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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

Deeplands down to dead end length

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Patrick McCarroll's not the type of planning commissioner to legislate from the bench.

"The commission (isn't) here to change the ordinance," said McCarroll, heading the commission Tuesday, March 28, in lieu of Chairwoman Mary

Matuja being out of town. "We're here to conform with the ordinance."

He presided over arguments for and against deviating from municipal norms to turn the nearly three-year vacant, nearly eight-acre Stackpole estate at 55 South Deeplands, Grosse Pointe Shores, into an 18-house subdivision accessed by a dead-end road.

A united commission

recommended denying the proposal because the developer centered it on an 850-foot-long cul-de-sac, or dead end, exceeding the Shores' modern maximum by 250 feet, or 40 percent.

Otherwise, the developer's plan for 5,300-square-foot houses on at least 15,500-square-foot lots met or guaranteed to meet municipal ordinances, including tree preservation, storm

runoff detention, water main installation and more.

McCarroll characterized the cul-de-sac length as the "critical" issue.

So did attorney William Gilbride of Grosse Pointe Park, representing the development group headed by Richard Russell, a Shores resident and builder of eight subdivisions and 98

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Restitution made in court embezzlement

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

DETROIT — Former Grosse Pointe Woods court administrator Julie Moore has made full restitution of funds she embezzled from the court and will not face jail time as the result of a plea agreement she made in Wayne County Circuit Court before Judge James Chylinski.

Moore made a total payment of \$24,366, including \$22,000 in repayment of embezzled funds and \$2,266 in court costs.

Moore, 47, had been charged with three felonies — one count of embezzlement by an agent or trustee for a sum greater than \$20,000 but less than \$50,000 and one count of embezzlement by a public officer over

\$50. Both carried sentences of up to 10 years in prison and restitution. In addition, she was charged with larceny from a building, punishable by up to four years in prison, but that charge was later dropped.

In a plea agreement reached earlier this year, Moore would not face jail time if restitution was made in full by the March 30 hearing. The case is now closed.

The case goes back to summer 2016 when Woods Municipal Judge Ted Metry became aware of discrepancies in court funds and requested an audit by the state's Court Administrator's Office. That audit revealed several thousand dollars in unaccounted for money that would typically be

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Making music

I Hear a Symphony, part of The War Memorial's Arts at the Alger series, created a close encounter with classical music when CutTime Simfonica, a string and percussion ensemble, performed at Grosse Pointe Public Library Central branch Saturday, April 1. The interactive experience included families using shakers and noise makers to add to the music while children danced.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



A young attendee checked out CutTime percussionist Mike List's triangle.

Allie Betcher, a second-grader at Maire Elementary School, was asked by Rick Robinson, artistic director for CutTime Productions, to play violin. She's been taking lessons for a month.



Vincenzo Cavataio was mesmerized by the jingle shaker he was given.

Egg hunts planned

THE GROSSE POINTES — We're not yolkng. There's all kinds of Easter egg hunts coming up for children.

Don't eggnore them. For cracking good times, here are schedules at the various Grosse Pointes' residents-only parks:

City of Grosse Pointe
 Spring hunt at Neff Park, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13.

This is the 13th annual hunt. The cost is \$5 per person.

Bags are provided to all participants. Don't bring your own.

Peter Cottontail is on site for photos with children. He also gives away chocolate suckers.

Admission to residents-only Neff Park, 17350 Jefferson at the corner of Lakeland, is by city-issued pass. Residents can sponsor two guests per pass.

For more information, call the park office at (313) 343-5257.

Grosse Pointe Farms

The Easter Egg Hunt, rain, shine — or snow —

is 10 a.m. Saturday, April 8. It's free.

Children are to bring Easter baskets or bags to Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore, at the foot of Moross, to seek candy-filled eggs.

Bring a camera for photos with the Easter Bunny.

For more information, call the parks department at (313) 343-2405.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Hunt for Easter eggs 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 8, at Osium Municipal Park across Lakeshore from City Hall at the corner of Vernier.

The hunt is for children ages 10 and younger. The cost is \$5 per child.

There will be photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny, pony rides, a petting zoo and face painting.

Tickets, required for admittance, are sold at city offices, 795 Lakeshore, and at the park gatehouse the day of the hunt.

For more information, call city offices at (313) 881-6565.

— Brad Lindberg

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Woods resident speaks at national conference

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Jeffrey D. Brasie recently was a guest speaker at the American Foundation for the Blind's national meeting. He spoke on strategic plan-

ning's value and process. Brasie recently retired as the executive director of the Michigan Primary Care Consortium. For more than seven years he was executive director of

the Cloverbrook Centers for the Blind and Visually Impaired, with operations in Cincinnati and Memphis.

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PHOTO BY JOHN MINNIS

State Farm office opens

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce joined State Farm Agent Janet Coates in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for her office at 63 Kercheval, Suite 100, Grosse Pointe Farms. Pictured from left are Rachel Hartill, Steve Granitz, Jose Bogarin, Trish Rabinowitz, Coates, Grosse Pointe Chamber Director of Membership Linda Reid, Grosse Pointe Chamber Executive Director Jennifer Boettcher, Gerald White, Dorothy White and Nate Williams.

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houses in the Pointes since 1977.

"The most important issue is a request for deviation on the length of the cul-de-sac," Gilbride said.

So did Jim Case, a homeowner bordering the estate and speaking for 116 people he said signed a petition against Russell's idea.

"The cul-de-sac is in clear violation of city ordinances," Case said. "It's in clear violation of Wayne County ordinances (limiting new dead ends to 700 feet)."

"I understand their concerns about living next to a development, but they don't have any money in this game," Gilbride said. "It's fine and dandy to sit back and throw stones at us, but my clients (have) a proposal that substantially complies with all ordinances and in many cases exceeds them."

"The proposal gets back to whether there's reasonable alternate means that could be employed as opposed to granting a longer length of the cul-de-sac that's

allowed by ordinance," McCarroll said.

"It doesn't comply because it doesn't meet ordinance standards," said Donald Wortman, the Shores planning consultant.

"The biggest stumbling block is this is not a rectangular piece of property," Russell said. "If it were rectangular, we could make that work."

"I still feel there are alternative road and lot configurations that could comply with city ordinances," Wortman said. "It might result in fewer lots, but there are alternatives."

Next

The planning commission is an advisory body to the city council. Had Russell's proposal received commission endorsement, it still needs council support.

"(The proposal) will likely go to city council because the application is not denied at this point," said Brian Renaud, Shores city attorney. "It's a recommendation for denial. We would discuss with the builder when and if he wants it on the (council) agenda."

The normal time frame

for the council to rule on such matters is 90 days from the date of a plan's initial filing at city hall. During the February planning commission meeting, facing opposition and wanting time to respond, Russell agreed to a 30-day extension.

"We are going to decide in the next couple of days whether we will proceed to the city council," Russell said of his partners. "We can proceed, but it would be without likelihood of approval because it was recommended to be turned down."

Deviation

Municipal code allows construction of longer dead ends if they're essential to achieving development.

"There is no other reasonable way to fully develop this property," Russell said.

"The length of the cul-de-sac remains in excess of the city's maximum of 600 feet and in excess of Wayne County's standard as well," said Jessie VanDeCreek, partner and vice president of Hubbell, Roth & Clark, the Shores engineering consultants. "Ideally, two points of ingress and egress would alleviate many of these deficiencies."

Yet, Russell said arraying new houses along a U-shaped road intersecting two points of South Deeplands creates non-conforming lots.

Also, each of three variations of a T-shaped road off South Deeplands yielded at least one branch of the T longer than 600 feet, thereby requiring a deviation from city code.

Fewer houses

"The only reason they want a deviation is because they want to build 18 lots," Case said.

"We estimated it would be possible with 16 lots," said Wortman, the planner.

"Why not take your current plan and push that cul-de-sac back and have fewer houses?" asked Commissioner Pat Chasteen.

"What do you do with the extra land?" Russell said. "Who wants to buy it? Five or six lots would have to come off the board."

How about building a home "or two" at the end of the cul-de-sac, thereby shortening the road and meeting city code, Chasteen suggested.

"The property doesn't lay out for that," Russell said. "We've tried that."

Parent parcel

Current opposition to Stackpole development is contrary to the property's history and general build-up of the Shores since changing economics ended the era of mansions surrounded by green space measured in double-digit acreage.

Former Shores estates, such as Stonehurst and Shelden, survive today only in the names of roads that would have been unthinkable trespasses on their original owners' architecturally landscaped lawns, gardens, porches, swimming pools and secondary structures.

"Fifty-five Deeplands is the parent parcel from which subdivisions around it propagated," Gilbride said. "It's inevitable that this plan or one very similar is going to be approved some day for this property."

"When I served on this commission in the '90s and was village clerk, there was always discussion about what's going to happen to the Stackpole property," said John DeWald, broker for the estate. "The property's going to be developed, as other properties have been in the past."

Neighborhood-sized construction is a prospect Shores residents haven't faced since 1977.

"The last development we had, Michaux farm, was 40 years ago," DeWald said.

"When people live next to private land, they have to realize something's going to happen when the owner dies and it gets subdivided," said George Hendrie, a Shores resident and member of a longtime Grosse Pointe family, to wit Hendrie Lane in the Farms.

The Stackpole property dates to 1941 and generates about \$28,000 per year in property taxes.

"With those (new) houses, it will be \$175,000, a difference of

\$147,000 a year," Hendrie said. "Over 10 years, that's a million and a half bucks."

Limits to length

Restricting cul-de-sacs to 600 feet dates to 1960s standards manuals, according to Brad Strader, transportation planner and senior associate at MKSK landscape architects and urban planners on behalf of Russell's group.

"Since that time, the Institute of Transportation Engineers' recommendation for a maximum cul-de-sac is 1,500 feet," Strader told the commission. "The Urban Land Institute recommends a longer cul-de-sac than your standard. The proposed design is consistent with the established street pattern in the city."

DeWald said he and Commissioner Chasteen live on a dead end 2,059 feet long.

"Fordcroft, which backs up to South Deeplands and the Stackpole property, is 1,418 feet," said DeWald, naming noncompliant roads if built today. "Shelden, south of Deeplands, is 629 feet. Willow Tree is 1,500 feet. Regal Place is 785."

No one has offered to buy the Stackpole property as a single-family residence in the three years it's been for sale, Russell said.

"We want to see it properly developed," DeWald said. "There's going to have to be deviations in any plan. To me, a cul-de-sac at 850 feet is not unusual in the Grosse Pointes."

"Of all the cul-de-sacs you have," Russell told commissioners, "five exceed the length stated in the new ordinance."

"It's a question about whether or not the criteria for a deviation from the ordinance has been met," McCarroll said. "Grandfathered facilities, by definition, aren't subject to ordinances that were propagated after they were built."

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Sewer metering starts

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Three-man crews hovering over manholes earlier this month were outfitting the sewer system with temporary flow meters.

Two crewmen lowered a third, wearing a harness attached by cable to a tripod, down manholes to install meters in 14 locations of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Readings will map and measure runoff for comparison with system capacity.

"Each location is based on breaking the city into specific sub-catchments so we can prepare actual meter-math on where there is high rainfall response versus areas there isn't," said Jessie VanDeCreek, a principal of Hubbell, Roth & Clark engineers.

Flow is measured in both the lakeside and inland sewer dis-

tricts, the former having separate sewage and storm runoff systems, the latter a combined system. The districts are roughly separated by Ridge Road.

"Meters in the inland district will identify the volume of flow coming from different areas of the city," said Shane Reeside, Farms manager. "It will determine the best approach to try to reduce the amount of storm water infiltration into the combined system."

Findings may help answer the need, feasibility and cost of separating sanitary and storm water lines in the inland district where heavy rains twice during 2011 overflowed into hundreds of basements.

"Anything we can do to dry out the system is of benefit," Reeside said. "We're trying to measure general infiltration — storm water, ground water, any areas where we can help tighten our system."

Some degree of storm water infiltration is inevitable, even in separated systems.

"Because of the age of our community, we can never have a truly separated system because each home has footing drains that connect to the sanitary system," Reeside said.

Reducing runoff infiltration will lower the Farms annual sewage fee, which in the combined inland district consists of paying Detroit to treat storm water plus sewage.

In the inland district, the separate runoff system sends rainfall into Lake St. Clair.

"We're spending in excess of \$2 million annually for sewage treatment," Reeside said. "That includes sanitary and storm water. Hopefully, (meters) will tell us how much storm water we can get out of the system. Then, we'd be able to calculate potential savings."

Public Safety

City of Grosse Pointe

Shoplifter

A clothing store clerk in the 17100 block of Kercheval may have learned too late that a 43-year-old Grosse Pointe Park woman is allegedly banned from the premises.

The woman is suspected of shoplifting a coin purse at about 5 p.m. Thursday, March 30.

"Reviewing in-store security video recordings, (the clerk) observed (the suspect) pick up the purse, but it was not evident that she placed it on her person," reported a public safety officer. "Video also captures (the suspect) pick up pants, but it is unclear if she took them."

She's known to other employees.

"Coworkers advised (the clerk) that (the suspect) had stolen from the store in the past, was not allowed in the store and was to be arrested for trespassing if she violated the court order," said an officer.

Problems

During a traffic stop on eastbound Mack near Rivard a few minutes after 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 28, the female driver of a white 2003 Chevrolet Impala was arrested for, among other things, violating 17 sus-

pensions of her operator's license.

A patrolman traced the Impala's license plate to a woman wanted in the City of Grosse Pointe for misusing a handicap placard, a violation officers enforce strictly.

Curbside investigation revealed the driver, 35, of Detroit, to be the daughter of the alleged placard offender, yet has problems of her own.

In addition to the suspensions, she's wanted in Detroit on six traffic warrants, two more in Southgate and Warren, plus in Roseville for domestic violence.

Officers also arrested a 45-year-old male passenger from Detroit on a warrant from Oak Park for violating a suspended license.

Phone theft

A male patient leaving Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe at roughly 1:30 a.m. Monday, March 27, is accused of stealing a woman's unattended cell phone being charged in the emergency room waiting area.

"Beaumont security was able to identify the suspect, who they stated was a patient who stole the phone moments before checking out of the hospital," reported a City of Grosse Pointe patrolman.

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Police cancel stranger alert

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — A random act of kindness took a scary turn last week after a 10-year-old child told police a woman approached him and offered him a ride to school as he walked along Allard on his way to Tyrone Elementary School in Harper Woods.

The incident took place at 7:55 a.m. Friday, March 31, and police immediately issued a NIXLE alert about a "suspicious" woman driving a white minivan "with rust on the bottom and tinted windows."

Turns out the woman was a mother driving her own child to school and

offered a ride to the child because, as she told police, "he looked cold walking in the rain."

Once the child involved told school and police officials of the incident, a NIXLE alert was shared with several media outlets that either broadcast the alert or posted it on social media

sites. The woman saw the story, immediately notified Harper Woods police and described her contact with the child. Police confirmed her story with school officials and the boy's family. The NIXLE alert was canceled.

—Kathy Ryan

North end to feel the pressure

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Construction of a larger water main this spring at the north end of the city has little impact on Lakeshore traffic, but is intended to yield noticeable improvements in water service.

"The scope of the project is to provide a 12-inch water main extension from the city's existing 12-inch main at Lakeshore and

Shorecrest Circle to the existing 8-inch main leading into the Edsel and Eleanor Ford Estate," according to a written overview by Edward Zmich, project engineer with Hubbell, Roth & Clark, engineering consultants for Grosse Pointe Shores.

