each other," Severini said. "We also pick up a lot of grandparents and babysitters, too. It's a nice break in the day. During the colder months, it's a way to beat the winter doldrums and in the summer when it's hot, it's nice to come in and cool off."

"So many people have made friends with other mothers," she continued. "They set up play dates at home, but they met here."

Attendance is strong at Mommy Pop-Ins, which usually includes babies up to children age 5. However, when school is out, Severini said children up to second grade attend.

"We have two big toy boxes for the kids," she said. "And the parents can talk with new friends and still be with their

child. It's gone over really big."

Summer reading

Drop-in storytime sessions take place 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays in July at the Woods branch and 10:30 a.m. Thursdays in August at Central branch. All ages are welcome, but the program is designed for ages 2-5. Sessions include stories and songs.

The GPPL also hosts its adult and teen summer reading programs, which began Friday, June 17, and continue until Saturday, Aug. 13.

The adult program, Exercise Your Mind, includes weekly drawings and prizes. Registration is available on the library's online calendar.

The teen program, Get

in the Game, includes a variety of programming at different branches:

◆ 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, Central branch — Tween Craft-O-lympics

◆ 11 a.m. Friday, July 22, Ewald branch — "Paper Towns"

◆ 11 a.m. Monday, July 25, Central branch — Stop-Motion Animation Workshop

◆ 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, Central branch — Tween Craft-O-lympics

◆ 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, Woods branch — Archery for Youth

◆ 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 28, Woods branch — "Maze Runner"

◆ 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2, Central branch — Extreme Duct Tape Workshop

◆ 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, Central branch — Tween Craft-O-lympics

◆ 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, Woods branch — "The Hunger Games"

◆ Saturday, Aug. 13 — final day to log books at gp.beanstalk.org.

For more information about the reading programs, call (313) 343-2074.

Drivers needed to transport cancer patients to treatment

An estimated 56,500 Michigan residents will learn they have cancer this year. Getting to their scheduled treatment likely will be of great concern.

To ensure patients get to the critical care they need without additional stress, the American Cancer Society's Road To Recovery program provides free transportation to and from treatment for people who have cancer and do not have a ride or are unable to drive themselves.

"We're urgently asking drivers to donate their passenger seat and volunteer to take cancer patients to treatment," said Rachael Cook, program manager of Mission

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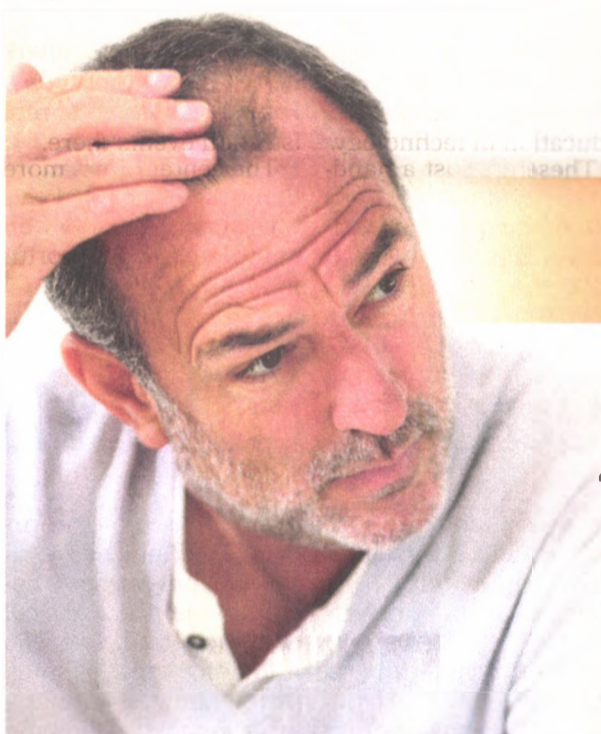
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OBITUARIES

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Victor Bloom M.D.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Victor Bloom M.D., 84, died Friday, June 24, 2016.

He was born in the Bronx, N.Y., to Hyman and Anna Bloom, and graduated from Bronx High School of Science in 1949. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Michigan in 1952 and a medical degree from the university in 1957. He was a private practice psychiatrist and psychoanalyst and wrote a column for the Grosse Pointe News in the 1990s.

Dr. Bloom was a member of the American Medical Association, Michigan State Medical Society, Michigan Psychiatric Society and Wayne County Medical Society, a life fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, a fellow of the American Group Psychotherapy Association and a member of the Wolverine State Group Psychotherapy Society where he served as president in 1973-74.

He enjoyed music, art, culture and good discussions with friends and family.

Dr. Bloom is survived by his wife, Shirley Bloom; sons, David Bloom and Gordon Dobie; daughters, Claire Bloom, Dorcas Dobie and Elizabeth Dobie and grandchildren, Doolin, David, Anna, Morgan, Cara, Audrey,

Quinn, Emma, Will, Nick, Lee, Alec, Kristina, Max, Liam, Maeve and Declan.

A private funeral service was arranged by Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Park.

Patricia Ann Mentzer

Harper Woods resident Patricia Ann "Pat" Mentzer, 82, died Monday, June 13, 2016.

She was born in Detroit, to Elsie and Frank Smith, and graduated from Denby High School in Detroit.

Pat devoted her life to helping others. She retired from Church of the Messiah in Detroit, where she ran the food pantry and Christmas gift project with Christ Church Grosse Pointe. She started the Eagles' Wings Relay for Life team at Church of the Messiah and expanded it to include Christ Church. The team raised between \$5,000 and \$10,000 several years in a row. A 40-year member of Church of the Messiah, Mrs. Mentzer also was active at Christ Church Grosse Pointe where she played a leopard in the church's production of Noye's Fludde opera and was a member of Daughters of the King.

She also was interested and active in peace organizations.

Mrs. Mentzer is survived by her husband, William George Mentzer; son, Martin; daughters, Kathleen and Emily;

grandchildren, Benjamin Berr, Aaron Mentzer, Christ, Aaron Mentzer, Samantha Berr and great-grandchildren, Jaya Megee and Connor Byrd.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her sons, David, Paul, Wesley and Christopher.

A funeral service was held June 18 at Church of the Messiah, Detroit.

Donations may be made to Church of the Messiah, 231 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48207.

Carolyn Grace House

Longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Carolyn Grace House, 84, died Monday, June 13, 2016, at St. John Hospital & Medical Center in Detroit.

Carolyn was well-known in the dog show world for her career spanning more than 40 years. She first showed Old English sheepdogs and then later bearded collies and border collies, many of which went on to become top winning dogs in the nation. Her dogs were multiple titled in obedience and confirmation in the United States and Canada. She served many years as an American Kennel Club judge. She had an ability to train difficult dogs and instructed hundreds of area owners in the ways of training their dogs.

