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Arboretum in works at Neff

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — In current political parlance, trees have a safe space in the City of Grosse Pointe. All 1.1 square miles of it.

The community's pro-trees attitude qualifies it to enter Arbor Week, April 23 to 29, as a Tree City USA for the 31st consecutive year.

Designation is from the National Arbor Day Foundation in Nebraska. Arbor Day is Friday, April 28.

"As part of the Tree City USA stipulation, we celebrate and acknowledge Arbor Day (by) planting

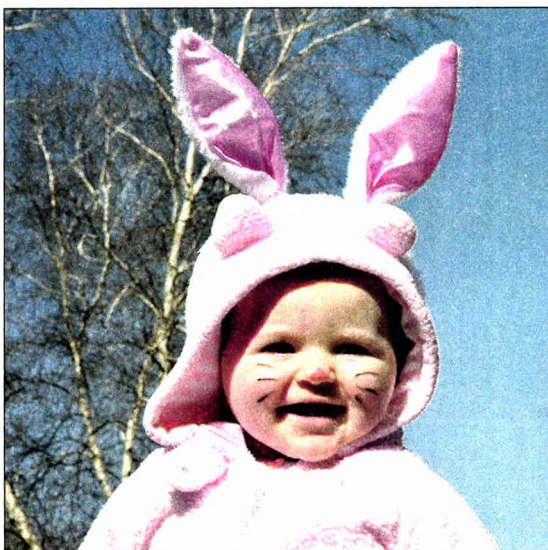
an eastern redbud at Neff Park Thursday, April 20, at 3 p.m.," said Elaine Bush, a member of the newly-created Urban Forestry Commission.

"Eastern redbud is an understory tree," said Brian Colter, municipal forester shared by the City and Grosse Pointe Park. "It will be perfect. There are no redbuds in that park."

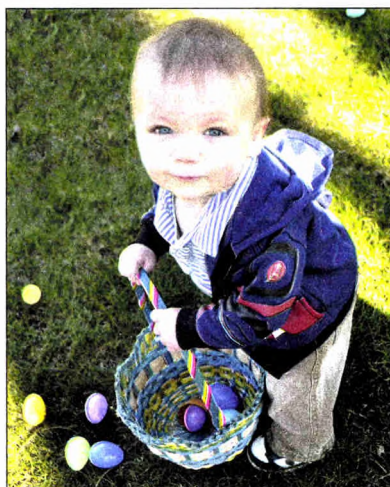
A typical redbud tops out at 20 to 30 feet. The trunk divides close to the ground yielding a round crown spreading up to 35 feet.

Redbuds may be slightly misnamed, as

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Above, Zeta Taylor, 6 months old, dressed as a bunny at the Easter Egg hunt. Right, 14-month-old Oliver Dunaway gathers eggs.



PHOTOS BY RENE LANDUYT



Joe Limon, vice president of the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation, paints a bunny nose and whiskers on Emerson Gast's face.

Hoppy Easter!

Families hopped on down to the Grosse Pointe Shores Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 8, at the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Park. Children gathered eggs at their leisure and turned them in for bags of goodies. The event also included face painting and photos with the Easter Bunny.



Charlie and Maggie Cox take a break from collecting Easter eggs.



Siobhan Verb holds up her basket of eggs.

Park prepares for summer swimmers

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — There are lots of happy little toes in the Park this week as word is spreading city council voted to approve one of the most-requested items in the history of Windmill Pointe Park — a heater for the baby pool.

At its meeting Monday, April 10, the council approved spending \$8,900 for the new heater which will be installed in time for the Saturday, May 27, park opening.

During discussion about the heater, several council members noted

this is one item about which they hear from constituents of all ages.

"My grandchildren will be thrilled to hear this," said Mayor Bob Denner.

"I think this is something all grandparents and grandchildren will support," said Councilman Dan Clark.

Baby pools typically are not heated, as they are so shallow they use "solar power" to warm the water. But since the addition of a fountain in the baby pool, the water is quickly recycled through the fountain and never really has a chance

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Sgt. Joe Adams feeds oxygen to Lucky, house fire survivor Monday, April 10, in the 500 block of Washington, City of Grosse Pointe.



PHOTO FROM THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Beagle hunkers down in house fire

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A beagle with a nose for self-preservation lived up to its name by surviving a three-alarm house fire late Monday morning, April 10, in the 500 block of Washington.

"The dog's name is Lucky," said Stephen Poloni, director of public safety in the City of

Grosse Pointe.

Lucky hid under the basement stairway, an area shielded from direct flames and smoke spreading from a suspected oven fire in the kitchen above.