"It provides Shorecrest residents increased fire flow and pressure," said Jesse VanDeCreek, an HRC principal.

The neighborhood is at the highest elevation in the Shores and far-

thest from connections to its supplier of drinking water, Detroit.

"By increasing from an 8-inch to 12-inch, both fire flow and pressure will stay above 1,500 gallons per minute during max-day conditions," VanDeCreek said.

Members of the city council Tuesday, March 21, unanimously contracted the work to Fontana Construction, of Sterling Heights, for a low bid of \$366,201.

Engineering fees and a buffer for contingencies

increase cost projections to \$461,210.

Fontana beat four competitors.

Construction not only extends the water main to the 87-acre Ford estate, it also replaces a deteriorating 12-inch pipe and loops the system to eliminate a dead end.

"This work will probably be done by mid May," said Mark Wollenweber, Shores manager.

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More decking ordered at Osius Park

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Nearly one mile of additional planks is needed to replace defective material installed a decade ago during reconstruction of Osius Park municipal marina, boardwalk and piers.

The supplier of defective planks, a composite material that cracked and split earlier than

warranted, provided replacement material a few years ago in compliance with a settlement negotiated by the Shores city attorney.

"They did not provide enough decking when the original contract was put together way back when," said Robert Councilman Barrette, chairman of the Grosse Pointe Shores parks and harbor committee. "They should have sent

us enough decking to replace everything. That never really happened. That's why we had to buy some."

"Decking is on order," said Mark Wollenweber, city manager.

Soon to arrive from Biewer Lumber, of Lansing, are 432 planks, each 12 feet long, total-

ing 5,184 feet.

The \$11,331.20 cost includes \$2,000 for shipping.

"It was negotiated on behalf of the city at (the supplier's) unit cost from several years ago," Wollenweber said.

"We had to buy another 10,000 screws, too," Barrette said.

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He taught graduate-level students strategic planning and product development at Northern Kentucky University. He is lead editor of a university textbook on execu-

tive nonprofit leadership. Brasie has a master's degree from Central Michigan University and post-graduate studies in finance from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Case Western Reserve University's Mandel Leadership Institute.

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handled by the court administrator. Once the audit was complete, city officials placed Moore on administrative leave and the investigation was turned over to Michigan State Police. Moore was arraigned on the charges in January.

Metry said restitution

now brings closure for the court and its staff.

"I am happy the court is being made whole again," he said. "This has been a difficult time for the court staff and we can now move on."

Moore had been a Woods court administrator since 2013, replacing Susan Tobin who retired. Following Moore's dismissal, Tobin returned to the position.

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Sunrise nurse earns Quality Care award

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Judy Gafa, RN, BSN, RCD, is on call 24/7. As resident care director at Sunrise Senior Living in Grosse Pointe Woods, she is available to her team to respond to situations with residents at the assisted living facility. During the day, she coordinates care between doctors and families, making sure all residents' needs are met.

Gafa has been at Sunrise seven years, having found her home in what she calls "a home-like atmosphere." She started as a wellness nurse and became health-care coordinator before assuming her current title at the end of 2013. A graduate of Madonna University, she started



Judy Gafa received Sunrise Senior Living's Champion of Quality Care award.

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her nursing career at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, where she worked as a cardiac nurse. She also spent eight years at Cottage Hospital before joining Sunrise's staff in 2010.

Gafa's diligence and

consistency of care earned her Sunrise's 2017 Champion of Quality Care award. Six nurses are selected for this award company wide — two from the east division, two from the west division and two

from the United Kingdom. Nominations are reviewed and selected by company vice presidents and upper management. To be eligible, nominees must have passed specific benchmarks. While typically nominations come from a direct supervisor, Gafa, representing the east division, was nominated by executive directors from other Sunrise facilities.

She received her award at the Sunrise Leadership Conference in Dallas March 13 to 17. In addition to recognition from the podium, she had the opportunity to attend a luncheon with other award winners and members of upper management. She also attended breakout sessions.

"The one I really liked

was called 'Crucial Conversations,'" she said. "It was about how to have that difficult conversation with your co-worker. I could apply it to the school board, I could apply it to work. It was really helpful as a leader in the building to have that."

Gafa and her husband, Kenn Gafa, moved to Grosse Pointe Woods 21 years ago, raising three children — Madison, 21; Owen, 18 and Shane, 16 — in the same house they moved into.

"We can't leave because of the neighbors," she said. "We have awesome neighbors."

A primary factor for their move was the schools, Gafa said. Her children attended Mason Elementary, Parcels Middle and Grosse

Pointe North High schools. Madison is a junior at Central Michigan University and Owen and Shane are a junior and sophomore, respectively, at North.

Gafa has given back to the schools with her volunteer work. She is serving her third term on the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education. Elected president twice, she currently is treasurer.

While no speech was required at the podium when Gafa accepted her award, she said she would have credited the nurses and medication managers on her team.

"We have a great team that works well together," she said. "That's what I would have said. I would not have won this award without them with me."

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"We have a deadline of June 1," added Brett Smith, director of public works.

One of the contractor's first steps is excavating a hole for a new water meter on estate property inside the 1100 block

curve. "Work on Lakeshore is primarily going to be within the rights of way, both sides of the road, not impacting through traffic," VanDeCreek said. "The most you'll probably see are temporary lane closures."

Most work is scheduled to be accomplished by trenchless technol-

ogy. "We're pipe-bursting some old main near Shorecrest Circle," VanDeCreek said. "We had a break while doing this design, so we decided to include that."

Other sections of pipe are laid by directional drilling, although digging holes are needed to link mains to individual dwellings.

Work includes relocating a water main on Lakeshore at the entrance to Osius Park.

"This is reimbursed 100 percent by the Ford House," Wollenweber said.

The main is under an area intended for construction of a guard station and reconfigured driveway.

Opening coffers for Jaws of Life

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The public safety department's Jaw of Life has no more bite.

The hydraulic tool, so named because its scissor-like blades cut through mangled auto bodies within, failed last fall during a training exercise, according to John Schulte, chief of Grosse Pointe Shores.

It's 25 years old, a lifetime in the evolving world of lifesaving technology.

"This tool was inspected and could not be repaired," Schulte said.

Municipal officials this month approved buying a replacement for \$11,650.

"It's electric and has more power than the old hydraulic tool," Schulte said. "This is a cutter-spreader. One way it spreads. You could lift a car off the ground with it. The other way is a cutting tool."

Power comes from a 32-volt battery, but also operates off the fire truck engine battery.

"They say you can take apart two to three cars on one charge," Schulte said. "I've talked to numerous fire chiefs who love it. It's quick and easy."

The tool, made by Hurst, compared favorably against two others.

"They're all comparable in price," Schulte said. "We found through research that 78 departments in southeast Michigan use this particular tool."

Schulte, retired as assistant public safety director of Grosse Pointe Park, remembers the Jaws of Life from 30 years ago.

"It weighed about 100 pounds and required two people to operate," he said. "Now it's so simple."

Although extraction tools are seldom used, when needed, they're typically needed in a hurry, Schulte said.

They don't lend themselves to being shared or pooled by multiple departments within the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods mutual aid pact seeking to save costs by eliminating redundant equipment.

"It's a tool you need to get your hands on right away," Schulte said. "Especially if you have a serious trauma, time is of the essence. Many times, we have two tools going on a car at once."

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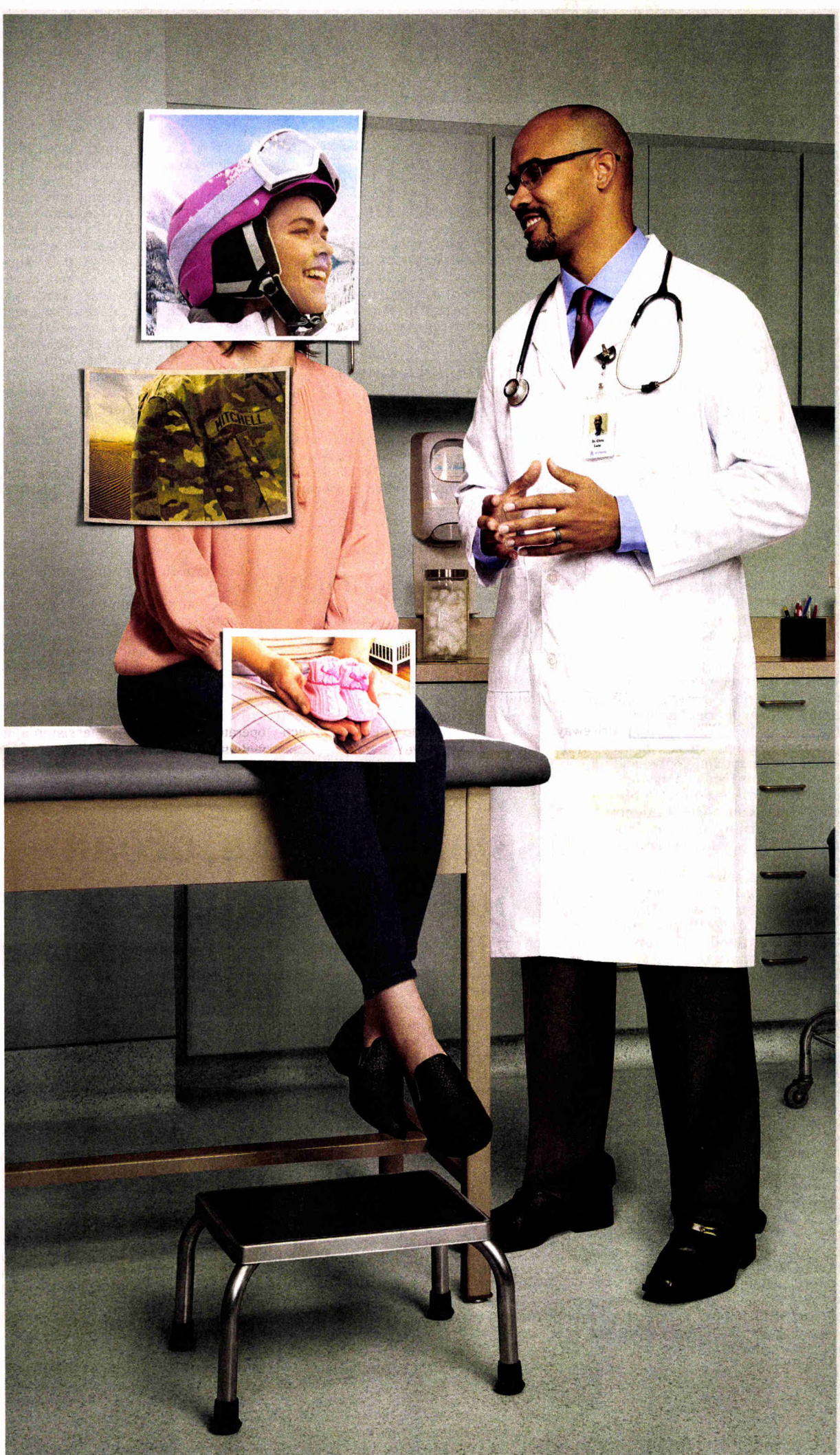
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District strategic plan inspires diversity forum

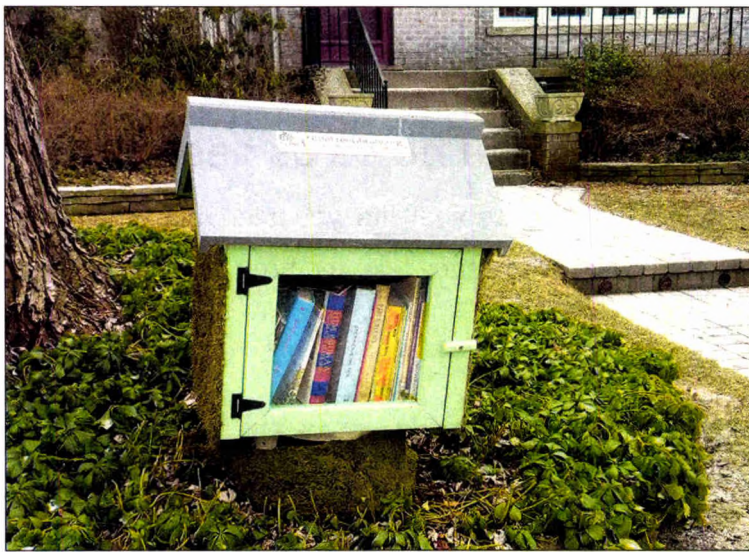
April is Autism Awareness Month. "Aspiring writer inspired by magical dog" on page 1D tells the story of Julia Ansell, a Grosse Pointe South High School senior with Asperger Syndrome who combined her passion for dogs with her love of writing. Her mother said Julia's unique journey has "taught us a lot as a family about acceptance and the differences in people and how to appreciate an unconventional path."

An oft-quoted phrase in the autism community, attributed to Dr. Stephen Shore, is, "If you've met one person with autism, you've met one person with autism." This focus on the individual is evident in the Grosse Pointe Public School System's mission to educate all students regardless of ability or learning style, as captured in its motto, "One GP — where everyone learns, every day."

GPPSS honors differences among learners in a strategic plan committed to diversity — respecting differences among individuals and groups; equity — creating opportunities and challenging discrimination; and inclusion — where everyone can participate regardless of the groups to which they belong. These guiding principles led to the formation of the district's diversity plan, to be presented 7 to 8:30 p.m. during a Raising Global Leaders forum Wednesday, April 12, in Pierce Middle School's auditorium.

The forum will include a panel discussion moderated by the League of Women Voters, with questions submitted by audience members. Panelists include Dr. Agustin Arbulu and Anthony Lewis of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights; Greg Bowers of the Grosse Pointe Harper Woods NAACP chapter; Ginni Winters of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency; University of Michigan professor of social work and urban planning Barry Checkoway; GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus and attorney Mark McInerney. Local principals, municipal and faith leaders and heads of public safety also will attend.

All community members have a vested interest in our schools and are encouraged to participate in the conversation and be part of the process of forming a plan that works for everyone.



Pure GP

Suzy Berschback installed a Little Free Library in front of her house in the 200 block of Ridgemont in Grosse Pointe Farms late last summer because she liked the idea of exchanging and sharing books and that someone in the community could take a book or leave a book. Berschback believes it spreads a little joy. Learn more about Little Free Libraries at littlefreelibrary.org.

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LETTERS

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Dying fast

Global condemnation of confining marine animals to cramped tanks

continues to grow, so the purchase of a large share of SeaWorld's stock by a Chinese corporation is shortsighted. More and

more people are turning their backs on these cruel theme parks. Compassionate people around the world denounce SeaWorld's business model and don't want it in China or anywhere else.

SeaWorld's ticket sales are at their worst since the 2013 release of "Blackfish," the documentary that lifted the curtain on SeaWorld's ugly business. Attendance by members with annual passes at SeaWorld's flagship Orlando, Fla., park dropped 14 percent in 2016 from the previous year. The company fin-

ished 2016 with a net loss of \$12.5 million. Longtime corporate partners have jumped ship. Hundreds of employees have been laid off.

According to a national poll, more than 70 percent of people with children — a key theme park demographic — would be more likely to visit SeaWorld if the orcas were moved to sanctuaries.

It doesn't matter if the facility is here or elsewhere, jamming ocean dwellers in tanks is a business model that is dying fast.

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I SAY By Bob St. John

Something new

You will see a new item in the sports section this week.

It's something I am calling Player of Note and this feature will rotate between Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and

University Liggett School each week.