Carolyn particularly loved the world of art. While married to artist



Victor Bloom M.D.



Patricia Ann Mentzer



Carolyn Grace House

William House, Carolyn became an accomplished painter and sculptor herself. She also was involved with Pewabic Pottery for many years.

In 1988, Carolyn became a first time single homeowner. She found a 1906 cottage in the Farms in need of love. Today her renovated home houses her many early American antiques and artwork of cherished friends. Outside her home, she created a garden and koi pond, earning her a place on both local garden and pond tours.

Carolyn deeply loved her family and took great pride in all their accomplishments. She is survived by her children, Steven Sarvis and Judy Still-Bray (Ed), who will remember her as a wonderful mother, great homemaker and friend. She also is survived by her grandchildren, Brandon Still (Mallory), Lauren Still, Nicole Sarvis and Erica Sarvis; sister, LouAnn Wood; many friends whose relationships she deeply treasured and her beloved champion border collie, Chance.

A worship service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 18, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 61, Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the Michigan

Humane Society at michiganhumane.org.

Dorothy Stevenson

Dorothy Stevenson passed away Friday, June 17, 2016, in her apartment at ShorePointe Village in St. Clair Shores just short of her 97th birthday. She was born in Cleveland, to Herbert and Stella Stevenson, and had one sister, Helen, all of whom predeceased her.

She served as executive secretary and administrative assistant to four headmasters at University Liggett School. "Steve," as she was affectionately known, was a calm, graceful, warm and efficient backbone of the school. Colleagues often remarked she was the right hand and confidante to each of the school's headmasters in her 40-plus years of service to the school. In those years she facilitated the growth of the school through mergers with Detroit University School, Grosse Pointe Country Day, Grosse Pointe University School and The Liggett School to become University Liggett School.

Travel was a great joy to Dorothy. She was a member of Executive Member of International in which she made many



Dorothy Stevenson

close friends and travel companions. Every summer was spent seeing a new part of the world, as well as visiting her sister in California. For many years she enjoyed her garden at home. Later, in her apartments, she turned to the indoor gardening of orchids and African violets. She was a strong supporter of the National Spasmodic Dysphonia Association, supporting research in the disease with which she coped for many years.

Although she leaves behind no family, she had many friends who dearly loved and admired her and think of her as family.

Donations may be made to University Liggett School, 1045 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or at forms.uls.org/afgivingpage.

Performance camps planned at GPWM

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial presents two new performance camps this summer. A four-day mini performance camp runs 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 11 to 14. A two-week

musical theater camp runs 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., July 18 to 22 and July 25 to 28. Both camps are run by Danielle Wright, founder and executive director of Opera MODO,

an opera company in Detroit dedicated to creating opportunities for young and emerging artists.

"We aim not only to improve acting and singing skills, but also to increase self-esteem, strengthen communication and teamwork, stimulate creative thought and foster a lifelong appreciation for the arts," Wright said. "We encourage team-building, responsibility and preparedness in all students and believe that performing onstage is a great experience for everyone, regardless of their interests. It is also the perfect opportunity to develop a well-rounded performer." The mini performance

camp focuses on performance techniques for all styles, from musical theater and pop to classical and background vocals. Additional areas of study include how to audition, what to pick to audition, musical collaboration and piano/guitar/vocal combination. Students end the week with at least two songs.

The musical theater camp is designed for new and seasoned performers, giving students the opportunity to showcase their vocal, dance and acting skills in a live camp finale cabaret performance. Students develop trusting relationships and a strong group ethic, which enables them to learn and create

in a safe performance environment. Students will perform a musical cabaret, including hits from "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," "Mary Poppins," "Peter Pan," "Madeline" and more.

"We're thrilled to have someone of Danielle's artistic caliber heading up our performing arts camps this year," said Brandon Faber, director of community engagement for the GPWM. "To have a professional singer with Danielle's background in performance and production, combined with her dedication to education and mentoring, really raises this program to a new level."

"I am dedicated to fostering an artistic talent in a safe and supportive environment," Wright said. "My goal is to combine first-rate vocal instruction with learning imperative music skills — sight-reading and

tonal memory. Students will be challenged, encouraged, inspired and propelled."

Wright said the camps are not just for kids interested in performing. "Learning how to use your voice to be heard is important in any walk of life," she said. "Knowing how to use your voice can help you in all things."

The camps are part of Campville USA at the War Memorial, which offers a variety of mini-camps to keep children active and engaged all summer. More than a dozen camps begin at different dates throughout the summer, now to Aug. 5.

To register or for more information, visit war memorial.org/summer-camps/ or call (313) 332-4074. Campville USA is made possible through a donation from the Stonisch Foundation and the Youth Enrichment Fund.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council will be considering the following proposed ordinance for a second reading at its meeting scheduled for Monday, July 11, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Council meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend.

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 8 Buildings and Building Regulations, By Amending Sec. 8-69(1)(n) To Require Repairs for Basement Walls Showing Evidence of Foundation Failure.

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 6/30/2016

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the Grosse Pointe City Code, that a hearing will be held on Monday, July 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Council Chambers at 17147 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI, concerning an amendment to the approved Special Use permit and site plan for Fresh Farms Market, located at 355 Fisher Road. Amendments to an approved Special Use permit require special use approval.

The proposed plans may be viewed at City Hall located at 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI, Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am to 5 pm, 313-885-5800.

Public comment is welcome. If you are unable to attend the hearing, written comments will be accepted until 12:00 noon on July 15, 2016.

Julie E. Arthurs
City Clerk

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PASTOR'S CORNER By Roger Skully

Numbers

Each year in every synagogue the Torah is read from beginning to end. We have currently arrived at the book of Numbers, so called in English because of the census recorded in the beginning of the book. Some Rabbinic literature refers to it as the "Book of the Census," however in Hebrew it is called "Bamidbar," or "in the wilderness." It is the custom in naming sections of Torah to refer to them by the first significant word that appears in the text. This week, we are reading from chapters eight through 12 of this book. It describes the problems, both spiritual and geographical, encountered in the desert.

This week's "parsha" contains a number of interesting themes. The first is the Menorah, the seven-branched candlestick that is the symbol most associated with Judaism and the symbol of the state of Israel. There have been many allegorical discussions about it. It has a center light, taller than the others, then six other lights. It is important because G-d does spend time describing how it should look. Also, He designates the Levites to keep it lit. I believe the best explanation for this symbol of lights is it represents the sun and the six visible planets of our solar system. Incidentally, the people of ancient times were very astute astronomers. The heavens play a significant role in all of the religious traditions of the Middle East and I suspect elsewhere also. We do live in a heliocentric world.

The Passover's importance is emphasized, so much so a second Pesach is established for those not able to participate in the first.