The first alarm sounded around 10:30 a.m. Crews from Grosse Pointe Farms and Park answered subsequent calls.

"Preliminary investigation shows it may have

started in the oven," Poloni said. "They had a self-cleaning oven on at the time."

Initial waves of firefighters didn't think the dog survived. A relief crew about an hour into the fight found it in the basement barely breathing and lethargic.

"He tucked himself into a pretty good spot under the stairway where there was an extreme amount of fire and heat,"

Poloni said. "He was not burned. The dog was taken to the clinic and is fine."

No firefighters were injured.

"Everybody's fine," Poloni said. "The guys did a really good job. They made a quick stop."

Poloni thinks a large fan officers set up to blow smoke and heat from the house provided barely enough oxygen to sustain the animal.

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Thomas Heath
 Home: Grosse Pointe Park
 Eighth-grader and cadet airman
 first class with the Civil Air Patrol



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Doctors lauded for achievements

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Two physicians received proclamations recently for professional accomplishment from their hometown city council.

“The Shores is in very fine hands with two distinguished doctors,” said Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

Both honorees also have in common winning the St. John Guild Physician of the Year award.

Dr. Thomas LaLonde, guild honoree for 2016; and Dr. Edward Schervish, guild winner in 2017, are praised in municipal proclamations for personal and professional achievement in their careers

and community. “I’m extremely proud to receive this distinguished honor,” said LaLonde, a cardiologist specializing in clinical, invasive and interventional cardiology at St. John Hospital & Medical Center.

He’s also an associate clinical professor of medicine at Wayne State University and 23-year Shores resident.

“Thank you. I appreciate it,” said Schervish, a partner in the Michigan Institute of Urology with affiliations at St. John, Beaumont Hospitals and more.

Schervish is a 17-year Shores resident.

—Brad Lindberg



Drs. Tom Lalonde, Ed Schervish and Sanjay Batra figure out their bartending strategy.



The Hill Seafood and Chop House hosted three guest bartenders March 29 — St. John Hospital & Medical Center doctors Tom LaLonde, Ed Schervish and Sanjay Batra. Before stepping behind the bar, LaLonde; Herb Schervish, guild board member; Ed Schervish; Batra and Ed Deeb, guild board member, posed for a photo.



Dr. Sanjay Batra shakes the hand of a patron while Dr. Tom LaLonde looks on.



Dr. Tom LaLonde pours a scotch whiskey on the rocks for a patron.

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On the rocks with St. John docs

In observance of National Doctors’ Day, The Hill Seafood & Chop House welcomed Thomas Lalonde M.D., Edward Schervish M.D. and Sanjay Batra M.D. as guest bartenders 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 29. The event included live entertainment and appetizers prepared by Chef Tom Batayeh. The physicians each have been named Physician of the Year by the St. John Guild, Batra in 2014, Lalonde in 2016 and Schervish in 2017.

Dem gov aspirant speaks

THE GROSSE POINTES — A candidate for Michigan top office addresses the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club 7 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Democrat Michigan candidate Gretchen Whitmer is expected to talk about current events and her campaign.

“The club is looking

forward to presenting our great candidates for governor at our upcoming events for the benefit of our members and the community,” said Gary Bresnehan, club president. “Gretchen Whitmer will be a terrific speaker and we look forward to having her at our meeting.”

Whitmer is Ingham County prosecutor. She’s a former member

of the state House and Senate.

The meeting is open to the public. The club will conduct regular business during this meeting. Membership is required to vote on club matters.

Additional information about the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club and this event can be found at gpdems.com and on Facebook.

Paint the Windows is May 13

Young artists are invited to show off their talents at the 29th annual Paint the Windows contest Saturday, May 13.

The Village storefronts become canvas for elementary school children as they paint under the theme of “It’s Circus Time!”

Paint the Windows starts 9 a.m. Saturday, May 13. Children in kindergarten through fifth grade should register in

advance for this free program. Applications are available at El’s Boutique, 17110 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, and online at thevillagegp.com.

Applications are due to El’s Boutique by Friday, April 14. Artists are notified of their window assignments by mail. Assignments are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Parents may phone El’s Boutique at (313) 571-3044 with questions.

Community members are encouraged to visit The Village to watch as the art takes shape Saturday morning.

Awards are distributed on the plaza on St. Clair at 4 p.m.

Kids choose their subjects. The 18-by-24-inch circus-themed paintings remain up for viewing through Saturday, May 20.