I asked each athletic director to coordinate with their coaches to come up with one student-athlete who is excelling on the playing field. I am running this fea-

ture through the spring and I broke it down to 12 weeks, starting with the April 6 issue and ending with the June 22 issue.

Each school will have four Player of Note honorees this spring. It's a tough job for athletic directors and coaches to come up with one individual who led the way in their respective sports. I

understand the tough nature of this feature and I hope the readers understand, too.

I want this feature to add to the sports section and I hope you like it, too.

St. John is the Grosse Pointe News sports editor. Email him at bst.john@grossepointenews.com

I SAY By Mary Anne Brush

Passion projects, dream schools and the reality of it all

In an episode of the HBO miniseries "Big Little Lies," a dark comedy-drama based on the book by Liane Moriarty, parents discover their 16-year-old daughter's secret independent school project is to auction off her virginity online to protest sex trafficking. While the parents applaud their daughter's social conscience — she plans to donate the money to Amnesty International — they try to explain why putting her virginity up for the highest bidder is unacceptable.

Her response?

"Colleges look for passion projects now. It's not just about your GPA and being captain of volleyball."

Social satire aside, there's a lot of truth to the first part of this statement. As for the second part, unfortunately colleges care about those things too.

This was a tough message to deliver to students and their parents at College Night Monday, March 27.

I attended the annual event, held this year at Grosse Pointe South High School, as an alumna representative of Princeton University. Visitors to my table had a lot of questions about majors, clubs and activities, summer and travel abroad programs, grade point average and test cut-offs, costs and financial aid (this last from the parents).

"I have a 3.8 GPA," one girl told me. "Should I even bother to apply?" I looked at her mom and dad, who smiled and waited for my response.

"Isn't it sad we live in a world where you even have to ask that question," I said. "That's an awe-

some GPA. You should be very proud."

Likely she won't bother. Most of the kids who stopped by my table, many of them sophomores and even freshmen, were just browsing. They picked up a brochure and asked a few questions out of politeness and casual interest. Had I answered this student honestly, I would have cautioned her not to take it too personally if she applied and wasn't accepted, because admission to many elite colleges these days is as elusive as winning the lottery. It's a sign of the times that many people were fooled last year into believing a satirical op-ed in the New York Times stating Stanford's admissions rate had fallen to an all-time low of zero was real.

As parents, we tell our children to dream big. We quote Norman Vincent Peale and say, "Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars." Meanwhile, colleges and universities send mass mailings to students who test well in the PSATs, hiking their expectations while raking in admissions application fees. The result for them is a high ranking in the U.S. News & World Report. The result for a vast majority of their applicants — 95.3 percent from Stanford's 2016 admissions pool — is a crushed dream.

Don't get me wrong. I do believe students should dream big and reach high. Our local high schools yield impressive college admissions, with students accepted to Ivy League colleges and yes, even Stanford. I didn't attend College Night to tell them to lower their expectations and be realistic. I attended to offer advice based on what I learned as a parent after

three times through the process, from logistics to big-picture items. Students and their parents may not remember what I said about Princeton, but hopefully they'll take to heart the message I really hoped to convey — that a dream school isn't the one most out of reach; it's the one most likely to help you attain your dreams.

Colleges may be seeking students with a passion, like the character in "Big Little Lies," but not every 17-year-old has discovered theirs yet. Each does have something that sets them apart, however. In several cases, I discovered this in a five-minute conversation, from the boy who attended a marine biology camp to the girl who said her hearing impairment inspired her to volunteer with the hearing-impaired community. Another girl talked about how her food allergies led to seeking legislative change. A boy interested in finance clearly had an eye for numbers — he was the only one who noticed I was handing out outdated brochures with last year's statistics.

One girl said she was interested in journalism, but her schedule next year wouldn't allow her to work on the school newspaper — both an academic class and an extracurricular activity — and enroll in an additional AP science course. She wanted my recommendation on which to drop.

"Do what feels right to you," I said. "Stick with what you love. The rest will fall into place."

"Good answer," her mother said. I don't know if it was, but it was the only answer I had.

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The black HTC Droid DNA phone belongs to a woman, 27, of White Lake.

—Brad Lindberg

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Grosse Pointe Farms

Armed felon

Police said they found a loaded semi-automatic pistol, knife, jar of marijuana and narcotics paraphernalia, such as rolling papers and three grinders, in a black 2010 Ford LGT CONVY pickup truck operated by a 27-year-old Warren man wanted in two neighboring states for larceny.

A patrolman investigated the man for violating "no parking" restrictions in a bank lot near the intersection of Mack and Moross shortly after 8 p.m. Saturday, April 1.

The pickup's license plate was registered to a man wanted on warrants from Marion County, Ohio, and Delaware County, Ind., for larceny.

"He matched the physical description listed on the warrants," said the officer. "Marion County advised they will extradite."

And proud of it

Prior to being cited for three driving infractions, a woman lacking auto insurance tried to show Farms police a thing or two by initially refusing to roll down her car window and answer questions during a traffic stop.

Her male passenger did likewise and filmed everything for the internet, according to police.

A patrolman stopped the woman, 37, of Detroit, at 10:20 p.m. Friday, March 31, on westbound Mack past Fisher for operating a white 2014 Dodge Charger with a

windshield tinted so dark she needed high beams to perceive the roadway.

"She has a lengthy driving record and got her license back last month," said the officer.

Her "one week" auto insurance expired Jan. 10, he added.

"The passenger refused to roll down his window as instructed by (another officer)," said the patrolman. "He instead began to stream the incident on Facebook live."

Police cited the woman for lacking insurance, having obstructed vision and improper use of headlights.

"She was informed the window tint was a film that should be removed and the bright blue light on her dash means the high beams are active," said the officer, releasing her at the scene. "Rather than driving away, she sat in the left lane with flashers on."

Checks cashed

A man living in New Jersey is accused of stealing three checks from his deceased father, of the Farms, forging the signature and cashing them for a total of \$11,000.

A court case against the son is filed in Maine. Farms police learned last week.

Missing memories

Memorabilia is missing and presumed stolen from the Tennis House, between Feb. 28 and March 30.

The 70-year-old private club at the tip of Moselle Place was approved this year for transformation into condominiums.

"Items taken were members' nameplates, trophy plaques and framed photographs," said a public safety officer.

There are no suspects.

"(The owner) stated there has been internal battling between management and members over the condos," added the officer. "Approximately 15 members did

not renew their membership this year due to the circumstance, which is when memorabilia turned up missing."

Make 'em welcome

Leaving cars unlocked while parked overnight makes it easier for street criminals to steal the contents.

Some \$10 in coins is missing from the center console of a car parked in the driveway of a house in the 200 block of Kerby between 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, and 1:30 p.m. the next day, the owner told police.

In the 400 block of Roland Court, the only thing reported missing from the ransacked interior of a car parked 3 p.m. Saturday, March 25, to 9:45 a.m. Monday, March 27, is 75 cents in the form of three quarters, according to the female owner.

"(She) stated she thought she locked the vehicle, but must have forgotten since there were no signs of forced entry," reported a public safety officer. "When her husband got up for work at 4:30 a.m. (Monday), they heard their dog bark out the window at something, but when (she) looked outside, she did not see anyone."

Drunken driver

Police caught a female drunken driver at 2:10 a.m. Thursday, March 30, on Lakeshore near the

intersection of Beacon Hill.

The woman, 57, of Detroit, registered a .13 percent blood alcohol content, according to a patrolman.

Her eyes were "droopy (and) glossy," he said.

Semantics

A 52-year-old Detroit man had his own view of state driving laws during a traffic stop shortly before 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26, westbound Mack at Ashley.

"(He) did not produce a driver's license and claimed he was 'traveling' and did not need one," said a Farms patrolman, arresting him for violating a revoked operator's license and possessing a forged auto insurance certificate.

The officer pulled him over for operating a light blue 1997 Mercury Marquis with a darkened windshield and no front bumper.

Mommy dearest

If it takes a village rather than two married parents to properly raise a child, then Farms police are doing their part.

Time will tell if a 5-year-old boy remembers the

day his mother, 24, of Detroit, tried to elude a traffic patrolman, was arrested, restrained, got rowdy with officers during booking at headquarters, restrained again and placed in a pink holding cell decorated with a big, green Izod alligator, according to an initial incident report.

Police took the boy to his grandmother's house on Detroit's eastside.

A patrolman tried to pull over the mother shortly after 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 28, on westbound Mack at Fisher. She was driving a silver 2007 Nissan with heavy rear damage, a broken window and tail-light pointing sideways.

She kept going, seemingly disregarding the patrolman's cruiser's emergency lights and siren, until stopping on northbound Neff in Detroit.

"(She) stated she was trying to get her child to school," reported the officer.

During booking, the driver "became irate," according to police. "Officers were able to calm her and walk her back to a holding cell."

Charges include fleeing police, resisting police and child endangerment.

Police also arrested a female passenger, 27, of Detroit, on a misdemeanor warrant from Troy for possession of marijuana.

Finds stolen Jeep

A Farms man's 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee was stolen while parked and reportedly locked overnight Sunday, March 26, in the 200 block of Moran.

"(He) stated he had approximately one year of car payments left," said a public safety officer.

A friend soon spotted it parked in the 5300 block of Radnor near the corner of Farmbrook a short distance across Mack in Detroit.

Police recovered it locked and unoccupied.

—Brad Lindberg

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Sign of times

Identity thieves tried to

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file a federal income tax return in the name of a Grosse Pointe Shores man, he told public safety officers last week.

An IRS representative alerted him the attempt failed.

Drunk curbed

A patrolman monitoring Lakeshore shortly after 1 a.m. Sunday, March 25, reported a woman driving a 2007 Ford Focus southbound from lane to lane, over the left curb and back until pulled over near Lakeshore Lane.

Police said the woman, 22, of Detroit, slurred, nearly fell and registered a .192 percent blood alcohol level before being arrested for drunken driving.

—Brad Lindberg
Report information about these and other

crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Park

Home Invasion

Sometime between noon and 1 p.m. Thursday, March 30, unknown suspects broke a large window in the back of a house in the 1200 block of Cadieux and entered the home while the homeowner was away. Police are confident of the time of the break in, as a neighbor reported their dogs barking incessantly around noon and after. Laptops and jewelry were taken. Police are reviewing surveillance tapes from adjacent businesses. Anyone with information is asked to call Park police.

Fire

Officers from the Park and the City of Grosse

Pointe responded to a fire in the basement of a home in the 15000 block of Windmill Pointe Drive Thursday, March 30. The fire was contained to the lower level and the origin has not been determined. No injuries were reported.

OWI

A 47-year-old Detroit resident was taken into custody at 1 a.m. Sunday, April 2, at Jefferson and Harcourt following a short pursuit. Police clocked the driver doing 61 in a 35 mph zone. He was charged with operating while intoxicated.

Catalytic converter

One would think a 13-year-old Honda Element wouldn't hold much attraction to thieves, but apparently the catalytic converter on this model is a hot commodity. That's what thieves took in a brazen daylight grab.

According to police, around noon Friday, March 31, two unknown subjects exited a white Ford Expedition and stole the part from the Element parked in the 15000 block of Hampton.

UDAA

A 2004 black Jeep Liberty was taken from the 1100 block of Maryland sometime overnight Friday, March 31.

Identity thefts

Reports of identity theft scams are popping up faster than spring crocuses. At least three reports were filed regarding fraudulent unemployment claims. Two concerned fraudulent credit card applications, while another concerned the opening of a cable service account.

Grass theft

A resident of the 15000 block of Windmill Pointe Drive told police an unknown person dug up a 10-by-20-foot section of grass from his rear yard.

Bike thefts

Sometime overnight Saturday, March 18, a

woman's silver bike was taken from a garage in the 1000 block of Harvard.

At approximately 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, a three-wheel EZ Roll bike was taken from the rear yard of a residence in the 1300 block of Wayburn.

Under the influence

A 23-year-old Roseville resident was found at 10:40 a.m. at Bedford and Essex slumped over the wheel of his car. Police determined he was under the influence of narcotics. He was arrested.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Lock your cars

At least two unlocked cars parked on Aline were entered sometime overnight Friday, March 24. In one case, a purse containing identification and credit cards was taken from a car. A neighbor reported to police their unlocked car also was entered, but nothing was taken.

Sometime overnight Thursday, March 23, an unlocked car parked on Broadstone was entered, but nothing was taken. A neighbor had seen someone acting suspiciously in the area but had not called police. Police urge residents to call immediately to report suspicious activity or concerns.

Hit and runs

Several hit-and-run reports were filed this week. Wednesday, March 29, a resident in the 500 block of Hawthorne reported damage to his 2015 Chevy Suburban parked overnight in the street.

Sometime between 1 and 3 p.m., a 2017 Ford Fusion parked in the St. John Hospital & Medical Center parking lot sustained damage to the quarter panel and wheel well.

Around 2 a.m. Thursday, March 30, a 2010 Chevy Malibu parked in the 1600 block of South Brys sustained heavy damage, as apparently did the other car. Police found a part at the scene they traced to a Dodge Charger. Police continue to investigate.

Wallet taken

At 3 p.m. Friday, March 31, a patron at the Woods branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library left her purse unattended. When she returned, her wallet, containing identification and credit cards, was missing. Police are reviewing surveillance video.

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By Jody McVeigh
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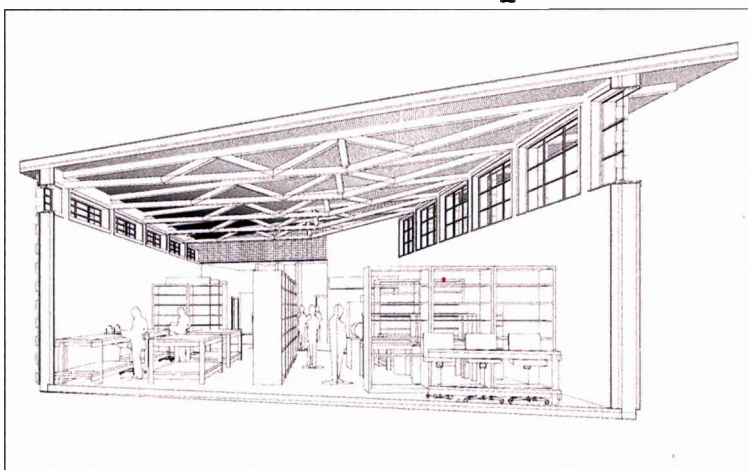
As the years have advanced, so has product demand, especially as the city makes its resurgence. With the addition of two firing kilns, Pewabic is able to produce more, but has run out of space in which to do it.

"We need to expand our working space," Pewabic Executive Director Steve McBride said. "We're growing and the demand for what we make is exceeding our physical capacity. It's challenging having a limited physical area to process work. It's a space-intensive operation."

Tiles are pressed, dried, fired, glazed and fired again, not to mention stored somewhere between each step. A similar process is used for other clay items Pewabic creates.

Current production space is limited to less than 1,000 square feet.

A new addition would



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Above, a rendering of the proposed expansion. Right, Pewabic's cramped quarters, from top to bottom, the tile-pressing area, mold-making area and drying rack storage and clay-making area.

add a 2,500-square-foot work area. Pewabic has the property — an empty lot on the back corner of its campus — but needs funds for the project.

McBride said of a total project goal of \$1 million, he'd like to see \$350,000 raised by the end of April, "to move forward with breaking ground this summer."

A Michigan Council of Arts and Cultural Affairs grant kicked in \$70,000 for the project and McBride said efforts are

underway to secure more funds.