The next major theme to arise in this week's reading is the problem of human discontent. It seems everyone is complaining about something. A major area of discontent is food. Does that sound familiar in the nature of human complaint? The manna G-d sends is getting tiresome. The people want to eat meat and even suggest they were better off as slaves in Egypt because of cuisine. So, he sends them meat, quail. In fact, so much they are overwhelmed and now complain about having too much of what they asked for. Perhaps this is the human dilemma.

Additionally the subject of Moses' leadership is questioned. He even is chastised by his sister for the way he treats, or doesn't treat, one of his wives. In the face of this grumbling, Moses and the Lord reestablish the need for a leader and the need to trust his leadership. And, of course, we have the same things politically happening in many societies around our globe. It is tempting to point out ours, but that is a rather contentious subject, just as it was in the wilderness where human discontent also was manifest.

They survived and I trust we will also. It takes work to be part of a society that works for the common good. Surely we have the determination to make this a better world for all people. I know I have not done justice to the complexity of this "parsha," but hope it will encourage some reflection and thought on how we can deal with our Bamidbar.

Skully is the cantor at the Isaac Agree Downtown Synagogue and president of the Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association.



The groundbreaking included, from left, Diane Dossin and DHS Trustee Doug Dossin of Grosse Pointe Farms, DHS Trustee Camille Jayne of Bloomfield Hills, Marlena Hanlon of Grosse Pointe Shores, Kevin Hanlon of Grosse Pointe Shores, Paul Schaap of Grosse Pointe Park and Carol Schaap of Grosse Pointe Park.

COURTESY PHOTOS

DHS spring gala benefits Dossin Great Lakes Museum

Around 150 friends turned out to support the Dossin Great Lakes Museum for the Detroit Historical Society's annual spring gala Saturday, May 7. The event raised \$102,000 for the Dossin's outdoor enhancement campaign, which will bring many updates and additions to the museum's exterior grounds.

Guests enjoyed cocktails from the Sugar House and Detroit City Distillery, a strolling supper, desserts and entertainment by jazz artist Shahida Nurullah. To kick off the evening, a VIP groundbreaking ceremony recognized the campaign's early supporters, including David Beddow and Camille Jayne, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas P. Dossin, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dossin,



From left are Charlotte Dossin, Joseph Regimbald, Claire Dossin, Diane Dossin and DHS Trustee Doug Dossin, all of Grosse Pointe Farms.



DHS Trustee Sandy McMillan and Ann Nicholson, both of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Dr. and Mrs. Kevin Hanlon and Mr. and Mrs. A. Paul Schaap.

The DHS also recognized the support of event sponsors Lear Corporation, Sidonie Dossin Brown, Mimi and Sandy McMillan, PricewaterhouseCoopers and Tepel Brothers Printing.

The DHS, established in 1921, is a private, nonprofit

organization located in Midtown whose mission is to tell Detroit's stories and why they matter. Today, the society operates the Detroit Historical Museum and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum. In addition, it is responsible for the conservation and preservation of more than 250,000 artifacts that represent three centuries of the region's history. Through its museum exhibits, school tour programs, community-based programs and history-themed outreach efforts, the society serves more than 150,000 people annually.

The Dossin Great Lakes Museum, located on Belle Isle, hosts several permanent exhibits. Admission is free. For more information, call (313) 833-5538 or visit detroithistorical.org.

From left are City of Grosse Pointe resident and Detroit Historical Society CEO Bob Bury, City resident Mary Ann Bury and Grosse Pointe Farms residents Jenny Hudson Parke and Joe Parke.



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ASK THE EXPERTS By Angelina Spiteri

Learning during summer vacation

Q: Now that my children are on summer break, how do we best avoid the "brain drain" and encourage them to keep learning throughout the vacation?

A: We never want to take away the simple joys of a child's summer vacation. At the same time,

summers come and go. The demands of next school year will be here before we know it and we don't want any of our progress from last school year to fade.

Children enjoy having structure and it is possible to maintain a learning schedule in the summer.

Our advice: Lay the groundwork right away. Create a schedule for learning time on day one of summer vacation. Figure out what days and times during the week are realistic to get work done and keep it that way. If something comes up, reschedule with your

child. When the expectations are clear and consistent, you can cruise through summer worry-free.

Learning in the summer should be hassle-free. Our first recommendation: read, read, read. Spread out a blanket in the yard, set up



tor at the Reading and Language Arts Centers, which has nine tutoring centers throughout metro Detroit. RLAC's Phonics

a hammock or build a reading fort. Many teachers provide summer packets to keep them going on their level. If you don't have one, make a list of skills your child might have struggled with the previous year and put together your own packet.

Focus on making learning fun and engaging. Could your child answer some science questions while "camping" in the yard? Maybe your child and their friends can cover school material via a game of charades or Jeopardy. Play hopscotch to practice math instead of flash cards. As long as the material is covered and the schedule is kept, you are engaging your child and keeping their brain active.

If all this seems impossible, turn to professionals. Many learning centers provide structured programs in all subject areas, sure to keep your child engaged and afloat all summer.

Angelina Spiteri-Bender is a center direc-

tor at the Reading and Language Arts Centers, which has nine tutoring centers throughout metro Detroit. RLAC's Phonics First® tutoring services provide individualized instruction to learners who struggle with or seek enrichment in any academic subject. For more information on services available in the Grosse Pointe area, call (248) 945-9690 or visit rlac.com. RLAC is a member of the Family Center's Association of Professionals. RLAC soon will become Brainspring.

The Family Center serves as the community's hub for information, resources and referral for families, individuals and professionals. Its mission is to serve the community through programs and resources vital to today's families. As a nonprofit organization, it is completely supported by community donations. All gifts are tax-deductible. To volunteer or contribute, visit familycenterweb.org, call (313) 432-3832, email info@familycenterweb.org or write to: The Family Center, 20090 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

DRIVE:

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Delivery for the American Cancer Society. "We're especially in need of drivers to take cancer patients to and from treatment in Detroit and Ann Arbor where we currently have the greatest unfulfilled need. In Wayne County last year, we were only able to fulfill 36 percent of rides requested by cancer patients and in Washtenaw we were able to fulfill 52 percent of ride requests. It's our goal that every ride request gets fulfilled so we ensure cancer patients are getting the treatment they desperately need."

Many cancer patients don't own a vehicle, can't afford the extra gasoline or don't have access to public transportation. Some patients may be elderly and unable to drive, too ill to drive or have no family members or friends able to provide regular assistance with transportation. Even the best

treatment can't work if a patient can't get there.

One cancer patient requiring radiation therapy could need between 20 to 30 trips to treatment during the course of six weeks. A patient receiving chemotherapy may need weekly treatment for up to a year.