Paint the Windows is sponsored by El’s Boutique, City of Grosse Pointe, Hala Besmar, Print Xpress, The City Of Grosse Pointe Foundation, Beaumont Hospital and William Rands. The event is organized by the Grosse Pointe Village DDA.

For more information, visit thevillagegp.com or facebook.com/thevillagegrossepointe.

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Advisor honored

Merrill Lynch Wealth Management Advisor Marie Vanerian of Grosse Pointe recently was recognized on the 2017 Barron’s “America’s Top 1200 Financial Advisors” list. This is the seventh consecutive year she was included on the list.

Vanerian also has been named on the Barron’s list of Top 100 Women Financial Advisors for the past six years.

Vanerian began her career at Merrill Lynch in 1977 after earning a degree in economics at Michigan State University.



Marie Vanerian

Jeep flipped

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A man appeared unhurt when the 2015 Jeep he was driving hit a vehicle parked curbside in the 300 block of St. Clair and toppled onto its left side.

Police cited him for careless driving and improper lane use.

At least three patrolmen, medics and an officer in a fire truck responded to the wreck at 8:35 p.m. Friday, April 7.

The driver is a City of Grosse Pointe man, 47.

"(He) was able to stand up inside the passenger compartment, but any attempt to have him exit

through the passenger side of the vehicle would have been too unsafe," reported a patrolman. "Officers (opened) the rear hatch and glass of the Jeep and had the driver crawl out."

While medics took him to a hospital, patrolmen investigated the scene. It appeared the man's Jeep flipped when its right front tire rolled up the left rear wheel of the parked vehicle.

"I noted the driver while he was at (the hospital) that he would have two citations to follow," reported an officer.

— Brad Lindberg



PHOTOS FROM CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Unpaid bills put on taxes

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Unpaid water bills from 2016 total \$107,488.29.

The figure includes a 10 percent late fee. Past-due accounts are for owners of 110 residential and commercial lots in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Both totals are greater than 2015 when 102 property owners owed a combined \$86,272.67, including the penalty.

Money owed also is greater than in 2014, when 127 property owners owed a grand total \$105,539.58.

"Unpaid charges and penalties are considered a lien against the property and placed on the 2017 city (summer) tax bill for collection," said Kimberly Kleinow, finance director, in a report to city council Monday, April 10.

Individual past-due accounts from last year, with late fees, range from \$80.30 to \$6,268.43.

Delinquencies average \$888.33.

Property owners were dunned in writing Feb. 16, according to Kleinow.

"We will continue to let people pay until around the middle of May, then those go on the tax rolls," she said.

— Brad Lindberg

Huhn retires June 30 as park director after 31 years

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Municipal recreation director Dick Huhn is finishing a career that was more than fun and games.

He retires June 30.

During 31 years directing the Grosse Pointe Farms parks system, Huhn sometimes felt more like a construction manager.

At lakeside Pier Park, he oversaw marina renovation, construction of a new community building, an ice skating rink, rebuilt tennis courts, warming building, platform tennis courts, splash playground and, at Kerby Field near Mack, a dog park.

Many facilities were

funded by donations from the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation.

"There's been huge improvements," Huhn said. "The other thing is our programs have expanded. When I started here, there were swimming and tennis lessons."

Now, city newsletters are half filled with year-round recreation offerings ranging from aerobics to yoga.

"We do a pretty good job," Huhn said.

His replacement, Christos Galatis, starts on-the-job training next month.

"To ensure a smooth transition, we intend to bring a new director on board in early May to work with Huhn prior to the summer season," said Shane Reeside, city man-

ager. Galatis beat 15 other applicants for the job.

"I think he's going to be a good fit," Huhn said. "We'll work together so he can get acclimated."

"Furthermore, Chris is energetic, knowledgeable and thoughtful," Reeside said. "I believe he will build upon past accomplishments of the department and offer strong guidance and innovation moving the department forward."

Galatis has 12 years experience as director of parks and recreation for Chesterfield Township.

"In that position, Chris developed a five-year community recreation

"The staff has been more of a family than coworkers. There haven't been times when driving to work that I've second guessed whether I should continue."

DICK HUHN,
Retiring parks and recreation director

master plan and managed various infrastructure projects and program improvements," Reeside said.

One of Huhn's biggest challenges at Pier Park was mending damage from straight-line winds in July 1997.

Five people died, blown from a picnic area into Lake St. Clair. Wind uprooted trees and knocked down structures.

"The storm was a kick to the stomach," Huhn said.

He'll miss colleagues, residents and supportive city councils.

"The staff has been more of a family than coworkers," he said. "There haven't been times when driving to

work that I've second-guessed whether I should continue."