"There's a lot of excitement at the fact we're growing," he said. "We're still early in the process. I'm confident we'll be able to raise the money."

"A lot of people expressed to us that it's a great thing that we're looking toward the future," he continued. "We've been talking about this for a long time."

Pewabic's current site, "was an expansion to

begin with in 1907," McBride said. "An addition was added in 1912."

An educational courtyard was added around 20 years ago and the organization has additional office space in an adjacent building as well as rental space across the street.

"We're busting at the seams, but we're making it work," he said.

The proposed addition, which will include hand-

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Easter Is Upon Us!

It is more than just a harbinger of spring. It is a time for reflection, a time for joy, a time for new beginnings. We celebrate it with songs. We celebrate it with prayer. We put on our Easter best, talk about bunnies and color eggs. We buy candy and treats for the kids and for the kid in all of us.

The Village has something for Easter to meet everyone's needs!

We should share our celebration with merchants in The Village. There are plenty to choose from. In fact, there are more than 20 new businesses that have found their way to The Village the last couple of years. If it is a special gift for the home you are looking for, think of The League Shop, Susie at Home, Small Favors or Vera's Daughter — places where you can find just the right thing to decorate your home, give something special or fill an Easter basket. They have something for everyone. They have moved to The Village from elsewhere. Welcome them.

Want to give Mom, Grandma or yourself a special treat? Visit Choices, which offers Michigan-made natural products that will lift spirits and improve health. Salon Lou Lou offers the best in facials, nail finishes, haircuts and hair styling as well as their own line of beauty products. If you just want to be pampered or want to pamper someone else, nothing does it better than a sauna and massage. Make a reservation at Massage Green.

Village Palm and P.O.S.H. can dress the entire family for Easter and spring break. Lilly Pulitzer, Vineyard Vines, Southern Tide and many more brands await you. Get your Lilly on! Or get ready for summer by getting new frames or sunglasses from Focus 313. They offer designer selections from

around the world which are modern and different.

And if you want to give a child something other than candy, how about a gift card from Which Wich, where they build their own sandwich with dozens of choices? What kid wouldn't want a gift card to buy something cold from TCBY well into the summer? If there is a little princess in your life, have they discovered El's or maybe you just love GP and want to show it on a tee or sweatshirt? How about a spring clean-up for your computer at Grosse Pointe Geek?

And if you are tired of cooking, why not treat yourself and the rest of the family at SideStreet, a finer diner? It's what every diner tries to be. The Village Grille has always been a family fixture in The Village, ready to welcome you with its game room, as well as a private party room.

Many believe that the fresh fish flown in from Boston, prepared to perfection, found daily at City Kitchen, is as good as it gets anywhere in Detroit. Then there is The Whiskey Six. It offers a bit of Prohibition history, more than 275 spirits, 50 craft beers, 30 wines and food for young and old, as well as live music weekly.

These businesses are your neighbors. The folks who own and work there live next door. Their kids go to school with your kids. They sponsor community activities and support your charities. They are part of what makes our quality of life in the Pointes what it is. If they are not already part of your family, bring them into your family celebration. Share with them thoughts of spring. Hope! Let's renew all of our spirits in a common, friendly family way.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Questers

Pettipointe Questers No. 243 meets Thursday, April 6, at Sharon Amluxen's home in Grosse Pointe. Marty K. Miller will discuss "Detroit's Little Venice," Detroit's own canal district located between Claire Pointe and Alter, with Jefferson to the north and the Detroit River to the south. The longest canal, the Fox Creek Canal, gives a view of a mostly undiscovered area of Detroit where urban nature is abundant. Those interested in hearing talks like this and in historical preservation of sites and objects are invited to join Questers. Email Dorothy Tepatti at quest4golf@wowway.com.

BNI

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

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 7:45 a.m. Friday, April 7, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Lauren Hawkins, fundraising and event planning with Humble Design, will speak. Reservations are not required; all are welcome. Breakfast is \$7. Call (313) 882-5330.

Questers

The Pear Tree Questers hosts its next meeting at 11 a.m. Friday, April 7, at the home of Madeleine Phillips. The program, "The Evolution of Windmill Pointe," is presented by Izzy Donnelly, director of education at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society. Lunch will be served after the presentation.

Grannie Nannies

Grannie Nannies, for grandmothers who babysit their grandchildren, meets 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 7, at Big Boy Restaurant, 20710 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 882-9600.

Libraries

Central branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms (313) 343-2074

◆ 2 to 3 p.m. Friday, April 7, Tween Craft Break, for ages 10 to 13.

Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park (313) 821-8830

◆ 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, Teen Poetry Slam.

◆ 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, crepe paper rose adult craft with Deb Lynch. Cost is \$5 and registration is required.

Woods branch, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods (313) 343-2072

◆ 3:30 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays in April, Archery for Young Girls and Boys. Participants must be at least 10 years old. Registration is required.

Pewabic

Pewabic Pottery, 10125 Jefferson, Detroit, celebrates the 150th birthday of founder Mary Chase Perry Stratton with a birthday bash 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 8. The event includes tours, cake, a historic exhibition, demonstrations, raffles and activities. Call (313) 626-2000.

War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, welcomes Dr. Cornel West at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 8. West presents "Justice Matters." The program, sponsored by Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, costs \$35. VIP tickets are \$125.

The Grosse Pointe Public Library sponsors an appearance by best-selling author Christopher Moore at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at The War Memorial. Moore will sign books after his presentation.

The War Memorial presents "Magic with Ben Seidman," an Arts at the Alger presentation, Thursday, April 13. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for dinner and the show are \$45; general admission tickets are \$25.

For information or to register, call (313) 881-7511 or visit warmemorial.org.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets 7 p.m. Monday, April 10, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle

University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 11, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets at 5:50 p.m. every Wednesday in the reception room at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Each week includes a speaker and appetizers for a \$10 meeting fee. A cash bar also is available. The Wednesday, April 12, speaker is Bob Hendrikx, co-founder of The Motown Movement, who will talk about the work being done in Detroit transforming broken-down houses into self-sufficient homes.

Family Center

The Family Center, in partnership with the Grosse Pointe News and The War Memorial, welcomes addiction experts Jeff and Debra Jay, who present "The Spirituality of Taking Action: A Cooperative Approach to Lasting Recovery" at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call (313) 432-3832.

Women's Club

The Grosse Pointe Women's Club meets at noon Wednesday, April 12, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. After a light lunch, Dr. Ann Duncan, director of animal health at the Detroit

Zoo, speaks about "A Day in the Life of the Zoo Veterinarian." New members also will be welcomed. Guests are invited. For reservations, call Sue Plath at (313) 884-5081 by Saturday, April 8. For information, call Pam Zimmer at (313) 926-6726.

Woods Community Center

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, offers Crafty Afternoons at the Cook Schoolhouse 1 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month. April 12, make a sea glass wire-wrapped pendant. May 10, make a wine cork wreath or candle ring. Cost is \$7 for Woods residents, \$8 for non-residents. Space is limited to 10. Call (313) 343-2408.

SOC

Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers the following programs:

◆ "Flower Power ... Think Sunshine ... Be Happy," 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Monday, April 17. Members of the Grosse Pointe Farm and Garden Club help create arrangements in vases for the cafe and other areas of the building.

◆ TED Talks, "How to Gain Control of your Free Time," with Katie Arms-Farber, 1 p.m. Monday, April 17.

Call (313) 882-9600.

Jardinieres

La Societe des Jardinieres meets 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 13, at the home of member Madeleine Phillips, who serves as co-hostess with Jean Forton, who will provide lunch. At 11 a.m., guest speaker Michele Hodges, executive direc-

tor of Belle Isle Conservancy, presents "What's Happening on the Isle."

Veterans

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans Club Inc. meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The program features Medal of Honor recipient and retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Charles Kettles. In early 1967, he was deployed to Vietnam as a major and was platoon leader and commander of the 176th Aviation Company whose mission was to fly in reinforcements and evacuate wounded from the 101st Airborne. Admission is free and guests are welcome. Call John Bates at (313) 881-4125 or Larry Sullivan at (313) 881-8631.

Belle Isle

The Daffodil Luncheon, raising funds for the purchase and planting of daffodil bulbs on Belle Isle, takes place Wednesday, April 19. The event features Jenny Rose Carey of the Pennsylvania Horticulture Society's Meadowbrook Farms, The Peacock Room of botanically inspired accessories and clothing, a reissue of Daffodil Day tiles in a new color and more. Tickets are \$45. Visit <http://bit.ly/2lbCkJg>.

Alliance Française

The Ciné-Club of the Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe hosts French Movie Night, featuring the comedy "9 Mois Ferme (Nine Month Stretch)," at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, at the Carol C. Shaap Theater, 14920 Windmill Pointe Drive, in Grosse Pointe Park's Windmill Pointe Park. The concession stand features popcorn, candy and beverages, as well as some French treats. A discussion takes place following the film, which is in French with English subtitles. Seating is limited to 70 and tickets should be purchased by April 24. Tickets are \$10 and are available by sending a check payable to "Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe" to Christiane Stein, 23009 Maxine, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080; or by PayPal online at afgrossepointe.org, under the Ciné-Club tab.

Reunion

The Grosse Pointe North High School class of 1997 hosts its 20-year reunion 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at Bayview Yacht Club. Tickets may be purchased online at bit.ly/2gedatC.

JOIN IN THE JOURNEY

Holy Week Services

Sunday April 9 Palm Sunday, 9, 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Thursday April 13 Maundy Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Journey to Jerusalem Musical Drama - 7:30 p.m.

Friday April 14 Good Friday, 12:15 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
• Journey through Holy Week for elementary-age children - 12 p.m.
• Worship with hymns and sermon - 12:15 p.m.
• Service of Shadows with Choir and Hymns - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday April 16 Easter Services
• 6 a.m. Empty Tomb 5K Walk/Run with communion
• 6:45 a.m. Sunrise service (outside) with communion, choir and brass
• 9 & 11 a.m. Worship services with communion
• 5 p.m. Vespers service with communion



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Mothers' Club spring benefit around the corner

Grosse Pointe South High School's gymnasium will be transformed into a "Hair Spray"-esque scene of beehives, pompadours, psychedelic styles and 1960s-era music when the Mothers' Club's annual spring benefit and luncheon returns Thursday, April

27. The 2017 "Hair Spray"-themed event runs noon to 3 p.m. inside the gym at 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., and raises funds for scholarships, student enrichment activities and preservation work on the historic high school. The focus of preservation

work for this year's benefit is relighting the 89-year-old historic, Georgian revival-style high school.

Registration deadline is Monday, April 17.

The benefit features a fashion show with students as models with wardrobe, hair and

makeup provided by local businesses; an auction with prizes from spa days to trips; lunch and entertainment.

Buy a table for family and friends or pick up a single ticket and make new acquaintances. Current families, future families, alumni, anyone

who supports the school and the community, male or female, are welcome.

Tickets are \$40 per person, \$400 for a table of 10 and \$500 for a runway table, and are available at conta.cc/2o2qm8a.

It's not too late for businesses to become sponsors by taking out

program ads, donating auction items or buying a table as a way to support the school. Inquiries about the event, auction, sponsorships or ads may be directed to Amanda Roraff at amanda.roraff@gmail.com or Melissa Smith at gpsmiths95@att.net.

Grosse Pointe Theatre scholarship auditions approach

Grosse Pointe Theatre hosts auditions and presentations for its scholarship program starting 10 a.m. Saturday, April 22, at the group's offices, 315 Fisher, Grosse Pointe Farms. To qualify, applications are due by the end of business Friday, April 14.

The scholarship program is open to Grosse Pointe area high school students who have an interest in furthering their education in a summer theater or music performance camp. High school seniors may apply their scholarship to the college or university they attend in the next school year.

Applications are available to those who meet any of the following criteria:

- ◆ enrolled in a Grosse Pointe high school,
- ◆ resident of any of the Grosse Pointes,
- ◆ children or grandchildren of

a Grosse Pointe Theatre member or season ticket holder,

- ◆ have performed in or worked backstage for a Grosse Pointe Theatre show (with acknowledgment in the show's program) or
- ◆ have participated in Grosse Pointe Theatre's "Youth on Stage" program.

Scholarships are awarded for theatrical performance, technical theater work or a combination of both.

The awards are announced the day of the auditions and awarded at the Grosse Pointe Theatre membership meeting Monday, May 8. Awards will be made payable to the camp or university selected by the student.

Scholarship enrollment forms are available at gpt.org or from the Grosse Pointe Theatre offices on Fisher between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. For more information, visit the website or call (313) 881-4004.



Speaker planned

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center sponsors its annual Sue Abbott Lecture on floral design Tuesday, April 11, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Susan McLeary, acclaimed floral designer, artist and instructor, presents "A Creative Nature," an inspiring and educational floral demonstration of her floral art. Included in the presentation are her personal accessories, floral arrangements and signature succulent jewelry. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by the presentation at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 for members, \$15 for non-members. Reservations are requested. Call (313) 499-0743.

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Karmanos Cancer Institute offering new technology to detect prostate cancer

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute is using a sophisticated new way to more effectively diagnose and treat prostate cancer. Urology specialists at Karmanos have begun using the UroNav Fusion Biopsy System, which fuses three-dimensional MRI images of the prostate with live ultrasound images to precisely target prostate biopsies.

"An MRI is better at seeing tumors in the prostate," said Michael Cher M.D., professor and chairman of urology at Karmanos Cancer Institute and Wayne State University School of Medicine. "MRI images are highly detailed and our radiologists are experts at finding tumors on the images. Our urologists are also skilled at performing prostate biopsies using live ultrasound images. With this new MRI-ultrasound image fusion system, our urologists are able to biopsy suspicious MRI-detected

areas while doing live ultrasound."

Eligible for this technology are men who have elevated PSA test results and have never had a prostate biopsy or men diagnosed with a small amount of cancer who are considering active surveillance. The system also is used to detect tumor progression in men who have been on active surveillance several years. Cher said these are common scenarios in the Karmanos urology clinic. Demand for the system is increasing rapidly.

Patients typically have an MRI performed first, which takes about an hour. Radiologists then analyze the images and identify suspicious areas using a standardized scoring system. At the time of biopsy, which occurs after the MRI, urologists import the MRI images digitally into the UroNav system where they are fused with the live ultrasound images captured during the biopsy procedure.

Through the use of software, the UroNav machine takes the two images and fuses them

together in three-dimensional fashion. The images move and change in real time as the urologist performs the biopsy

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ATTENTION VETERANS AND FRIENDS

The next meeting of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans Club, Inc. will be held on April 13, 2017. The door opens at 7:00 PM and the meeting starts at 7:30 PM IN THE RECEPTION ROOM at the War Memorial located at 32 Lake Shore Drive in Grosse Pointe Farms.

We will meet and salute our Medal of Honor recipient Lt. Col. Charles Kettles, U.S. Army, Retired. In early 1967 he was deployed to Vietnam as a major and was platoon leader and commander of the 176th Aviation Company. In Vietnam, Major Kettles piloted an assault and evacuation helicopter. His mission was to fly in reinforcements and evacuate wounded from the 101st Airborne Division in "Chump Valley," a thick jungle swarming with enemy troops near Duc Pho, South Vietnam.

On July 18, 2016 the president of the United States presented Lt. Col. Charles "Chuck" Kettles with the Medal of Honor during a White House ceremony for his heroism.

Admission is free and guests are welcome...especially spouses. Wear your badge.