"Some patients don't have access to transportation at all and public transportation is not ideal for those who are in treatment and who are fatigued, sick and often at risk of infection," said Cook. "Access to care is a big problem in our country, with low-income and minority persons and those living in outlying communities suffering the most from disparities. Transportation programs are vital for these patients to get the treatments they need. But the program not only helps patients; it's also rewarding for the volunteers."

The Road To Recovery program provides transportation options for patients in these situations and currently is in need of volunteer

drivers throughout southeast Michigan. Volunteer drivers donate their time and the use of their cars so patients can receive the cancer-related treatments they need.

Volunteers must have a valid driver's license, a safe, reliable vehicle and proof of automobile insurance. Drivers must be 18 or older and have a good driving history. Most treatments occur 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, so most rides require weekday, daytime availability. Drivers arrange their own schedules and can commit as many or as few hours as their schedule allows. The American Cancer Society provides free training and conducts criminal background and driving record checks.

Volunteer coordinators also are needed and help schedule requested rides. Coordinators may work from any location.

For information about the Road To Recovery program and other ACS programs and services, call (800) 227-2345 or visit cancer.org.



ENGAGEMENTS

Piggott - Ireland

Cameron and Mary Sue Piggott of Grosse

Pointe Shores announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Ann Piggott, to Carl Curtiss

Ireland, son of Charley and Cindy Ireland of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Miss Piggott earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University and a Master of Arts degree from Wayne State University. She is a high school science teacher.

Mr. Ireland earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Toledo College of Law. He also

served in the U.S. Army 173rd Airborne Infantry Division. He is an attorney.

A July 2016 wedding is planned.

Bayer - Kline

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Bayer Jr. of Grosse Pointe Farms announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Constance Bayer, to Jason Carl Kline, son of Roger and Nancy Kline of Grosse Pointe Park.

Miss Bayer was born in Wellesley, Mass., and attended grade school there before moving to Grosse Pointe, where she attended Grosse Pointe Academy, Grosse Pointe South High School and



Kristen Piggott and Carl Ireland

Mercy High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree from Villanova University and a Master of Business Administration degree from the Tauber Institute at the University of Michigan Ross School of



Kelly Bayer and Jason Kline

Business. She is a senior business manager for Mars Foods North America.

Mr. Kline was born in Detroit, attended Grosse Pointe South High School and earned an electrical engineering degree from the University of Michigan. He later earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Pepperdine University in California. He is a business manager for Sony Pictures Entertainment's streaming company, Crackle.

An August 2016 wedding is planned.

The couple plan to reside in Santa Monica, Calif.

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Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas J. Rine Jr. of Oldsmar, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Cytacki II of Grosse Pointe Farms. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Martin P. Krall of Stanwood.

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WCCCD:

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"High school kids have the opportunity to take college classes while still in high school," she said. "They can start in 10th grade and get an associates degree by 12th grade ... Or they can knock off a year (of college) before graduation. We're just a stepping stone for them, as we should be."

"We offer classes to Grosse Pointe students and others to get rid of some credits while they're home in summer," she continued. "They can take them in-house or online. We also do general education classes to make sure our students can transfer to any four-year college ... We're filling a niche that is very well needed. Fifty percent of our students take non-credit classes with us because they can

also get certificates. As a community college, it's important that we serve the needs of our community."

The center does not charge tuition for seniors 60 and older. Practicing what she preaches, Robinson herself is taking a piano class.

"I'm excited about it," she said. "I'm not missing this opportunity for myself. This is a great place to work and learn also."

The council

The center gets direction from its Eastside Advisory Council, which Corbett helped establish.

"If it weren't for (Corbett) recruiting the council that we have ... (the Mary Ellen Stempfle Center) wouldn't be in existence and (the Center for Learning for Technology) wouldn't either," Robinson said.

The council, a group of



Students participate in a WCCCD program last summer.

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community leaders actively involved in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, was pulled together by Corbett in 2002. As progress is made, monthly meetings of 20 to 25 people have lessened to three meetings per year.

"This is a really dedicated group," Corbett said, noting members of city council and representatives from Grosse Pointe organizations such as Services for Older Citizens, Neighborhood Club, Beaumont Hospital and others. "All these community people ... bring a wealth of information to the meetings and help us make decisions. They're people who said we need a campus here."

Added Robinson,

"We're an extension of the community and should be, but it helps to have that singular group of people give updates of the communities and what's going on."

Still growing

By fall, the center will convert one classroom into a production studio and another will become an editing suite for its Digital Media Production class. An open house is in the works.

As for its summer camps, Robinson said the program grows every summer.

"We do a pretty good job and try to improve upon that," she said.

The center offers a summer camp specifically for Grosse Pointe Public School System

students ages 14 to 18. "Digital Media Film Production Boot Camp," featuring GPPSS Career and Technical Education teachers Stephen Geresy and Brian Stackpoole, takes place 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, to Friday, Aug. 19. The course teaches future filmmakers the steps needed to create digital short films. Topics include storytelling, shot composition and video editing. Certificates of completion are issued at course end.

Cost is \$50. To enroll or for information, call (313) 962-7150 or visit wcccd.edu.

The Mary Ellen Stempfle Center's Center for Learning Technology is located at 19191 Vernier, Harper Woods.

EVENTS:

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entertainment by the Brian Lang Trio and an original art exhibit by USArt Boutique. A one-hour guided tour of the Ford House is available prior to the celebration for an additional fee and begins at 6 p.m. For tickets, visit agrossepointe.org and click on "events" or call Christiane Stein at (586) 777-4602. Deadline for purchasing tickets is July 5.