He plans to take it easy for at least the first six months of retirement.

"Hopefully, my wife and I can do a little traveling because I haven't taken many vacations over the last 10 to 15 years," Huhn said.

He'll let opportunities unfold as they arrive.

Prior to working for the Farms, Huhn graduated from Michigan State University and, among other things, headed a staff recreation facility at King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre in Saudi Arabia.

Assessed values up, millage rate down

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — City budget-minders, emerging from the nearly decade-long recession with the AAA municipal bond rating intact, propose to lower the property tax rate for next fiscal year.

"Our overall millage rate is proposed at 14.35 mills, a reduction of .10 mills," said John Lamerato, Grosse Pointe Farms controller and treasurer.

The cut is offset by overall higher property taxes due to increased taxable values.

The fiscal year starts June 30.

Although assessed values in the Farms increased 6.9 percent over the current period — the fifth straight year of higher assessments — state limits on the rate of property tax increases limit next year's to .9 percent.

As a result, the city's portion of overall property tax collections will increase an average \$6, according to a proposed

budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 submitted this week for city council consideration.

"The most an existing property's taxable value can go up is .9 percent, unless you've made improvements or the property sold," Lamerato said. "Our average residential home taxable value is \$186,000. Multiply that by our reduced tax rate of 14.35 versus 14.45 and it's a \$6 increase."

A public hearing on the budget is scheduled at next month's council meeting 7 p.m. Monday, May 8. The budget is being posted this week on the municipal website, grossepointefarms.org.

Hard copies will be available at city hall, Lamerato said.

Administrators reviewed the proposed budget twice so far with the budget and audit committee chaired by Councilman Lou Theros and including Mayor Jim Farquhar and Mayor Pro Tem Lev Wood.

"The general fund budget for next year stands at \$14,228,400,"

Lamerato said. "That's an increase of only 1.5 percent from the current year's budget. As of June 30, we're estimating to have an unassigned fund balance of \$4 million, which is 28.1 percent of our general fund budget."

Included is a \$1.3 million transfer to the capital projects fund for infrastructure improvements and equipment purchases.

"We think 10 years down the road in terms of vehicles, assets, everything," said Farquhar.

"One of the main things we've been doing is putting away \$100,000 per

year to buy a new ladder fire truck," Lamerato said. "Those cost over \$1 million. Right now, we have about \$700,000 towards a new truck."

Road maintenance is a perpetual budget item.

"We like to put \$500,000 to \$600,000 away each year for road improvements," Lamerato said. "We'll do that again this year. We also put money away to replace rubbish trucks and things like that."

Also due for the May council meeting is reaction to a 3.2 percent price increase from the Great Lakes Water Authority to treat sewage.

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to warm up.

"This is something we've been hearing about for years," said Laurie Arora, the council's representative to the city's recreation commission. "This will make everyone happy."

In addition to the heater for the baby pool,

the council also approved repairs to the marcite surface at a cost of \$15,495. The splash pad at Patterson Park will be resurfaced, which should alleviate the need for the staff to power wash the surface every morning before opening. The cost of the new surface is \$34,950.

All funds will be paid from the capital improvement fund.

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The Week Ahead

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MONDAY, APRIL 17

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods city offices closed (employee furlough day).

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores council meeting, 7 p.m., city hall, 795 Lakeshore.

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Eighth-grade cadet commended for bravery

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Thomas Heath, an eighth-grader at Pierce Middle School, received a phone call he will never forget.

Lt. Col. Curtis J. Boehmer, commander of Michigan Wing Civil Air Patrol, called to congratulate him for his bravery and heroics in responding to an emergency.

Heath, a cadet airman first class with CAP, the youth auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, was driving home from a meeting at Selfridge Air National Guard Base the evening of March 30, with Sam Aldea — a cadet second lieutenant with CAP and senior at De La Salle Collegiate High School — when the two witnessed a multi-car accident in front of them.

After pulling over to the shoulder of the highway, they rushed to the scene to offer assistance. Using their training and medical skills, they ensured the scene safety and began their assessment of the accident victims, according to an

email from Capt. Maxwell R. Onderik, Michigan Wing emergency services officer.

"These two individuals utilized their knowledge, skills and training to provide aid to these individuals who were clearly in a time of need," Onderik wrote. "Cadet Aldea and Cadet Heath responded appropriately and professionally to the scene that transpired right in front of them. On a daily basis, we are prepared to take the call to go out and rescue someone, whether it be on a local level, state level or national level. Cadet Aldea and Cadet Heath did just that. While they may be humbled about their response, their actions displayed true courage, ultimately with their mindset of 'Others May Live.'"