If any additional information is needed contact John Bates, President, at 313-881-4125 or Larry Sullivan, Vice President & Membership, at 313-881-8631.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 9th Palm/Passion Sunday

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9:30 a.m. Early Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Children's Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

THURSDAY, APRIL 13th Maundy Thursday

The Last Supper

7:00 p.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

FRIDAY, APRIL 14th Good Friday

The Death of Jesus

1:00 p.m. Afternoon Worship Service

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Worship Service

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Peter Henry and Mary Petersen

Raising young men and women in a culture of sexual assault

Q: With so much sexual assault these days, I worry about raising teenagers in our society. How can you help me?

A: Human beings have lived in a culture of sexual assault for centuries. What's different today is that we talk about it more and thus have a better chance to help our children consciously break the cycle.

Young men and women are in a particularly vulnerable position. They're learning about themselves and how appropriately to interact with others on an intimate and sexual level, hopefully gradually and age-appropriately. Their culture, values, morals and beliefs are important.

Equally important is

The Family Center

ASK THE EXPERTS articles

figuring out how to get their needs met in positive, healthy, respectful ways that don't compromise the freedom of others.

Young people often are exposed too young to sexual violation before they have experienced the natural, normal, awkward growth into healthy sexuality. Often children learn unhealthy attitudes and behaviors from parents who have not resolved

their own issues.

Likewise, silence and sheltering children from reality teaches them nothing about how to cope with the world while still being true to themselves. Keeping an open dialogue with children is instrumental and you should remind them it is safe to talk to you about anything.

We must challenge the myths of sexual abuse with truth:

◆ Sexual abuse is not

about sex — it's about power and control.

◆ Helping children be secure in themselves and respect the boundaries of others will facilitate healthy intimate relationships.

◆ Both men and women can be abusers or victims.

◆ We must teach children to express their needs respectfully and communicate what they will and will not tolerate from others.

Mary Petersen LMSW, ACSW, is a clinical therapist in private practice. One of her specialties is treating women and men who are survivors of sexual abuse and she welcomes even anonymous phone calls inquiring about this sensitive topic. Petersen is a mem-

SAVE the DATE

"Raising Young Men & Women in a Culture of Sexual Assault," presented by the Family Center at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Register for this free event online at familycenterweb.org or by calling (313) 432-3832.

ber of the Family Center Association of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church is a member of The Professionals and a Family Center's member of its board. For more information, visit marypetersen.com

The Rev. Peter J.M. Henry is the pastor of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. He also is a member of The Family Center's Board of Directors. He can be reached at (313) 882-5330 or phenry@gpmchurch.org. Grosse

Pointe Memorial Church is a member of The Professionals and a Family Center's member of its board. For more information, visit familycenterweb.org, call (313) 432-3832 or email info@familycenterweb.org.

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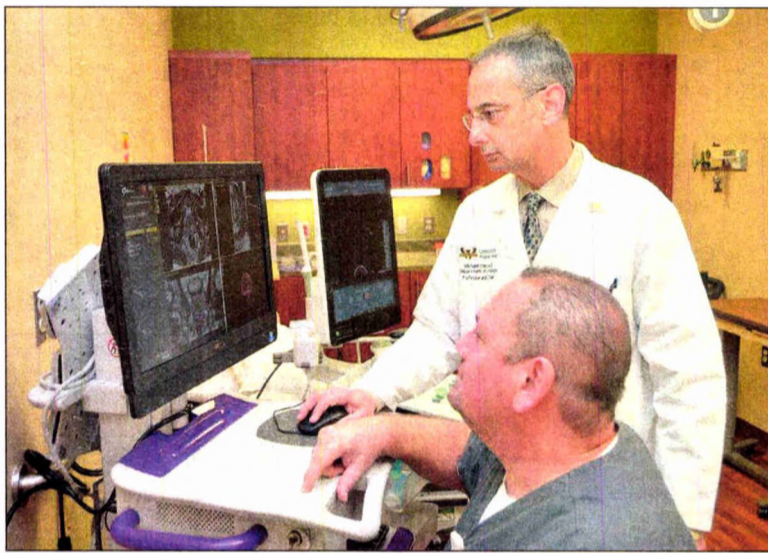
"Previously, we used ultrasound alone for biopsies," Cher said. "The biopsies were distributed throughout the prostate in a systematic fashion. Now, with the fusion of the MRI and ultrasound images, we perform targeted biopsies of suspicious areas. We are better at finding cancers and therefore better at determining the best treatment plan for each patient."

Cher said prostate cancer detection methods have evolved over the years, from digital rectal

exams, which were a very poor method of detecting prostate cancer, to the PSA blood test to ultrasound, which could see the prostate well but wasn't very good at seeing tumors within the prostate.

"This technology is huge for urology," said Cher. "We're going to more accurately determine if the patient has cancer and how much cancer the patient has. We can give more personalized treatments tailored towards the patient based on more accurate diagnosis and staging."

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Michael Cher M.D., professor and chairman of urology at Karmanos Cancer Institute and Wayne State University School of Medicine, and Ambulatory Care Associate Randy Schlafer fuse MRI and ultrasound images of a patient's prostate with the UroNav Fusion Biopsy System.

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Volunteers provide joy to hospice patients

National Volunteer Week is April 23-29

Barbara Steer was semi-retired and wanted to spend time helping others. She was familiar with hospice care, as some of her friends had been in hospice when she sought out a nonprofit to put her skills to good use. Professionally, Steer had been a baker, physician's assistant and social worker. In 2014, she added hospice volunteer to her resume.

She signed on as a

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patient companion volunteer with Ann Arbor-based Arbor Hospice where, paired up with her first patient, Steer helped her go through old photos while listening to stories about the "good old days." She discovered the woman's favorite Christmas cookie and, drawing upon her 20 years of experience as a baker, decided to bring a little yuletide cheer into her home. White coconut, festive red and green maraschino cherries, flour and sugar coated the kitchen counter as Steer baked and the women chatted about the upcoming holiday.

Steer reflected upon that visit with her patient and said, "We had a good time together making a mess of the kitchen, laughing and gossiping

about our husbands."

While Steer spends her time visiting and socializing with her patients, on the other side of the state 15-year Hospice of Michigan volunteer Lois Carey connects with hospice patients in a different way. Once an administrative volunteer, Carey now is the lead volunteer for the HOM flower delivery program in Grand Rapids. Every Monday, bouquets of blooms are arranged by Carey and a team of volunteers in donated vases using flowers provided by local florists and grocery stores. Approximately 30 to 50 bouquets are created and hand-delivered by a team of patient companion volunteers to hospice patients every week.

"Flowers are a different kind of medicine," Carey said. "The bouquets bring a little cheer to the patients and their families."



National Volunteer Week is April 23-29, 2017 which recognizes and celebrates the efforts of volunteers.

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On one visit to a local nursing home, a volunteer brought one of the flower program's creations to a patient's room. Though she was blind, the woman was still able to appreciate the flowers using her other senses.

She touched and smelled the fragrant blossoms while the volunteer described the arrangement in full detail, down to the shape and color of each bloom. The patient was so overwhelmed with emotion she cried, explaining to the volunteer no one had ever brought her flowers.

Patients aren't the only ones who appreciate the visits; families often write letters of gratitude to hospice volunteers for their efforts. A recent note made its way into Carey's hands thanking volunteers for the bouquets. Not only was the family grateful for the flowers, they also praised the group's kind and loving spirit.

Both Arbor and HOM's volunteer programs offer in-depth training for those wishing to perform meaningful work to sup-

port hospice. The nonprofits offer three types of hospice volunteer opportunities:

- ◆ Patient care, for which HOM has the greatest need, to provide companionship, pet and music visits, as well as caregiver relief;

- ◆ Administrative assignments, including office work; and

- ◆ Community outreach, including supporting fundraising events.

According to Claire Fisher, volunteer program manager for HOM, the different types of hospice volunteer work have a common theme — each has a deep connection with patient care.

"Whether it's a bedside visit, administrative work or arranging flowers, volunteers draw upon their knowledge and skills to provide a heartwarming and joyful experience to

our patients and their families," Fisher said. "Our volunteers are professional and compassionate and it's a privilege to work with them."

Steer had one last piece of advice for those concerned about working with people during a difficult time: "If you're considering volunteering with hospice, just do it. Your willingness to be part of someone's life is special."

National Volunteer Week, April 23 to 29, recognizes and thanks volunteers who lend their time, talent and support to nonprofit hospice agencies in providing joy and happiness to nearly 1,900 Michigan patients and their families annually. For more information about volunteer opportunities, visit arborhospice.org or hom.org.

Artisans press tiles at Pewabic.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF PEWABIC POTTERY

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icap-accessible restrooms, also features abundant natural light and ventilation in what McBride called a "dramatically improved work space."

"This will allow us to spread out and have more room available for work as we're processing it."

The space will be used for mold making and tile pressing. Pewabic makes 1,000 pounds of clay each week for its tiles.

Not only will an addition provide more working space, but it will make tours more comfortable too.

"This will create a better visitor tour experience," McBride said. "They'll be able to see more of what we do."

McBride said the project should be complete within one year. A design concept was proposed; however, changes still are being implemented.

"As soon as we come up with a final design, we'll move forward with construction," McBride said.

"Our goal is to have this increase the sustainability of the pottery," he continued. "There's a lot of interest in revitalization in the city and we're doing that with authentic material. We've been tilting the city for over a century. This will allow us to create more work, be part of the revitalization and have more impact."

The increased production capacity also will allow Pewabic to generate an additional \$800,000 in annual revenue, which will lead to up to a dozen new jobs during the next five years.

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add new staff positions as we boost production.

"We are one of the anchor organizations on the east side," he continued. "Now we'll be able to really not just have an artistic impact, but economic influence, too."

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Special guests

Rotary District 6400 Gov. Sue Goldsen and her husband, Past District Gov. Bruce Goldsen, right, paid a visit to the March 29 Rotary of Grosse Pointe meeting at The War Memorial. Welcoming the Goldsens were, from left, President Ted Everingham and President-Elect John Maliszewski. The Goldsens hail from the Adrian Morning Rotary Club.



District Gov. Sue Goldsen congratulated Grosse Pointe Rotarian Dr. Al Ceravolo on 50 years of perfect attendance in Rotary. Ceravolo joined Rotary in 1966. He is a retired anesthesiologist and lives in the City of Grosse Pointe with his wife, Norma.

PHOTOS BY JOHN MINNIS



A vicious cycle

Life-changing events, prescription drug misuse lead some seniors into addiction

By Debra Kaszubski
Special Writer

Think of an addict. Did you imagine a grandmother or grandfather? Most likely not, but you'd be wrong to assume older adults are not vulnerable to the dangers of addiction.

According to AARP, statistics show 17 percent of adults ages 60 and older have an alcohol or drug problem, compared with 10 percent of the overall population.

Older adults face life-changing events — the death of a spouse, retirement and/or changes in

mental or physical health — that may contribute to loneliness or depression. This may force some into new or old addictions.

“Even though they may have abstained for many years, these major life events could trigger them to go back to these old habits,” said Christine

Chelladurai D.O., of the Beaumont Geriatric Center.

The misuse of prescription drugs has become a growing problem in the United States and baby boomers are not immune. The Centers for Disease Control label the misuse of prescription opioids,

in particular, as an epidemic. In 2014, nearly 2 million Americans either abused or were addicted to prescription opioids, according to the CDC.

An opioid can be used to treat moderate-to-severe pain and often is prescribed to treat pain after surgery or injury or

in the treatment of cancer. Common opioids include Vicodin, Demerol and Percocet.

“An older adult is more likely to be addicted to prescription and nonprescription medications rather than drugs such

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The Encore Years: Sheryl Szady

By Michael Cowan
Special Writer

Many people consider the years after age 65 as placeholders. They might look at those sunset years as a time to slow down and fondly remember accomplishments over a long and busy life. Sixty-five-year-old Sheryl Szady doesn't see it that way.

“I'm in my third tri-

mester,” the die-hard University of Michigan alumna and longtime fundraiser proclaimed.

Szady spent her first trimester as a U of M student and working many summers at Interlochen Arts Academy, an organization with which she still has a strong connection. Later in life, Szady served on the Interlochen Board of Trustees and Alumni Council. Even

today, she plays a role at Interlochen by welcoming campers as they arrive.

“There's no better place than Interlochen to immerse yourself in the arts,” said Szady.

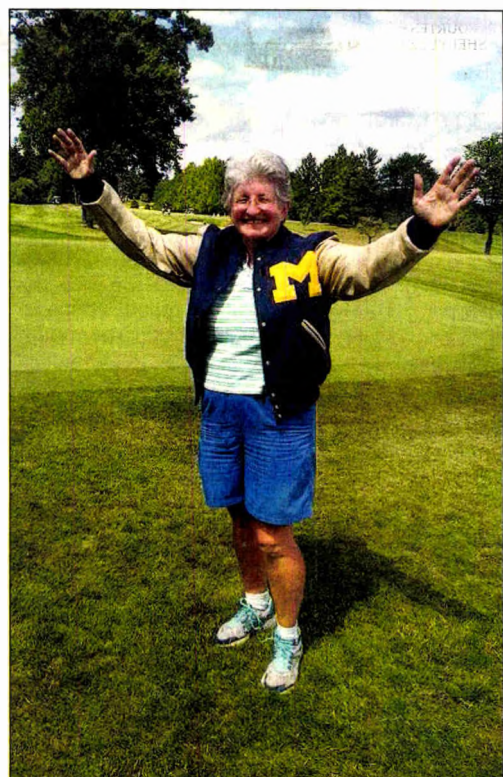
Szady, who graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in its first graduating class in 1970, spent her second trimester — roughly 30 years — at the University

of Michigan. After arriving at U of M as a field hockey and basketball player, Szady found a calling that would last nearly all of her adult life — lobbying for equal treatment for female athletes. First, she worked as a student to get varsity recognition for women's sports. Because of Szady's efforts in the early '70s, field hockey, volleyball, swimming and diving, basketball, synchronized swimming and tennis became the first six women's varsity teams during the 1973-74 academic year. She was captain of the field hockey squad and played basketball as well.

Then, she fought a longer battle to get equal recognition for the women playing those sports. Szady thought it critical that women were awarded the same symbol of varsity-level athletic achievement that male athletes were awarded — the U of M varsity letter jacket.

Initially, women were not awarded any jacket, but then in 1975, female athletes were given jackets of lower quality than men's jackets. Women's jackets had a smaller block-M in a color other than Michigan Maize. This was not acceptable, said Szady.

“We needed the same block M (as the men). And I was persistent on this,” she told WDIV News. By the early '90s, female athletes at U of M were awarded the same varsity letter jacket as



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Grosse Pointe native Sheryl Szady spent decades lobbying for equal treatment for female athletes.

the men. But Szady did not stop there. She thought the women who were never awarded the same jacket with a Maize block-M and leather sleeves should be given one. She won university administration over and that effort continues to this day. To date, Szady has awarded more than 800 jackets to alumnae athletes.

“We're still trying to find all the women,” said Szady. “We're down to 51.”

One might think Szady's activism would put her at odds with the university, but it has not. “That's not my style,” she said. “We didn't have big rallies or sit-ins in offices. We just pursued this over 40 years,” she

said. In fact, she worked in fundraising for the university 27 years before retiring in 2012. The math minor said, “I created datamining before ‘datamining’ was a word.”

She even earned a Ph.D. in university administration at the university and wrote her dissertation on the history of women's athletics at U of M.