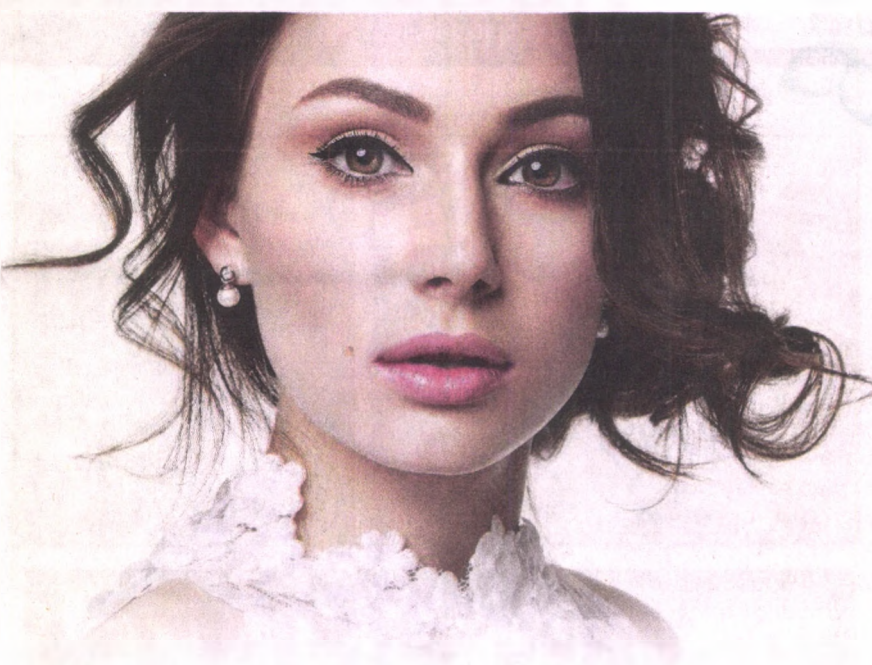
Reunion

The Grosse Pointe North class of 1976 hosts its 40th reunion 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, in the ballroom at the Greektown Hotel, Detroit. Cost is \$75 per person. Checks made payable to GPN Class of 1976, credit card numbers or cash may be sent to Rick Casinelli, 3150 Livernois, Ste. 102, Troy, MI 48083-5000. Rooms are available at a reduced rate of \$159 per night, Friday, Aug. 26, and Saturday, Aug. 27. To reserve a room, call (877) 424-5554 by Aug. 6 and reference North's class of 1976 reunion. For information, call Rick Casinelli at (248) 761-1330 or Rick Quinn at (586) 419-6709.



Dr. Ferrara's WEDDING PARTY COUNTDOWN

Every bride wants to primp for the Big Day, but what do you do and when, to get the best results? Dr. Ferrara lays out a timeline for the most popular pre-wedding procedures.



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SMOOTH WRINKLES
Botox relaxes facial muscles that lead to frown lines, crow's feet and wrinkles.
WHEN: 3-4 weeks out. It takes 3-7 days to see full results, and you'll want time to touch-up if necessary.

1 MONTH PRIOR

PLUMPER POUT
Fillers, like Juvederm and Restylane, give lips a full, natural-looking enhancement.
WHEN: 1 month before "I do."

3 MONTHS PRIOR

LUSCIOUS LASHES
Latisse is a prescription treatment used to grow longer, thicker darker lashes.
WHEN: At least 3 months in advance. Latisse takes 12 weeks to see full results.

3 MONTHS PRIOR

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WHEN: At least 3 months prior to see significant changes with a series of three.

3-6 MONTHS PRIOR

CONTOURED CURVES
CoolSculpting is a non-invasive, FDA-cleared procedure that uses cooling technology to freeze and eliminate unwanted fat cells without surgery or downtime.
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Laura Mann and Christopher Mitchell

Mann - Mitchell

Robert and Debra Mann of Grosse Pointe Woods announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Ann Mann, to Christopher Richard Mitchell, son of Ronald and Debra Mitchell of St. Clair.

Miss Mann is a 2006 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in architecture from the University of Michigan and a Master of Architecture degree from the University of Illinois. She is a licensed architect at Kraemer Design Group, Detroit.

Mr. Mitchell is a 2004 graduate of St. Clair High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in economics and a Master of Information Technology Management degree from Oakland University. He is a database administrator at Title Source, Detroit.

A September 2016 wedding is planned.

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COLLEGE BASEBALL



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

He is an Astro

University of Michigan senior and Grosse Pointe South graduate Carmen Benedetti, collecting a hit against Ohio State in the Big Ten Tournament, was recently drafted by the Houston Astros in the 12th round of the 2016 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft. Benedetti enjoyed another successful college season as a Wolverine. He led Michigan with 45 walks and a .465 on-base percentage this season, plus totaled 18 multi-hit games and eight multi-RBI games, too. He finished the season with a .326 batting average, 19 doubles, two triples, three home runs and 33 RBIs. He also made 16 relief appearances for a total of 14.2 innings, allowing just six hits with 17 strikeouts. Benedetti was named to the John Olerud Two-Way Player of the Year watch list, Collegiate Baseball Newspaper Preseason All-America First Team selection, D1 Baseball Preseason All-America Third Team selection, D1 Baseball Preseason Top 50 first basemen list at No. 5, Perfect Game Preseason All-America Third Team selection, D1 Baseball Top 300 Prospects for the 2016 Draft at No. 77, Baseball America list of College Top 100 draft prospects, USA Baseball 2016 Golden Spikes Award Preseason watch list and College Sports Madness Preseason Big Ten First Player of the Year.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Johnson off to Michigan State

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South 2016 graduate Kayli Johnson finished her high school track and field season with a state championship in the shot put with a throw of 44-feet, 7 3/4-inches.

She also was sixth in discus to earn the Blue Devils' 13 total points in the finals with a toss of 126-feet, 6-inches.

The 17-year-old also is the school record holder in those events and is on the record-holding 400-relay team. Her best shot put throw is 47-feet, 9-inches and discus throw is 138-feet, 6-inches.

She has accomplished all those accolades while standing only 5-feet, 7-inches. Her technique is perfect and work ethic second-to-none. Her dedication to training is why she earned a Division I



PHOTO COURTESY OF KAFI KUMASI

Kayli Johnson gives the No. 1 sign after winning the shot put in the Division I state championship track and field meet.

scholarship.

"I'm proud of my accomplishments and I have worked hard to get those distances on my

throws," Johnson said. "I have a great track coach, (Steve) coach Zaranek,

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BASEBALL

Baseball clinic a hit for all interested

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

One of the most successful high school baseball coaches in the state, Dan Cimini, is teaming up with University Liggett to offer the inaugural Dan Cimini Baseball Academy Sandlot Baseball Camp Monday, July 11, to Friday, July 15, at Liggett Ballpark at University Liggett.

"We will get the kids a professional look at the game and break everything down," said Cimini, four-time coach of the year who led the Knights to a fourth state champi-

onship earlier this month. "I want all the kids to learn the game and love the game and it starts here at our camp.

"Each camper will learn a lot and have fun all week."

Helping Cimini is his assistant coach, Steve Kathan, as well as other top instructors in the area.

On Monday, July 11, campers can sign up for a hitting camp, which runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This camp covers every aspect of hitting and is a great way to kick off the week, said Cimini.

Through the rest of the week, campers work from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and each participant should check in at the facility by 8:30 a.m. the morning of Tuesday, July 12.

Hitting campers will check in at the facility by 10:30 a.m. July 11.

Participants are broken down into age groups: 6-7, 8-11, 12-13, 14-16 and 16+.

The cost of the camp is \$250 or \$300 if adding the hitting camp.

If a participant just signs up for the hitting camp, the cost is \$150.