"That is our motto at the Search and Rescue Academy," said Heath.

Heath moved to Grosse Pointe Park with his family last year from Richmond.

"We moved here because of the schools," said his mother, Nayan

Spangler. While their current home is less convenient to the base for Heath's weekly classes, the 30-minute drive is worth it, she said, as the program provides leadership training as well as opportunities to volunteer in the community. Heath is close to earning his ribbon for completing 60 hours of community service.

"You see these kids really develop and grow through the program," said Spangler.

Heath joined CAP two years ago.

"It is the best secret of the United States Air Force that is declassified," he said.

It was the sight of the Air Force uniform that first inspired him. After two years and two summers enrolled in encampments — including basic encampment, the Search and Rescue Academy and Noncommissioned Officers School — under his belt, he is proud of what he has learned and the skills he has gained. He also is trained in first-aid and CPR.

Each encampment tested his perseverance and resolve. During the basic encampment two summers ago, for example, he said, "It was tough. I didn't know what to expect because they keep it secret. When I first showed up, it was like culture shock."

The Search and Rescue Academy "was like basic



PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Thomas Heath, an eighth-grader at Pierce Middle School, is a cadet airman first class with the Civil Air Patrol, the youth auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force.

encampment on steroids," he said, with physical training each morning. "They woke us up at 0500, which is five o'clock in the morning. We got smoked for an entire hour. We got screamed at."

"The main thing at the Search and Rescue Academy was the team," he continued. "You had to work with the team."

This summer he is enrolled in the advanced

SAR Academy and region cadet leadership school, a course in officership, indirect leadership and other themes consistent with CAP's leadership expectations for Phase III cadets. Weekly classes continue year-round.

"It teaches them leadership, teamwork," said Spangler, adding each week there is a different focus.

Heath looks forward to freshman year at Grosse

Pointe South High School, where he is enrolled in broadcasting — his other long-term aspiration in addition to enlisting in the Marine Corps or Air Force.

"I want to be a broadcaster in the National Hockey League. All I want to do is sit on a microphone and say, 'he shoots, he scores,'" he said. His hero is Adrian Cronauer, former U.S. Air Force sergeant and radio personality who inspired the movie "Good Morning Vietnam."

"My main goal is serving my country," Heath said. "Nothing else except school comes before that. It's school before service, but my motto honestly is service before self because our country depends on us and on our military and our soldiers and our Marines and our Coast Guard and our seamen in the Navy to defend our country and we're a part of it. We have to protect our great nation and we've got to protect our freedom. We have core values in our program of respect, integrity, volunteer service and excellence in all we do. That's our motto."

The cadet program is open to boys and girls beginning at age 12. For more information, go to gocivilairpatrol.com or contact Maj. Jeff Schelske at (810) 956-8837 or jschelske@miwg.cap.gov.

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their buds are a rose-purple color. But, no matter the harbinger of spring for flowers flashing pink up to three weeks starting in March.

"This will be the first of many new trees the commission is hoping to plant," said Peter Dame, city manager.

A united city council passed a resolution Monday, April 10, marking arbor celebrations.

"The Tree City USA award recognizes com-

munities that effectively manage their public tree resources by meeting four standards," Colter said. "Standards require a tree department, tree ordinance, forestry budget and Arbor Day observance with proclamation."

"The program requires an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita on tree management," Dame said. "The City currently budgets \$18.26 per capita."

Among Colter's objec-

tives in the City is tallying trees growing on municipal property and diversifying the population with an assortment of species.

"I'm going to inventory Neff Park and make a nice little arboretum," he said. "Surprisingly, there aren't many areas to plant a tree at Neff Park. I walked the grounds with (Park Director) Chris Hardenbrook, who told me there are areas that need to be kept open for picnic tables and things like that."