“My first 30 years were spent growing up in Grosse Pointe and working at Interlochen Arts Academy and the next 30 were spent at Michigan. Now I'm having fun for the next 30,” Szady said.

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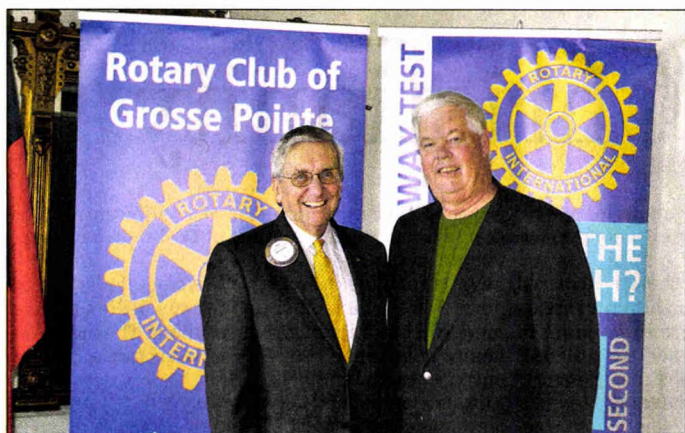


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Rotary welcomes Killeen

Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Harper Woods, right, spoke at the March 29 Rotary of Grosse Pointe meeting at The War Memorial. He was welcomed by Rotary President Ted Everingham, left, and introduced by Rotarian George R. McMullen Jr. Killeen updated Rotarians on issues impacting the county, including the state of the seawall along Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Shores, which is in the early stages of being looked at by the Army Corps of Engineers. He also spoke about Community Development Block Grant allocations — \$100,000 to Services for Older Citizens for building and handicapped accessibility improvements and \$200,000 to Harper Woods for small home repair. The Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority was discussed as well. Separate from the county, Killeen helped create the authority; he reported that the authority is doing great work and is financially sound. Finally, he discussed the Wayne County Jail. The county is looking to restart building this summer at the Gratiot site, he said. If the deal with Rock Financial moving the jail to a different location makes sense financially, he will support it. Otherwise, he wants to get moving on it at its present site.



Szady and other Jacket Gals at a University of Michigan event.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHERYL SZADY

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Szady still spearheads efforts of the Jacket Gals, as they've become known, and has founded M Women, a nonprofit group supporting women's varsity athletics at U of M, but she also spends a good deal of time staying active on the U of M golf course. "I'm a persistent golfer," she said. "I enjoy being outside. I've met some great people on the golf course. It's the icing on the cake when I hit a good shot. I carry my own clubs. My goal is to

play golf or go to the gym every day." When faced with a health challenge, which presented itself in the form of endometrial cancer in 2009, Szady was quick to take care of it and noted that it "reinforced my perspective on life. It helps you understand what's important and what's not. "My goal is to be happy every single day," she continued. "I have a very positive attitude about everything." Though Szady, who

has an older sister, Cindy, spends most of her time in Ann Arbor these days, her connections to Grosse Pointe run deep. "I've spent every weekend since 1988 in GP visiting my mom (until her passing in 2010)," she said. "Today, I intentionally do things, like a dental appointment, a hair appointment or just visiting friends, that bring me back to Grosse Pointe. I still drive down Lakeshore. I still enjoy being connected to Grosse Pointe."

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as marijuana, cocaine or heroine," Chelladurai said. "(Prescription drugs) are far more common for seniors to abuse compared to illicit drugs."

In addition, Chelladurai said some seniors have become addicted to sedatives like Ativan and Xanax. Even over-the-counter decongestants have been abused and can lead to addiction. If a loved one is using medications not prescribed to them to feed an addiction, the combination could be deadly. In particular, taking sedatives and opioids at the same time can lead to death.

Chelladurai said family members who may suspect their loved one is abusing medications should pay attention to at-risk behaviors. For example, is the older adult running out of their medications quickly? Or is the senior taking another person's medications? Is the older adult neglecting his or her responsibilities or taking risks? Is the person getting into legal trouble? Is there a change in their personality? Contact a doctor, a substance abuse or mental health professional, clergy or employee assistance professional immediately if you suspect your loved one is misusing drugs. "I wouldn't say this is a common problem among

seniors, but it should not be brushed under the rug," Chelladurai said. "As a geriatrician, I routinely ask my patients if there's issues with nicotine, caffeine, alcohol or prescription drugs." A physician can determine if the older adult truly is addicted either physically or psychologically before providing treatment. It is possible for seniors facing addiction to fully recover; however, it may be more challenging for someone who is older. "Studies have shown time and time again that an older adult with an addiction problem is more susceptible to morbidity and mortality issues as opposed to a young adult," Chelladurai said.

We have partnered with Services for Older Citizens to start a new conversation in our community — a conversation that challenges old stereotypes. In coming months, the Grosse Pointe News and the SOC Communicator will feature residents who are in their "encore years," highlighting the fantastic opportunities that come with advanced life experience. Do you know someone who is breaking the stereotypes of aging? We are looking for individuals who are doing any number of things that previously were not associated with people 60 or older. Have a suggestion? Call or email Deb Miller at (313) 649-2104 or dmiller@soc services.org, or Jody McVeigh at (313) 343-5590 or jmveigh@grossepointenews.com.

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PASTOR'S CORNER By the Rev. Justin Dittrich

The community of Christianity

If I consider myself a Christian, must I be a part of a church?

Yes, you must be a part of a church. You must be involved in a congregation. There, I said it. Fire up the emails.

First, the caveats:

- ◆ I'm not saying non-believers should go to church. If it's not your thing, it's not your thing.
- ◆ I'm not talking about those of non-Christian faiths. I have no authority there.
- ◆ I am not calling you a bad person. I know some of you and I think you are pretty awesome.
- ◆ You are not "going to hell if you don't go." This is not a guilt trip.

◆ Don't stick around toxic congregations to "punch your ticket to heaven." There are good — not perfect — churches out there. Find one.

But if you are a Christian, go to church. Because it's not all about you. We're sent to church to serve others as much as we're sent there to be served. Believe it or not, you possess gifts and talents your brothers and sisters need. If you're not present, you're denying them benefits God intended them to enjoy.

Your fellow Christians will reveal aspects of God you've never seen. As our fellow pilgrims tell and retell their sordid stories while they're bumbling along, we find they've experienced God in ways we

haven't. Over time, all these very different visions merge into a greater portrait of God than we'd ever imagine alone.

Christianity is community. We can't do it well by ourselves, for when we do that, Jesus begins to look more like yourself than your neighbor. The more isolated we are, the more Jesus will look like ourselves and not Jesus.

Just go to church. You probably will not regret it. If you did, just try another one.

Dittrich is the pastor and head of staff at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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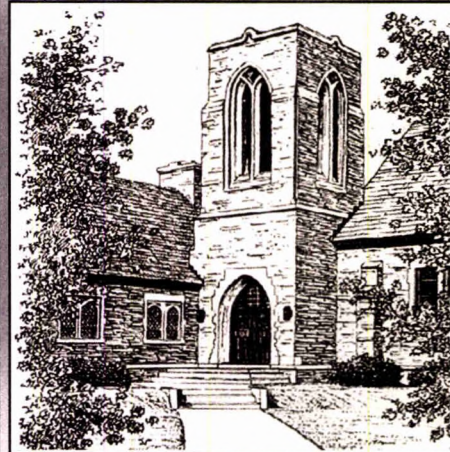
Thursday, April 13, Maundy Thursday: 12:10 p.m.
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Friday, April 14, Good Friday: 12 Noon-3:00 p.m.
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Holy Week & Easter 2017 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church

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Stations of the Cross - 12:00 noon
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death - 1:30 p.m.
Ecumenical Stations in the Street - 3:30 p.m. beginning at the ARK at St. Ambrose
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Take a 'Journey to Jerusalem' on Maundy Thursday

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church invites the community to its Maundy Thursday service at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, for the world premiere of a chancel opera by composing duo James and Marilyn Perkins Biery.

"Journey to Jerusalem" musically retells Jesus' final days leading up to his arrest by Roman authorities, focusing on three parts of the Gospel narrative: the journey to Jerusalem and Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet, the Last Supper and the Garden of Gethsemane. The music — including choruses, solos and orchestration for flute, English horn, harp and organ — was composed by James Biery, minister of music and artistic director of Music at Memorial, who will conduct. The libretto, or text, was written by Marilyn Perkins Biery, who

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James and Marilyn Perkins Biery.

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose Parish, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, offers Communal Penance Services 2 p.m. Saturday, April 8, and 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 12.

The church hosts Lenten buffet dinners 5 to 9 p.m. every Friday during Lent, through April 14. Cost is \$16 for adults, \$10 for ages 6 to 10. Carry-out service is

available. Call (313) 822-1594.

Jewish Council

The Grosse Pointe Jewish Council celebrates Passover at a family seder for members and guests Tuesday, April 11. It is during seder, the festive meal, where the story of Moses and the

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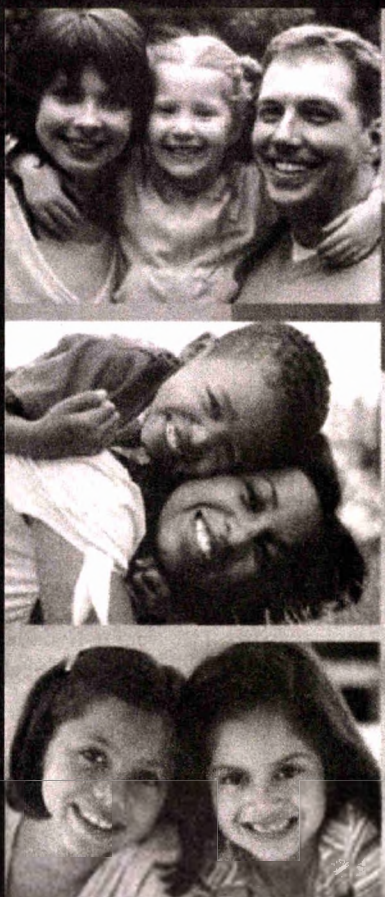
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Marcia Byrnes Clements

Beloved mother, grandmother, sister and friend Marcia Byrnes Clements, 81, passed away Saturday, March 25, 2017, at Indian River Medical Center in Vero Beach, Fla.

Born May 28, 1935, in Detroit, to Robert and Rose Byrnes, she grew up in Grosse Pointe and graduated from Convent of the Sacred Heart in 1953. She graduated from Marymount University in Arlington, Va., and returned to Grosse Pointe to teach preschool at Convent of the Sacred Heart. In 1972, she and her family moved to Vero Beach, where she lived the rest of her life.

Muzzy, as she was affectionately known to her family, was a voracious reader who loved a good mystery thriller, an avid supporter of animals of all kind who rescued and loved countless kittens, a huge Gators fan and follower of many sports teams. She was proud of being the owner/operator of Baggy Bunny Gifts, a boutique store she ran for 28 years.

She will be missed dearly by her family and friends.

Muzzy is survived by her children, Peter Clements (Kim) and Katie York (Tom); grandchildren, Lauren Kiser, Chelsea Norris (Jordan), Colby Clements and Colin Kiser; sister, Bebe Fitzgibbons O'Reilly, many nieces and neph-

ews and an incredible circle of friends she cherished.

Muzzy was passionate about her favorite charities. Donations may be made in her memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at stjude.org or Halo Animal Shelter in Sebastian, Fla., at halorescuefl.org.

Ann Gehrke

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Ann Gehrke, 99, died Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at Sunrise Senior Living in Grosse Pointe Woods.

She was born April 6, 1917, in Detroit, to Joseph and Susan Muer. Her interests included bridge, golf and playing with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ann served on the board of directors of Bon Secours Hospital and was a member of the Bon Secours Assistance League and Country Club of Detroit.

Ann is survived by her daughter, Susan Hastings; sons, Bill Gehrke and John Gehrke; grandchildren, Katie Outcalt, Peter O'Rourke, Bill, Mike and Joe Gehrke, Hans Gehrke and Sarah Valdez and great-grandchildren, George, Max, Will, Tate, Chloe, Anthony, Ethan and Madeline.

She was predeceased by her husband, Hans Gehrke; great-grandson, Dylan; sister, Rosemary Sanders and brothers,

Joe and Bill Muer.

A private service will be held.

Donations may be made to Beaumont Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 5802, Troy, MI 48007; St. John Hospital Foundation, Joan Gehrke Oncology Fund, 22101 Moross, Suite 201, Detroit, MI 48236 or Dylan Wish Memorial, c/o University of Minnesota Foundation, 200 Oak Street S.E., Suite 500, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

James Murray Burges

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident James Murray Burges died Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at home in Sterling Heights. He was 96.

James was a veteran of World War II and served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Forces. He returned to Michigan and continued to serve his country by working as a clerk at the Tank Arsenal in Warren, retiring in 1980.

James is survived by his daughter, Joyce Farley; grandchildren, Michael Farley and Kim Schmidt; great-grandchildren, Ryan Farley, Joseph Farley, Thomas Farley, Chad Schmidt and Erik Schmidt and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held April 5 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Marcia Byrnes Clements



Ann Gehrke



James Murray Burges

Russell Lawrence Herschelmann

Russell Lawrence Herschelmann, 86, passed away peacefully Tuesday, March 28, 2017, in Harrisville.

Beloved eldest son of Russell and Evangeline Herschelmann, Russell was a devout Wisconsin Synod Lutheran, directing church choirs throughout his life.

Russell graduated from Southeastern High School in 1949, working in business more than 20 years. During those years he earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Wayne State University, becoming a tenured business teacher for the Grosse Pointe Public School System in the early 1970s. For the next two decades he taught at both North and South high schools, preparing students with the fundamental skills necessary for success in their individual business careers.

World travel with his wife and sons was his greatest passion. During his life, Russell traveled extensively throughout the Americas, Europe and the former Soviet Union, North Africa, the Middle East and Asia. After his retirement, he moved from Grosse

Pointe to his home in Northern Michigan, wintering at his home in central Florida.

He is lovingly remembered by his family and friends. Family memorial services will be held later this spring. Donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Betty Ruth Skomski

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Betty Ruth Skomski, 93, died Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at Acton Life Care Center in Massachusetts. She was the beloved wife for 50 years of the late Anthony J. Skomski.

She was born Oct. 22, 1923, in Detroit, to Reuben Frank Lasher and Anna Josephine (nee Johnson) Lasher. She grew up on a chicken farm in Ludington and graduated in 1941 from Ludington High School, where she played on the basketball team. She was an art major at Wayne State University in Detroit and earned a bachelor's degree and an education certificate.

During World War II, she served in the U.S. Navy Waves and was stationed in Washington, D.C.

A resident of the Detroit area for more than 50 years, she worked at the Detroit



Betty Ruth Skomski

Medical Center as an executive administrative secretary. A resident of Marlborough, Mass., since 2010, she enjoyed gardening, bird watching and nature walks.

Mrs. Skomski is survived by her daughter, Sara Elizabeth Honig (Peter Scott); grandchildren, Elizabeth Anne Honig and Andrew Scott Honig and great-grandson, Wyatt Scott Honig.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her daughter, Cynthia Anne Skomski.

Visitation is 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, April 21, at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

A funeral service is 10 a.m. Saturday, April 22, at the funeral home. Donations may be made to the National Audubon Society, 1200 18th Street, Northwest #500, Washington, D.C. 20036.

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Exodus from Egypt is told. It also is a celebration of the importance of religious freedom.