Players will be evaluated personally with

video analysis software and have the chance to have their swing and/or their pitching mechanics broken down by a professional instructor. Professional instructors will provide feedback, suggest changes and recommend drills to help fix or improve the swing and/or pitching mechanics.

"The goal for our staff is to provide the tools you need to take your game to the next level," Cimini said.

Campers need to bring their own equipment, which has their name and contact info on it, baseball pants, socks

and sliding shorts and tennis shoes, turf shoes or plastic cleats.

No metal cleats are allowed and other items to bring are baseball bat and batting glove, helmet, baseball glove or catchers mitt for those in the catching aspect, catchers gear for catchers only and a water bottle.

In addition, participants need to bring a photo copy of the front and back of their health insurance card, as well as signed health and release forms.

Skills campers will work on include stance, balance, mechanics, sit-

uational hitting and swing path for hitting, mental approach and hitting philosophy, hand-eye coordination drills for all aspects of the game, opposite field hitting (staying inside the baseball), base running with leads and steals, infield work, outfield work, pitching help and catching help.

Campers also will compete in scrimmages during the week.

"I am excited to teach baseball," Cimini said.

For more information, call Cimini at (313) 600-7502 or visit the website at ultracamp.com/camps.aspx.

ROWING



PHOTO COURTESY OF RENATO JAMETT

Go Blue

Grosse Pointe Woods resident and University Liggett graduate Mallory Jamett, center, helped her varsity four boat earn an individual boat title in the Big Ten Championships the last weekend of May at Eagle Creek Park in Indianapolis. As a team, the University of Michigan placed third with 154 points. Joining Jamett on her boat were, from left, Grace Gagliardi, Kathryn Grotto, Lauren Gilbert and Olivia Chapman, captain. They won the race with a time of 7:06.826, which was nearly 10 full seconds ahead of runner-up Ohio State.

SOFTBALL



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Travel season

Grosse Pointe South's Kendall Volpe, catching for the girls' travel softball program Grosse Pointe Diamonds, is getting some extra work this summer. Volpe took giant strides during her freshman year of high school varsity softball as a Blue Devil and the work playing better competition will help her achieve more as a sophomore. Volpe's Diamond teammates are Grace Haynes, Brenna Marsin, Erin Kane, Rachel Liagre, Vivian Liagre, Natalie Weitcha, Bella Maul, Sydney Brumme, Lauren Sickdesteel and Kayla Moore.

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who helped me become a fundamentally sound track athlete.”

Johnson takes her talents to Michigan State University where she will throw the shot and discuss under the watchful eye of Director of Track & Field/Cross Country Walt Drenth, as well as throwing coach Blaine Maag.

She went on several college visits, including one to her parents’ alma mater, University of Michigan, and University of Florida and San Diego State University, home of a Summer Olympic Training facility.

“I enjoyed my visits and the campuses were nice, but Michigan State was the best fit for me and so I chose to be a Spartan,” Johnson said.

Johnson works out several times per week to



Kayli Johnson

stay in peak condition and get ready for her freshman year of collegiate athletics.

Track training doesn’t start until late in the fall, so Johnson will have the chance to get on campus and get into a familiar routine.

“Her father, Deon Johnson, and I are excited for Kayli and what a wonderful opportunity she has in front of her to attend MSU on a scholarship,” Johnson’s mother, Kafi Kumasi, said. “She will get top-notch training and a great education. That is exactly what we want for her.”

Johnson earned a 3.3 grade point average at South. She is interested in a career in kinesiology, physical therapy or teaching.

She will be red-shirted for the winter indoor season, but will be ready for the 2017 outdoor track

and field schedule and Big Ten meets.

Her mentor and friend is current MSU sophomore Katelyn Daniels, a thrower from Lewis Center, Ohio.

“Katelyn and I have a lot in common and I can’t wait to room with her at State,” Johnson said. “I am a little nervous about entering college, but overall it is going to be a fun time.”

“I know my class schedule will be tough, as will my training, but this is what I have worked hard for and I will be ready for college.”

Johnson has always performed well under pressure on the track, as well as on the volleyball court. Several colleges were interested in her, but she chose track and field, instead.

“I love volleyball, but my heart is in throwing the shot put and discus,” she said. “I know I’m only 5-feet, 7-inches tall, but I’m not intimidated by bigger throwers and I use my solid technique to get the job done.”

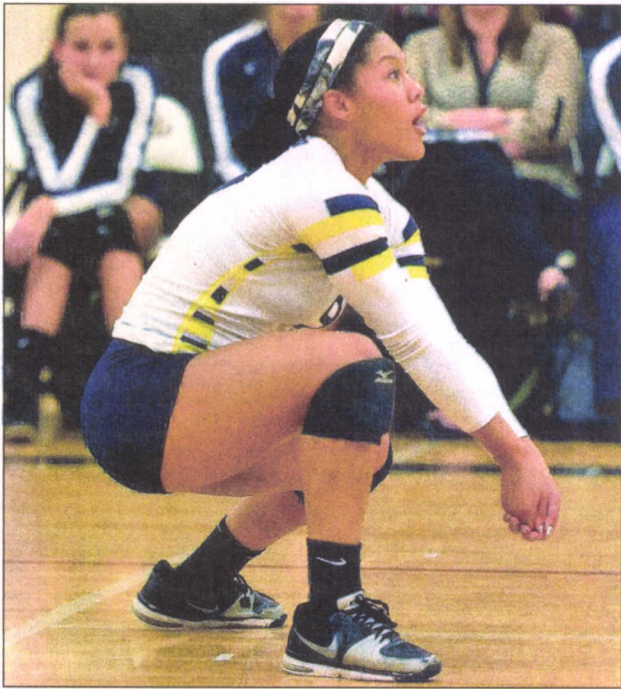
“Coach Zaraneck has done a wonderful job helping make Kayli the track performer she is,” Kumasi said. “I can’t thank coach Zaraneck enough for helping us

through this college process.”

Johnson also has honed her skills through the expertise of Makiba Batten, who trains Metro Detroit athletes through her business, Xplosun Training.

With all the hard work

and training, Johnson hopes to hit college in stride. She leaves for MSU at the end of August. Her ultimate goal is to try to make the 2020 U.S. Olympic team. The 2020 Summer Olympic games are held in Tokyo.



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Kayli Johnson thought about playing volleyball in college. She was a team leader for the Blue Devils her senior season.

College signing

U-D JESUIT



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Next level player

Jared Demkowicz, flanked by his U of D Jesuit varsity high school coach, Jimmy Mancuso, and his parents, Connie and Brian Demkowicz, signs his commitment letter to play baseball at The University of the South in Seawee, Tenn., more commonly known simply as “Seawee.”