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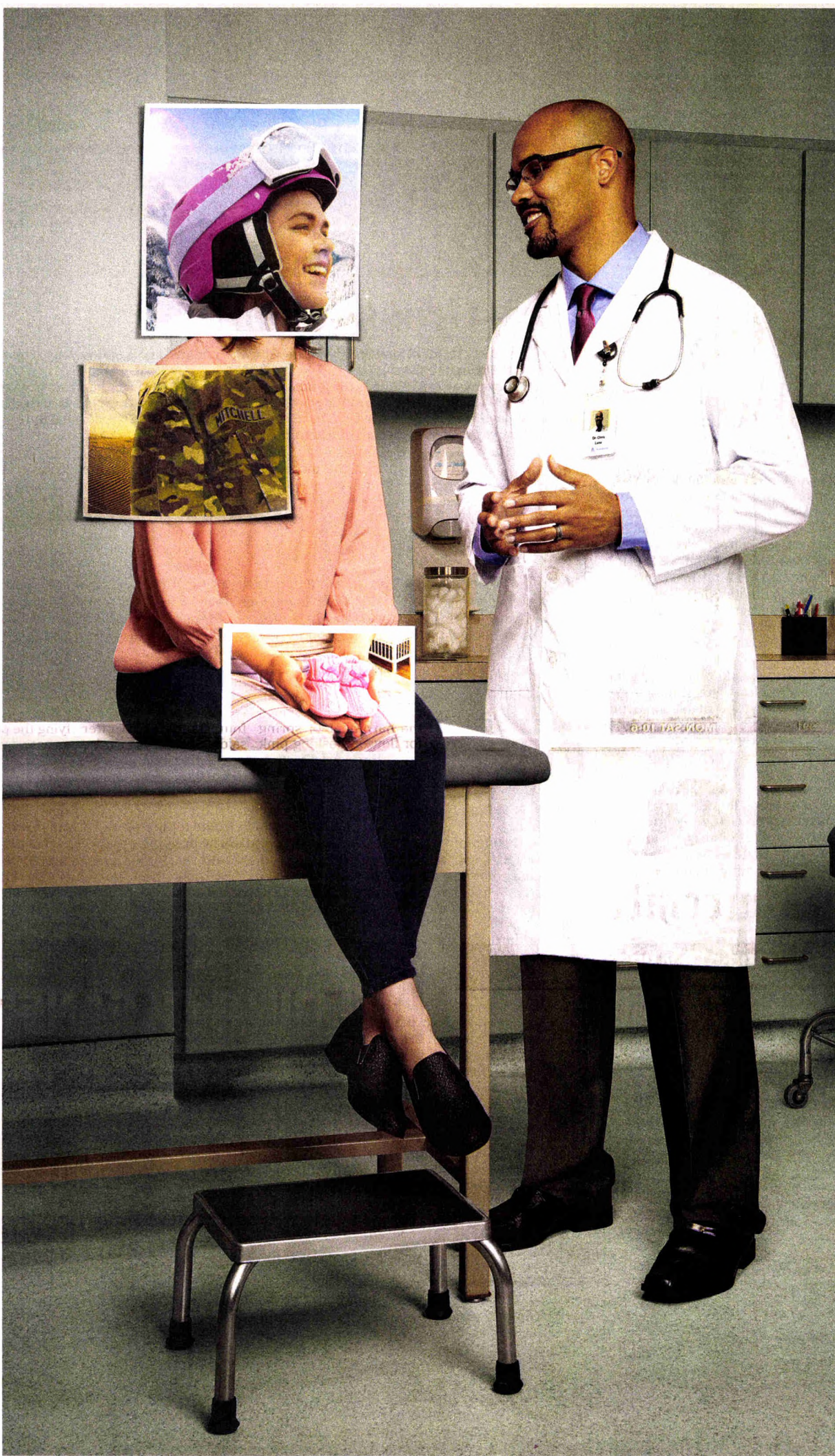
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To provide the Grosse Pointes the most relevant, accurate and timely information in our print and online publications.

OUR VIEW

Know thy neighbor

You'll notice in this week's Grosse Pointe News a page — 8A — dedicated to Harper Woods.

Our neighbors impact Grosse Pointe in one form or another based on decisions made by governments, residents and businesses within those communities.

The relationship between Harper Woods and the Grosse Pointes has been evolving and we feel it is our duty to share some of the offerings in Harper Woods as they impact the Pointes.

We plan on running a Harper Woods page once a month to help foster that relationship and notify our community on what our neighbors are doing as it relates to Grosse Pointe.

For instance, in this issue you'll read about a law enforcement program — Hope Not Handcuffs — offered by Harper Woods that's available to anyone in active addiction who wants help getting into treatment. Harper Woods also is contributing to the hazardous waste disposal day in Grosse Pointe Park later this month.

Next month the Mayors' Prayer Breakfast — involving mayors of the five Pointes and Harper Woods — takes place at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Stay tuned to the Grosse Pointe News for more on that event in a future issue — as well as more about our Harper Woods neighbors in the months to come.