The GPJC strives to preserve and promote the heritage and traditions of the Jewish religion and culture on metro Detroit's east side and provide an educational and social forum for its members. This includes a Sunday School for students, adult educa-

tion classes and religious services throughout the year and on the High Holidays. For membership information, call (313) 882-6700.

Christ Church

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, presents "Ein deutsches Requiem" at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9. Tickets are \$20. Call (313) 885-4841.

JOURNEY

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also is director of music and organist at Fort Street Presbyterian Church.

Soloists include tenor Michael Fowler as Jesus, mezzo soprano Diane Schoff as Judas and tenor David Roberts as Peter. The 35-voice Memorial choir will sing the choruses, as well as lead the congregation in familiar hymns.

"We hope 'Journey to Jerusalem' will draw worshippers into the

emotion and inspiration of the holiest week of the Christian year," said James Biery. "As is tradition for Maundy Thursday, communion also will be served and all are welcome."

There is no charge to attend the performance, offered within the context of worship. The church is located at 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The next Music at Memorial concert is "Missa Gaia," or "Earth Mass," composed

by the Paul Winter Consort, at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 23. For



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Michael Fowler as Jesus, standing, is featured with soloists Diane Schoff and David Roberts and choir members depicting the Last Supper as part of "Journey to Jerusalem," a chancel opera by James and Marilyn Perkins Biery to premiere as part of Maundy Thursday worship April 13.

more information on the Earth Day jazz celebration, visit ticketriver.com or gpmchurch.org, or call the church at (313) 882-5330.

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Sloss named administrator at Samaritas Senior Living, BH

Samaritas recently promoted Deb Sloss to the position of administrator of Samaritas Senior Living's Bloomfield Hills community.

Sloss, a resident of Grosse Pointe, joined Samaritas as director of care management in 2015. Prior to that, she served eight years as a clinical social worker and a clinical supervisor for Reverence Hospice.

Sloss earned a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a Master of Business Administration degree from Lawrence Technological University. She is devoted to making a difference in the lives of older adults by ensuring an atmosphere of stability among staff to deliver the highest quality services to

promote the personal dignity of seniors. "I love what I do," Sloss said. "This position is a wonderful blend of caring for our senior residents and their families and outreach in the community. I am energized by my team and our residents."

"Deb is a valuable, talented member of our senior living team," said Leigh McLeod, vice president of senior living for Samaritas. "Our Bloomfield Hills community is a vibrant place for seniors to find support and connection. Under Deb's leadership, we know it will continue to thrive and expand its reach exponentially."

In her new position, Sloss leads and directs operations, providing leadership for staff and residents.

Understanding Michigan courts

Judicial forum April 11 hosted by Eastside GOP

"Understanding the Michigan Judiciary" is the topic as the Eastside Republican Club hosts a four-judge forum 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Participating in the panel are Michigan Court of Appeals judges Christopher Murray and Michael J. Riordan, Presiding Judge Kathleen M. McCarthy of the family-domestic division for

Wayne County Circuit Court and Judge Edward Joseph of the Wayne County Circuit Court family-juvenile division.

Commenting in advance of the forum, club chairman Dr. Annette DeSantis Feldpausch said, "While the spotlight seems to focus on appointment of U.S. Supreme Court justices, we voters in Michigan actually elect judges to our court of appeals and circuit courts

in nonpartisan elections. That's why it's essential for citizens to understand the Michigan court system and to be familiar with our judges. This forum will give us the opportunity to hear from and then to ask questions of our four guest judges."

The forum is open to the public at no charge. Murray, of Grosse Pointe Farms, was appointed to the Michigan Court of Appeals in 2002. In 2014,

he ran unopposed and was elected to another six-year term. He previously served as a judge on the Wayne County Circuit Court, deputy legal counsel to Gov. John Engler and private practice attorney.

Riordan, of Plymouth, was appointed to the Michigan Court of Appeals in 2012 and elected to a full six-year term later the same year. Previously, he worked as assistant U.S. attorney,



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Clockwise from top left, judges Christopher Murray, Michael J. Riordan, Edward Joseph and Kathleen M. McCarthy.

assistant general counsel for Northwestern Mutual

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Growing strong

Locally-sponsored service dog in-training, GP, is now 11 months old and working hard at the Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs facility in Williston, Fla. Mary Jo Brandt, chief operating officer at Guardian Angels, provided an update on GP's progress.

Brandt said GP is "doing great. We tease that he is too smart for his own good. We have to stay on our toes with him. He is such a sweet dog."

GP currently is with a foster family, which takes him everywhere to get him accustomed to being in public places, surrounded by noises and stimuli. "In this picture he was at a YMCA event for diabetic children," Brandt said. "He was very social and handled all the attention like a pro."



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Financial Network and in the enforcement division of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

McCarthy, a Grosse Pointe native, has served the Wayne County Circuit Court Family Division since 2001 and in 2013 was named presiding judge. The State Bar of Michigan recently commended her for 15 years of service.

Joseph, of Grosse Pointe Farms, was appointed by Gov. Rick Snyder to Wayne County's 3rd Circuit Court

in April 2014, and then was elected to a full six-year term in November 2014. He serves in the court's juvenile division. Joseph pioneered and presently leads a problem-solving court docket for juveniles with mental health issues. He serves on boards of the Catholic Lawyers Society, Human Services Community Collaborative for Wayne County and Child's Hope board for the Child Abuse and Neglect Council.

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Softball

South, North off to flying starts

GPS Blue Devils

Top four lead way

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls' softball team put on an offensive show last week, beating Warren Woods-Tower 12-8.

Both teams used extra-base power to pour on the runs on a cold, windy afternoon at South.

The Blue Devils jumped out early, scoring four runs in the first inning.

They scored a run in the third, two in the fourth and one in the fifth to lead 8-4 after five innings.

The Titans came back with four runs in the top of the sixth inning, but the home team answered with another four-run outburst to retake a four-run advantage.

Junior Lauren Sancya earned the win in relief, pitching the sixth and seventh innings.

Once she got the nerves out, she settled in and retired the Titans after they tied the game 8-8.

Sancya helped herself at the plate, going 2-for-4 with a run scored and two RBIs. Senior Jyen-Ai Jones had four at-bats,

but none officially as she walked three times and had a sacrifice bunt. Jones scored three runs and stole three bases.

Junior Grace Foster was 3-for-3 with a triple, walk, three runs scored and two RBIs, and sophomore Kendall Volpe was 2-for-3 with two runs, a walk, an RBI and a stolen base.

The top four hitters in head coach Bill Fleming's lineup combined to go 7-10 with five walks, nine runs scored and five RBIs.

Sophomore Adriana Agosta started and pitched the first five innings, giving up five hits, six walks and striking out five.

"I told the girls in the sixth inning that whatever team wants it more will win and our girls rose to the occasion and won it," Fleming said. "We didn't play as well as the day before when we beat Lakeview.

"We need to be more consistent, but overall this is a nice start for us."

South won 6-4 at St. Clair Shores Lakeview the day before as the Blue Devils broke a 2-2 tie with four runs in the top of the seventh.

Foster had a big game, blasting two home runs and driving in three runs.

Sancya and Jones also had two hits and Volpe



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South senior Jyen-Ai Jones set the tone for the offense, walking three times, scoring three runs and stealing three bases in the Blue Devils' home opener against Woods-Tower.

drove in two runs as Grosse Pointe South is 2-0 overall.

Agosta earned the win

on the mound, pitching seven innings. She gave up seven hits, walked two and struck out four.

GPN Norsemen

Offense crushes opposition

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North girls' softball team earned an impressive season-opening 9-6 home win over L'Anse Creuse North last week.

The Norsemen jumped out to an 8-0 lead as junior pitcher Rebecca Alway had the Crusader shutout on only two hits, plus she hit a monster home run in the third inning. Her blast hit the top of the scoreboard in left-center and came with two-on to give the Norsemen a 5-0 lead.

Alway finished the day 3-for-4 with a double, a homer, a run scored and four RBIs. On the mound, she earned the win, going seven innings. She gave up 10 hits, four earned runs, walked three and struck out six.

"This was a nice opening win for us," head coach Ron Smith said. "The girls hit the ball well, Rebecca pitched well and the defense made some nice plays. All the way around it was a good win over a good team."

Sophomore Evelyn

Zacharias was 2-for-4 with two runs and sophomore Erin Kane was 2-for-3 with a triple, two runs scored, a stolen base and one RBI.

The top three hitters in Smith's lineup combined to go 7-for-11 and were key components to the Norsemen's victory.

Defensively, Zacharias made a nice catch of a line drive, which ended a rally in the fifth inning and made the difficult plays look routine at her shortstop position. The outfield caught five fly balls, including the final out after the Crusaders plated three runs to make it close.

The following day, North hosted Warren Mott and won 11-0 behind freshman Sydney Brumme, who earned her first varsity win by tossing a two-hitter with one walk and three strikeouts.

Senior Michaela Kirck was 2-for-3 with three RBIs to pace the 11-hit attack.

Sophomore Natalie Wietecha and Kane each had three hits and three RBIs as the Norsemen jumped out early, scoring five runs in the first inning. They put the game away by tallying six runs in the third inning.

Grosse Pointe North is 2-0 overall.

GIRLS Soccer

GPN Norsemen

Offense on fast track

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The firepower was evident in the season opener, as Grosse Pointe North girls' soccer team rolled to an 8-0 win over St. Clair Shores Lakeview last week.

"I was pleased with our effort and focus in game one," head coach Olivia Stander said. "It was nice to get this game in before we head to break. Our schedule gets really tough when we return with (Grosse Pointe) South and (Utica) Eisenhower waiting."

The host Norsemen scored four goals in the

first half and added four more in the first 17 minutes of the second half. The game officially ended by the mercy rule with 23:01 left.

Greta DeLoach and Ava Stander each scored two goals, while Meghan Gallagher, Ashley Quain, Zoe Bessert and Maddie Mills each had one goal to lead the Norsemen.

Grosse Pointe North is 1-0 and plays at Grosse Pointe South at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 12.

"It was nice to get a game in before the break and then we will get a few practices in before facing South," Stander said.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North sophomore Ava Stander, right, scored two goals in an 8-0 win over Lakeview.

GIRLS Tennis

GPN Norsemen

Ladies off to solid start

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls' tennis team earned a 6-2 season-opening victory over host Warren Cousino last week.

"Extremely happy with how the team played today," head coach John Van Alst said. "It's always a great result winning the first match of the season."

"We have some things to improve upon during our practices and moving ahead in the season. Overall a great win."

The Norsemen won each of the four doubles

matches, led by the sweep at No. 2 with Ashley Carroll and Camryn Simon winning 6-0, 6-0.

At No. 1, Meghan Irving and Christina Raffail won 6-0, 6-2, and Claire Williams and Ruth McCuen won 6-4, 6-0 at No. 3. At No. 4, Kristen DeZeery and Sara Schaden won 6-1, 6-0.

In singles, Bella Gallant won 6-1, 6-3 at No. 1 and Marcella Starrico won 6-3, 6-3 at No. 4. Rachel Stone and Mia Eugenio played singles, competing at Nos. 2 and 3, but lost.

Grosse Pointe North is 1-0 overall.

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Aspiring writer inspired by magical dog

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Common advice to writers is to write what you know.

Julia Ansell, a senior at Grosse Pointe South High School, writes what she loves. And she loves dogs.

This love inspired Paw Blog, daily musings from the point of view of Paw Queen, Ansell's alter ego. The original inspiration for the blog was her neighbors' dog, Bella, who died in 2015. "She was my best friend," Ansell said.

"Bella was magical," said her mother, Evie Ansell.

One day Ansell hopes to write a collection of short stories called "Bark Time Stories" — stories to be read to pets. Another book on her list is "Cross Paws." She has many other titles in mind — Frozen Coke, Sour Lemonade, Amethyst Daquiri, Moon Juice and Sun Dust.

"I have all sorts of names once you get me started," she said.

For Ansell, diagnosed with Asperger Syndrome when she was in preschool at Barnes Early Childhood Center, writing has provided a creative outlet for an active imagination. She discovered her love of writing in fourth grade. That's when she started experimenting with fan fiction — fiction written by a fan of, and featuring characters from, a particular TV series or movie. James Bond shows up in a lot of her fan fiction, along with Starlander, Bond's "rookie partner," another of her alter egos.

Ansell has taken her love of writing to new levels in creative writing classes with English



PHOTOS COURTESY OF EVIE ANSELL

Above, Julia Ansell is pictured with special guests at her 15th birthday party. She often opted for a dog party to celebrate her birthdays, according to her mother. Right, Bella, Julia's inspiration for her blog, helped her get ready for South's homecoming dance freshman year.



"She's pushed through it," she continued, crediting the teachers for her daughter's success.

"I can tell you that we've never experienced anything but full support and just genuine care," she said. "Genuine, good-hearted, good-intentioned ideas. There were times when we were unsure what our next steps were and they were so guiding and reassuring, which means a lot."

From Beth Moran, Ansell's first teacher at Barnes, now retired, and Vivian Caputo, formerly at Trombly Elementary School and currently at Defer Elementary School, to Joe Finazzo at Pierce Middle School and Teolis at South, "I could talk about these teachers forever," she said. "I would hand Julia over to Viv as an elementary student and it was like handing her over to my mom. She knew Julia better than I did in some ways."

When Julia Ansell was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes while in middle school, "Joe Finazzo and a couple people on his team got all this instruction and learned how to administer the shots," she said. "It seems like every step they've helped us through."

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Excerpt from Paw Blog

Pocket Pup, by Paw Queen

Do you love your dog? Then imagine how it would feel to carry him/her around all day in your pocket! Introducing the pocket pup! Now whenever you leave for work or school in the morning, your dog can go with you. Put your saucy in a bag and carry them around the workplace. Pop your poochie in your designer purse and sashay through your day. Put your lab in your briefcase with a few squeaky toys, or even put your sloppy clown inside your pocket! Whichever your dog prefers, you can always ensure they are never alone. Pocket pups are miniature friends with big hearts, no matter the size. Just don't be surprised when a curious snout pokes out from inside your purse, or two pointy ears emerge from inside your pocket. Calling all the pocket pups!

— Find Paw Blog at pawblogsite.wordpress.com

teacher Harry Campion. This semester she is enrolled in advanced creative writing.

"She brings a wonderful charm to it," Campion said, adding Ansell writes a lot of poetry along with short sketches.

"Most of it I would call exploration of emotions, sort of making sense of the world through relationships," Campion said. "The format of the class gives her a lot of creative freedom. She really likes the idea of making her own assignments and she really likes the idea that she exceeds them. It's a nice

reinforcing sign of success on a weekly basis."

Deborah Teolis, Ansell's case coordinator at South, agreed.

"I think she has an incredible talent and the way that she writes, she really captures the character's essence," Teolis said. "She really has an ingrained talent."

Teolis said in the four years she has worked with Ansell, "she's always had that passion and drive." She and assistants in the AI classroom subscribe to Ansell's blog.

"I always tell her she has to give me a signed copy of her book. She's

just very talented and we're blessed we get to spend our days with her."

With the exception of an hour each day with Teolis, Ansell spends the majority of her time in core academic classes with the general population. Next year she plans to take creative writing classes at Wayne State University or Oakland University, according to her mother, beginning the transition to college in "a non-conventional way."

Writing is "what she loves," said Evie Ansell. "It's her pastime. It's her own personal therapy to just write and write and write. She just loves it. It's like her go-to. She

takes out that iPad and writes unbelievable stories I think a lot of times with kids with autism, they tend to focus in on things they really love and this is her thing."