Demkowicz is a 3-year varsity player who led his team to three straight district championships and earned all-league honors. He grew up in the City of Grosse Pointe and attended the Grosse Pointe Academy. He played on the Farms-City all-star teams when he was 9, 10, 11 and 12, winning the District 6 Championship four consecutive years. Demkowicz also played for the Grosse Pointe Avengers and Grosse Pointe Red Birds. In 2014, Demkowicz was recruited to play baseball for the East Cobb Patriots in Marietta, Ga., and lived with a host family in the Atlanta area the past two summers. He was a key contributor at the plate and on the mound, resulting in numerous offers to play baseball. He looks forward to playing 1st and 3rd and pitching for the Tigers who compete in the competitive Southern Athletic Association. He will be majoring in economics with a minor in business.

SWIMMING

DeLoofs make time trials

Two local swimmers, Ali DeLoof and her younger sister, Gabrielle DeLoof, qualified for the U.S. Olympic Team Trials set for June 26 to July 3 in Omaha, NE.

Ali, a recent graduate of the University of

Michigan and member of Michigan’s women’s swimming and diving team, is ranked No. 1 on the team in the 100-free-style with a time of 47.54 and No. 1 in the 100-backstroke with a time of 51.21. She also has the

top time in the 50-free-style at 21.99 and is No. 2 in the 100-butterfly with a time of 54.47.

Gabby DeLoof, a junior on the Wolverines’ team, is ranked No. 11 in the 100-free-style with a time of 50.98, third in the

200-freestyle with a time of 1:45.71, fourth in the 100-backstroke at 53.59 and second in the 200-backstroke at 1:54.25.

The DeLoof sisters are among the best ever to compete on the Grosse Pointe South swim team.

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SCHOOLS

3-4D AUTOMOTIVE

Full Circle's Community Campus opens doors

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

While many graduates from Grosse Pointe high schools go on to college, a career in the military or a vocation, choices are more limited for students with special needs.

Full Circle's Community Campus offers an option for young adults with special needs, according to Mary Fodell, Full Circle's founder and director.

"If they're in the school system, they come to us," Fodell said. "They remain until they're 26. It's considered like their college. (They're) still going to school and learning stuff, but half the day is learning stuff and the other half (we) try to get them placed in the community."

During the school year, students attend classes during normal school hours with their days divided among improving basic academic skills, learning and practicing daily living skills, participating in transition to adulthood lessons, investigating potential leisure and recreational activities and learning skills necessary for future employment.

Onsite micro-businesses such as the Upscale Resale Shop, Internet sales, florist and commercial laundry services are developed around students' interests and strengths, Fodell said. "We try to get (them) as many job experiences as possible because you just don't know what they're going to be good at."

Many local businesses support these services.



PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Ryann Melville loves dogs and was able to find her niche working at Grosse Pointe Dog Wash. "This is my favorite place to come to," she said.

Cabbage Patch Cafe and Catering, Chocolate Bar Cafe, Garrido's Bistro & Pastry and Mimi's Bistro receive weekly floral deliveries. Several also subscribe to Full Circle's laundry services. Additional laundry clients are Breckels Massage Therapy, The Hill Seafood & Chop House, the Grosse Pointe Public School System and Sensory Systems Clinic in St. Clair Shores.

Most rewarding is when students find their niche, Fodell said. For example, Community Campus standout Ryann Melville loves animals, in particular dogs, and has worked two years at Grosse Pointe Dog Wash on Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe. Melville, who is 21, attended Trombly Elementary, Pierce Middle and Grosse Pointe North High

schools and will begin her third year at Community Campus in the fall.

"She is stellar, a hard worker," said Fodell. "We're trying to feature (to businesses) that our kids are good workers when they find their niche." Current community partners include Bigby Coffee, The Cheesecake Shoppe, Kroger, St. John Hospital & Medical Center, Village Hardware and the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Melville is one of eight students the Shores city offices hired to run the concession stand at the Shores Park. She also participates in Full Circle's summer program. Students rotate between working at the Edible Garden, a three-acre site provided by the Riverview Rehabilitation Center in Detroit, learn-

ing culinary skills, and working in the laundry program or retail store. Whatever the endeavor, students learn skills that can be applied to future job opportunities or help with the transition to independence.

"Our kids don't understand the difference between summer and winter and they need to stay busy all the time," Fodell said. "We run a program where they come at 9 a.m. and stay until 2:30 p.m. They work in the garden, the laundry, the store. We have field trips and

Ryann's story

For any parent of a child with a disability, you have hopes and dreams that your child will reach his or her potential.

Unfortunately, the opportunities for those dreams to come true are not always available for the special needs community. For our daughter, Ryann Melville, we were not sure what the future held beyond high school. As like many parents before us, we were open to any opportunities that would help Ryann continue to grow and for her to find a place in our community.

Thanks to Full Circle and the Community Campus, Ryann is doing just that. Ryann is continuing her education at the Community Campus, whose classrooms are connected to Full Circle. It was quite clear that Ryann has an enormous love for animals, especially dogs. Through Community

Campus, Ryann has had the opportunity to work at the Grosse Pointe Dog Wash for two years now. She helps with many tasks at the dog wash, but washing the dogs is by far her favorite. She always has a bit more spring to her step on the days she works there. She has developed friendships with her co-workers and enjoys meeting the many patrons that come in.

If it was not for local businesses like Grosse Pointe Dog Wash, Ryann may have never had a chance to show what she can do, versus what she can't. I think the saying, 'It takes a village' can be changed to 'It takes a community.' Our thanks to Full Circle, Community Campus and the Grosse Pointe Dog Wash. Next time your dog needs a bath, consider stopping in at the Grosse Pointe Dog Wash; perhaps you will see Ryann. She will be the one smiling.

—Katie Melville

cooking. It's a fun camp where they're learning and having fun with their friends."

Fodell said they are always seeking partner-

ships within the local business community to provide work training and job opportunities for students.

"It's a win-win on everybody's part," she said.

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2D | **SCHOOLS**

Grosse Pointe South teacher Nicholas Provenzano was featured on the cover of Education Week.

South teacher on a roll

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

The 2015-16 school year ended with a bang for Nicholas Provenzano. The 15-year Grosse Pointe South High School teacher was featured on the cover of the June 9 issue of Education Week and online. The issue included a report on technology entitled "Technology Counts 2016: Transforming the Classroom." According to the article featuring Provenzano, the English teacher made a name for himself in the ed-tech community through his blog, The Nerdy Teacher, his 54,000 followers on Twitter and a classroom that is mostly paperless.

In addition, Provenzano was one of two Michigan teachers selected for the

Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development 2016 Emerging Leader Class.

The Emerging Leaders program recognizes and prepares young, promising educators to influence education programs, policy and practice on both the local and national levels, according to a release. Educators are enrolled in the program two years and help shape education policy, advocate for the whole child and explore multiple ASCD leadership pathways.