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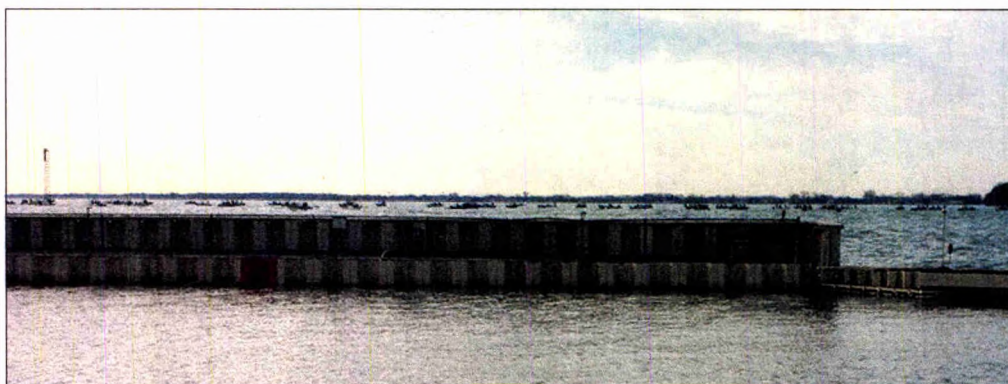
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Pure Grosse Pointe

Grosse Pointe Park resident Sam Smith was downtown Sunday, April 9, and saw more than two dozen fishing boats heading up the river.

"It looked like they were heading to the junction of the lake and the river," he wrote in an email. "I went to the marina at Windmill Pointe ... around 8:30 a.m. The park guard said he had heard the fishing was good and it must have been. I counted over 75 boats clustered off the marina breakwater. Sure sign of spring." The top pictures is a view to the east, the bottom to the south.

LETTERS

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

GUEST OPINION By Glenn Mollette

Easter — We need it really bad

Easter is almost here and we need it bad.

People throughout the world celebrate Easter differently just like people celebrate Christmas differently. When I was a little boy I remember Easter egg hunts at my Grandma and Grandpa Hinkle's place. They had lots of yard and egg hiding places and a lot of grandchildren to look for them. I was lucky if I found one or two eggs with all the competition. People still hunt for Easter eggs and look forward to an Easter basket. There are a couple of chocolate factories in our town and it's a home run week for them filling up Easter baskets.

Most Christians around the world will celebrate Easter in church. Easter is the prime time Sunday of the year for the church. If a church cannot get a crowd on Easter, there will not be any crowds the rest of the year.

Easter is the Sunday when most churches have to bring out the folding chairs and park on the side of the road, the grass or down the way. By and large more Christians will dress up a bit more for church on Easter. Some people will have a new dress or suit or kids will have a new Easter outfit to wear. Or, if they don't always dress up for church, some will make an effort to dress just a bit better than usual because it's Easter. Please do remember though if it's a good church they are glad you are there regardless of how you can afford to dress.

I served a number of congregations over the years and I loved Easter, but was always really glad when it was over. The average minister has about 20 to 25 minutes to hit a home run and round the bases before the average attendee totally zones out or starts eyeing the exit door. The message is much the same year after year — the resurrection of Jesus Christ. As Christmas is about the birth of Jesus for the church, Easter focuses on Christ's

resurrection from the grave. In reality it shouldn't take an ingenious sermon to stir church people about a man who the Bible says overcame the grave and appeared to a number of people. Yet, every year it seems that clergy find a way to bore people with how they present the greatest story ever told by how they tell the story.

Christian people around the planet stake their lives and eternal destinies on the message of Easter — the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The New Testament time and time again reiterates this part of the Bible story, "He is risen!"

A dead Jesus takes all the air out of Christianity. If Jesus never arose from the grave then Christianity is just another organization meeting together every week and doing some nice things along the way. The church with a dead Jesus would still be a religious not for profit 501(c)3 but it would be a very dead religion.

There is so much sadness already in the world today. The world is hurting all over — from another horrible school shooting in San Bernardino to a multiple number of murdered Christians reportedly bombed by Islamic State in Egypt. There is horror in Syria and growing tensions between Russia, Iran, North Korea and the United States. Fifty million-plus Americans struggle every day in poverty. The hospitals and nursing homes are filled with people battling for their health and a little more life. The world is filled with worry. We worry about tomorrow. We worry how will we exist and we worry about our families and loved ones. We fret over a lot of stuff and often it is stuff we can't change or never fix. We carry too much baggage with us and often we cannot remember what is in the baggage. One of the richest people in the United States is in the storage unit business.

Everywhere I travel today I see more and more storage units popping up because we prize our junk so much. We store it up and someone else will often have to throw it away when we die.

Easter is about hope. Easter is about peace. Easter is about a new life and a second chance. Easter is about bringing focus and meaning to this life and this world.