Ansell is on a diploma path, her mother said. "She's definitely going to get her diploma that she's worked really hard for It's kind of trial and error as you go along. You don't know what to expect all the time The brain power is there, but the ability to stay on it and not be distracted by other things that are bothering her. To sit in a classroom is probably a lot harder (for her).



Mary White

School: St. Clare of Montefalco
Years at St. Clare: 5
Grade/Subject: Sixth-grade homeroom, sixth- and seventh-grade language arts and eighth-grade English
Nominated by: Geoffrey Fisher, principal
Principal's quote:

"Mary has been a very important addition to our staff since she came onboard a few years ago. She really understands the core of our school having sent her children here and then coming back to teach here."

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

I am drawn to the intricacies of the various learning styles in my classroom. In my 25 cumulative teaching years I have been lucky enough to work with students of diverse age, ability, interest and culture and have always loved figuring out how best to communicate my instruc-

tional message so that each learner feels connected to it in some way. Once a student has a connection to a concept or an idea, I have a window in which to expand it.

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

There is no doubt the many sincere "thank yous" I've received from students and their families over the years give me a feeling of accomplishment: from the tearful hug from an English as a Second Language adult learner who wrote out a recipe of hers for the first time to the hand-drawn \$10,000 bills (five of them!) a second-grade student gave me because she was so happy to learn money values.

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



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My parents, Joseph and Rose White, were both lifelong educators. Their devotion to their work and commitment to the value of education inspired me to become a teacher. I am further inspired by my students. Their drive to excel, power of perseverance and excitement in understanding new concepts anchor me to teaching.

Favorite quote: "Listen with curiosity. Speak with honesty. Act with integrity."

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North instrumental students performed in Festival Disney at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

Off to Disney World

Grosse Pointe North High School instrumental students spent four days at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., performing in Festival Disney, an annual musical performance festival

open to concert bands, marching and parade bands, orchestras, jazz bands, vocal ensembles, show choirs and auxiliary performers.

According to band and orchestra director David

Cleveland, students were critiqued by some of the most highly esteemed adjudicators in the country and "brought back some impressive ratings."

The string orchestra received a good rating, the concert band received an excellent rating and the symphony band was

awarded a superior rating along with one of the highest scores of the three-day festival.

"Our talented musicians also entertained hundreds of spectators in a separate performance at Old Town Disney on the first evening of their trip," Cleveland said.

District offers dual enrollment

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Next year advanced math students at Grosse Pointe North and South high schools will have a new option to take their skills to the next level. The Grosse Pointe Public School System has partnered with Lawrence Technological University to offer dual enrollment courses to qualifying students in their own classrooms.

Beginning in 2017-18, students who completed AP Calculus BC by the end of junior year may enroll in Calculus III first semester and Differential Equations second semester. Classes will be taught by LTU professors and offered at South 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. Beginning the class before the start of school and ending before first hour is over allows North students time to return to their school before the start of second hour. Fridays may include online work.

Students receive college credit and LTU provides a scholarship for the courses along with technology and laptops, if needed. The district pays LTU \$495 per student per semester. This amount is based on the state-calculated formula for dual enrollment, according to Director of Secondary Instruction Maureen Bur.

"Not only will our kids not have to travel (to LTU), but they won't incur any additional costs," said Bur. Moreover, they receive "valuable experiences before they begin their university careers and the distinction of listing college courses on their college application."

"I think it looks fabulous on your transcript," said South math teacher Alexa McConaghy. "Just the fact you're taking the class and if you can transfer in those credits, that's thousands of dollars worth of tuition. And even if your college doesn't take those credits, you're still going to have that background."

McConaghy said in the

past, students who were "double accelerated" — those who took honors geometry at North or South as eighth-graders — enrolled in these classes online.

"They've found that it just doesn't work," she said, adding even reputable online programs are "not the same as being in class and having a human." Moreover, students who dual enrolled at Wayne State University ran into scheduling difficulties or conflicts with extracurricular activities.

"Having LTU come to us is a real convenience for our advanced students," said North math teacher Greg Johnson. Bur said she has been seeking a solution for some time and reached out to local universities. In most cases, students had to work within the university's schedules versus their own. Parents also expressed concern about their children being on a college campus in class with students several years older.

Then Bur discovered LTU's dual enrollment program includes the option of bringing classes to the high school. LTU currently partners with 25 high schools, according to Lisa Kujawa, assistant provost for enrollment.

The partnership serves the dual purpose of providing college-level science, technology, engineering and math classes to high school students while minimizing their debt, Kujawa said. Forty-eight percent of students who go through dual enrollment end up coming to Lawrence Tech, meeting the university's goal of attracting academically strong students.

Included in the program are opportunities to visit LTU's campus. Students are invited to attend LTU's annual career fair and talk with the career services director. They also attend one of the university's Blue and White Days, designed to inform potential undergraduate students about what LTU has to offer.

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Liggett senior recognized at science fair

University Liggett School senior Jovana Djokovic has found a way to harvest rainwater to charge cell phones, and her efforts have been recognized by the judges at the Science and Engineering Fair in Detroit.

Djokovic, who presented her research Wednesday, March 15, at the Science and Engineering Fair of Metro Detroit, has been invited back to present at the state science and engineering fair Saturday, April 1. Her

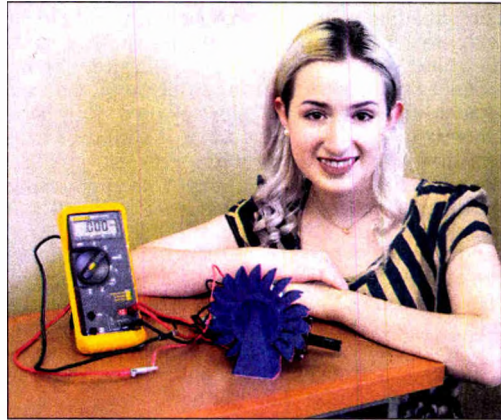


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Liggett senior Jovana Djokovic

ice arena to create a public cell phone charging station.

"This is an important global issue and rain water is an important source of energy," she said, adding she chose McCann because it has a large roof approximately 12 feet tall.

Djokovic, who always has been interested in environmental science, said she came up with the idea while attending a special class on energy renewal at Brown University last summer.

At the science and engineering fair, she was visited by approximately 14 judges who found her project and its research significant and recommended she present at the state fair in Flint.

Djokovic has been accepted to three colleges — Clarkston University in New York, Kalamazoo College and the University of Michigan.

Also competing at the fair were Liggett students Maria Fields, Danny Katz and George Thanasas.

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Councilperson Valerie Kindle.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilperson Kindle from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held March 6, 2017.
- 3) To schedule a public hearing on April 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on the continuation of a Special Assessment District and further to schedule a second public hearing on April 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the effect of the Special Assessment on the tax roll.
- 4) To adjourn to the Goal Setting Session.
- 5) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 110508 through 110608 in the amount of \$1,115,466.93 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Badger Meter in the amount of \$8,524.39 for the purchase of 48 new 5/8" Orion automatic read water meters. (3) Approve payment to SafeBuilt, Inc. in the amount of \$42,027.56 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of February 2017. (4) To appoint Mr. Alan Rollins to the Planning Commission for an expired three-year term ending January 2020 and to appoint Mr. Eric Walton to the Library Board for an unexpired five-year term ending January 2018.
- 2) To approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$226,934.75 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain for October through December 2016 and \$226,934.75 for January through March 2017 for a total of \$453,869.50.
- 3) To approve payment to Fontana Construction Inc., in the amount of \$135,665.62 for Progress Payment No. 13 on the 2012 SRF Sanitary Sewer Repairs Project, Open Cut Repairs, Contract No. 3, #180-119.
- 4) To approve payment to Fiore Enterprises, LLC in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Progress Payment No. 5 (Final) on the 2015 Concrete Pavement Repair Project.

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Parcells hosts career day

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

A firefighter, Peace Corps volunteer and chiro-practor walk into a school.

No, it's not the opening line of a joke. It's career day at Parcells Middle School, an event that takes place every three years so all 700 students have an opportunity to experience it once during their middle school years.

"It's like a conference for them," said Carla Palffy, who worked with fellow counselor Kimberly Radant since November to coordinate the event, beginning with recruiting speakers from the community.

A focus was to have speakers representing Michigan's six career pathways — arts and communication, business marketing, engineering/information technology, health sciences, human services and natural resources. Each speaker conducted four half-hour sessions throughout the morning, with students attending four of their top choices.

Among the 45 speakers were professionals from all walks of life, including an electrical engineer, attorney, information technology manager, restaurateur, actor, FBI special agent, video/media designer, SWAT medic, Michigan State Police sergeant, architect, labor and delivery nurse, meteorologist, physical therapist, hair dresser, optometrist and chef.

A show of hands in a session with U.S. Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officer Rahnal Harris revealed a number of students interested in pursuing careers in the armed forces. Harris said he joined the Coast Guard at age 23 because he "wanted to try something new and exciting." More than seven of his 12 years of service have been at sea. Life-saving missions



Tyler Richardson and Cassidy Pierzinski pose with former Detroit Red Wings player Kirk Maltby. Maltby played in 1,000 games in the NHL with the Edmonton Oilers and the Red Wings and won four Stanley Cups with the Red Wings.

he has led included serving as search and rescue controller during Hurricane Ike, earning him a humanitarian service award. He also went on a mission to save a group of Texas A&M students whose boat capsized during a sailing trip. The students were in the water 32 hours; five of the six survived.

To demonstrate the physical requirements of serving in the armed forces, Harris challenged several students to a push-up challenge. Minimum requirements in a minute for men is 29 pushups and 15 for women.

In addition to being in shape, Harris told students one needed to be a good listener, citizen, follower of directions and communicator.

Former Detroit Red Wings player Kirk Maltby said success in his career included the right skill set, a strong work ethic and being at the right place at the right time. He also encouraged students to do something he did not — go to college.

"I wish I'd gone higher up in my education," he said, adding opportunities were not available to attend college online like they are today. While he



Carson Winbigger tried on SWAT team member David Archambeau's 65-pound bullet-proof vest.

finished high school, he said he was "focused on hockey."

"Fortunately for me, it worked out," said Maltby, who works for the Red Wings organization as a professional scout. "I'm 44 years old. I've been retired for seven (years). I don't know how I would have been able to get



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Above, David Raicevich, an electrical engineer for Ford Motor Co. who serves as electrical supervisor for Ford performance products, gave students an up close and personal view of a race performance vehicle. Pictured, from left, are Joseph Randazzo, Jermaine Woods, Raicevich, Ryker Mazey, C.J. Buchta, Joe Plieth and Meena Pandrangi.

another job if I'd relied on my education.

"Your education will be there forever," he reminded the students.

While "everybody in middle school wants to be in entertainment or professional athletics," according to Palffy, speakers provided glimpses into other career paths as well, some of which the students may have been unaware.

For example, Erica Campbell talked about her role as a veterinary technician at the Detroit Zoo — an ideal vocation for an animal lover who loves variety. She serves as a dentist, phlebotomist, anesthetist and nurse for a range of animals at the zoo, from a frog the size of a quarter to a 500-pound gorilla.

For students interested

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City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS – Lake Front Park Activities and Maintenance Building Roof Replacement, AEW PROJECT NUMBER 0160-0386. Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. The scope of work includes removal and replacement of asphalt shingle roofs at the Activities and Maintenance Buildings. Plans and Specifications are on file at the City Clerk's Office and copies may be secured at no cost via the offices of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc. (AEW) by registering as a planholder with AEW over the phone at (586) 726-1234 and obtaining download instructions on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 after 2:00 p.m. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

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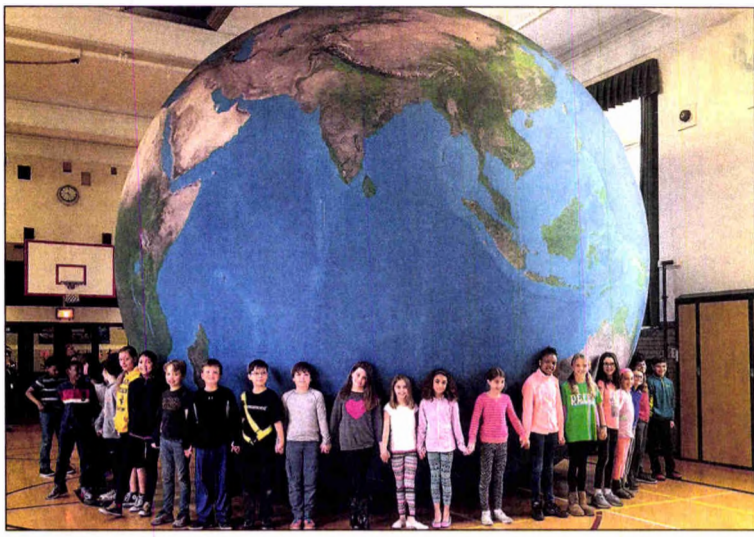
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Above, fifth-graders surround the globe, discovering it's not such a small world after all. Left, Defer students see the world from the inside and out.

WRITER:

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High school offered additional challenges with more rigorous academics. "Deb is amazing," Evie Ansell said. "She's incredibly organized and always pushes Julia. Getting her through high school is a totally different expectation in terms of academics and she just kept her on track and helped us through some hurdles. I just feel so grateful to all of them." "They're like lifelong friends," said Julia Ansell. "Miss Viv, Mrs. Teolis, Mr. Finazzo. They're not just friends ... They were with me through all my school years and I don't think I could have gotten through them without them.

"They're my friends that I love," she continued. Credit also goes to classroom assistants and mainstream teachers who worked with her, Evie Ansell said, as well as Full Circle Foundation, a charitable organization providing learning opportunities and increased independence for individuals with special needs. "(Full Circle has) had such a positive impact on Julia and the kids there are terrific," said Evie Ansell. Overall, Ansell said her daughter's experience has "taught us a lot as a family about acceptance and the differences in people and how to appreciate an unconventional path. "I wouldn't want to change her," she contin-

ued. "She's so unique. There's a lot of beauty in that. We try to honor that by letting her be who she is and not have to be how society may dictate We try to honor the fact that she is unique."

DUAL:

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"Blue and White Day is an opportunity to have a mini-college experience where they do a variety of hands-on experiences and get to choose three different majors to do that with," Kujawa said. Finally, parents and students attend a dinner "to celebrate their achievement." "Grosse Pointe's been phenomenal," Kujawa said. "They've been great to work with."

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in pursuing a career with animals, she recommended beginning by volunteering at a local pet shop, animal shelter or veterinary clinic. "Be a dog walker or a doggy day care provider," she said. She also recommended focusing on math and science classes. "We do a lot of math," she said, in particular when anesthetizing larger animals for a medical procedure. "If you mess up a calculation, you could kill an animal." Campbell said she



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U.S. Coast Guard CWO Rahnal Harris timed student volunteers doing pushups to demonstrate the physical rigors of pursuing a career in the armed forces. never knows what each day is going to bring, adding, "There's no such thing as an average typical day at the zoo. "The reason I love my job so much is because I get the opportunity to learn something new every day," she said.

What in the world? Students explore earth dome

Defer Elementary School students had an out-of-this-world experience Tuesday, March 28. During an all-school assembly, Mobile Ed Productions gave a presentation called "The

Earth Dome." Students were "treated to all kinds of information about our Earth such as the size of the continents, where certain landforms and other physical features are located, how to locate rain forests and deserts

and why Australia is called 'the land down under,'" according to fifth-grade teacher Carol Cross. "Our students were very excited to gather around — and inside — our Earth," Cross said.

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