While in the program, educators have the opportunity to take advantage of numerous opportunities, including attending the invitation-only Leader to Leader conference in July, presenting at ASCD conferences and events,

writing for ASCD publications, facilitating the ASCD Twitter chat the first Tuesday of each month and hosting episodes of ASCD Learn Teach Lead Radio, a weekly program produced in partnership with BAM! Radio Network.

Provenzano also was invited to the White House June 17 to 23 to participate in the National Week of Making, an extension of President Obama's Nation of Makers initiative launched in 2014 to ensure more Americans of all ages and backgrounds have opportunities to design, build and manufacture. The National Week of Making coincided with the National Maker Faire June 18 to 19 in Washington, D.C., which Provenzano also attended.

The opportunities continue into the fall. Provenzano was invited to an educational event in Singapore in September, where he will learn from some of the top teachers at the American School of Singapore while presenting his own work. In October, he was asked to speak at Twitter headquarters in San Francisco, Calif., about digital citizenship for educators and teens.

"For Grosse Pointe, this is very relevant and it's a huge honor to be able to speak to such a large and important audience in technology," Provenzano said.

Look for more on Provenzano's visit to the White House in a future issue of the Grosse Pointe News.

North musicians recognized

Outstanding musicians for the 2015-16 school year were recognized during Grosse Pointe North High School's instrumental awards banquet Tuesday, May 31, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Awards were given to Joseph Lawnicki — Nate Judson Lifetime Achievement Award; C.J. Ramsdell — Ahmed Ismail Award in Honor of the Wu Family; Alexander Eklund and P.J. Gusmano — Booster Leadership Award; Harriet Sauget and Kelsey Lanahan — Most Outstanding Senior Award; Chloe Bigwood — National School Orchestra Award; Paige Clark — Gail McCaig Award; Jackson Nina — Exemplary Orchestra Member Award; and Hannah Atherton — Jessica Solomon Award.



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Joseph Lawnicki, winner of the Nate Judson Lifetime Achievement Award, is pictured with Nate Judson. Judson was the first band/orchestra director at North and served the school from 1968 to 1987. Judson was well known throughout the state for his involvement in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association as president and teacher of the year.



Pictured are Harriet Sauget, left, and Kelsey Lanahan, recipients of the Most Outstanding Senior Award.

Tie a yellow (or pink) ribbon

A group of 15 students from Brownell Middle School hosted a community dedication for the new "Tree of Strength" Friday, June 3, at Henry Ford Medical Center - Cottage. The students, part of the group Every Step Counts, created the tree to raise awareness, give hope and remember those in the community touched by cancer. Every Step Counts, co-founded by Brownell student Alyse Applegate, has developed a number of community service projects.

As part of the dedication event, cancer patients and community members gathered to tie colored ribbons on the tree representing their cancer types. The ribbons symbolize their cancer journeys or those of loved ones.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Students from Brownell and Kerby participated in the community dedication of the Tree of Strength.

The tree is open to patients and the community to tie ribbons in honor of a loved one throughout the summer. Ribbons are located in a box at the base of the tree.



Edward O'Malley M.D., physician in charge, Henry Ford Medical Center - Cottage, ties a purple ribbon on the tree in honor of everyone who has been touched by cancer.

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In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending this notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given in the notice. Telephone: (850) 245-4640, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.

GPN: 06/30/16

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council will be considering the following proposed ordinance for a second reading at its meeting scheduled for Monday, July 11, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Council meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend.

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 34, Solid Waste, Sec. 34-48 Curbside Recycling, To Add Requirements Regarding Storage of Recycling and Other Trash Containers.

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 6/30/2016

Grosse Pointe students receive French prize

Eleven students from Grosse Pointe high schools were honored by the Alliance Française of Grosse Pointe for excelling in their French studies during their high school careers. Students were nominated by their French teachers. The award ceremony was held Monday, June 6, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Award recipients were Bridget Gagnier, Alexandra Dean, Lauren Sickmiller and Shannon Gabriel from Grosse Pointe North High School; Lucy Burgoyne, Adrian Iafraite and Lauren Pankin from Grosse Pointe South High School; and Dionisis Kefalonitis, Olivia Ponte, Katherine Fruehauf and Grace Drettmann from University Liggett School.

Each year, the Alliance Française Grosse Pointe chapter recognizes a high school senior nominated more than once during their high school career. Pankin and Victoria Smith from North fit this criteria for 2016 and each received a small scholarship to be disbursed to the college of her choice.

The largest network of French language and cultural centers in the world, the Alliance Française

was founded in 1883 by a group of eminent men including scientist Louis Pasteur, diplomat Ferdinand de Lesseps, writers Jules Verne and Ernest Renan and publisher Armand Colin. The Grosse Pointe chapter was founded in 1970.

"La Distribution de Prix stems from a long-standing tradition in France where excelling students at the end of the school year were recognized and honored, as well as presented with a special book," said Amal El-Hosni, president of the Grosse Pointe chapter and chairperson of the Alliance Française chapter. "Having attended a French school myself, I still remember growing up, my own anticipation and excitement when receiving that special book as an acknowledgment of my hard work."

El-Hosni teaches French at Grosse Pointe Academy, where two of this year's recipients, Drettmann and Fruehauf, began their study of French.

"We hope to keep the French language and culture present and strong for students in our community for a long time to come," El-Hosni said.

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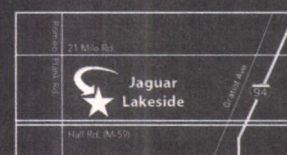
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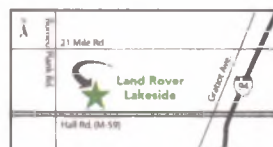


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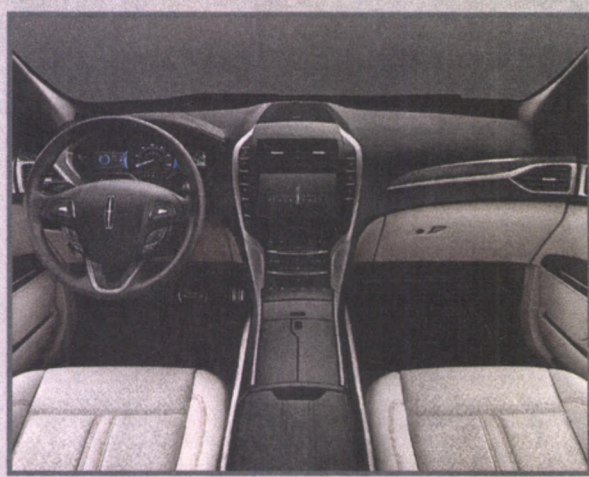
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