The Bible in John 20 reports Mary Magdalene saw Jesus the first day of the week after his resurrection outside the entrance to the garden tomb. She ran to the disciples reporting, "I have seen the Lord!" Later that evening Jesus appeared to his disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." He then showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. For the second time Jesus said, "Peace be with you." Later the disciples would report to one of the doubting disciples by the name of Thomas, "We have seen the Lord!" Thomas didn't believe it but later would see Jesus with his own eyes and touch the nail holes in his hands exclaiming, "My Lord and my God!"

The early followers of Jesus were filled with such peace and internal strength that their lives would never be the same again. They were so convicted internally about Jesus they would literally suffer and in many cases die for their faith.

America and really our world truly need a song to sing, a bell to ring and a hero to follow. Great people stand and fall and we all come and go. The message of Easter and a living Jesus continues to give hope, peace and strength to people around the world. This year not much has changed as once again, we need it really bad.

Mollette is a syndicated columnist and author. Contact him at gmollette@aol.com.

City of Grosse Pointe

Suspected drunk

A patrolman monitoring traffic on Cadieux pulled over a 27-year-old St. Clair Shores woman near the intersection of St. Paul at 3:37 a.m. Sunday, April 9, for driving a maroon 2017 Jeep Cherokee southbound at 13 mph over the speed limit.

"I could smell a strong odor of marijuana emanating from inside the vehicle," reported the patrolman.

The driver smelled of intoxicants, he added.

She refused to take a Breathalyzer test to indicate her blood alcohol level, which resulted in her arrest for drunken driving.

Second arrest

Two minutes before 1 a.m. Saturday, April 8, a patrolman pulled over a 28-year-old Hazel Park man on southbound Cadieux at Kercheval for driving an unlit, black 1995 GMC Yukon through a red light at Mack.

"(He) was smoking a cigarette and (I) asked him to put it out," reported the officer. "(He) was slow to react and took approximately 10 seconds before putting it out."

The driver slurred, sometimes incoherently, and refused roadside examination for drunken driving, according to police.

"You already know what's going to happen," the man reportedly told the officer, appearing to anticipate the futility of trying to pass the examinations.

Police arrested him for drunken driving, his second, and obtained a search warrant for his blood to be drawn at a hospital for testing of alcohol content.

Halt

Stop signs mean stop, even at 1:58 a.m., a 22-year-old St. Clair Shores woman learned during her arrest for multiple offenses Friday, April 7.

A patrolman pulled her over for driving a 2009 Chevrolet Malibu through a stop sign placed temporarily at the intersection of northbound Cadieux and Charlevoix during a power outage.

Records showed her driver's license suspended since 2015.

She also was violating

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three license suspensions and was wanted by state police on a \$775 warrant for failing to attend a court hearing regarding a suspension, according to police.

Bike taken

Someone stole a 15-year-old City boy's Trek mountain bike he said was locked near the front entrance to the Neighborhood Club, 17100 Waterloo, 9:55 a.m. to 4:12 p.m. Tuesday, April 4.

The bike is black, orange and white.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Seizure

A man trying to prevent the court-ordered seizure of his 2009 Chevrolet K15 wound up arrested for obstructing a court order.

An officer responding to the 60-year-old man's call to headquarters shortly before 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 6, reported him outside his house in the 300 block of Moran blocking a flat-

bed tow truck carrying the Chevy.

Officers learned a 3rd Circuit Court directive authorized "the seizure of any personal property to satisfy the plaintiff's demand" of \$68,219.37, according to an initial incident report.

The resident got into trouble by bumping an officer, shouting at others, "blatantly" refusing instructions, not making way for the tow truck and more, according to officers.

"(The) Law Enforcement Information Network revealed the suspect is on federal court probation," reported a patrolman.

Reasons for the probation weren't specified.

Warrant

An outstanding Wayne County warrant for felony embezzlement caught up with a 48-year-old Grosse Pointe man shortly before 6 p.m. Thursday, April 6.

A patrolman pulled him over for driving an unregistered tan 2003 Lincoln LS outfitted with an expired license plate for a 2004 Volvo. The Volvo plate was traced to a woman living in Farmington Hills.

An officer saw the Lincoln parked in front

of the post office on Mack near Calvin.

During a roadside investigation on Moross at Frankfort in Detroit, the man claimed he recently bought the car from a Dearborn resident, he reportedly told police.

The suspect's operator's license expired in 2005.

Farms police arrested him for having an improper license plate, driving an unregistered car and lacking auto insurance.

Two pair

A female passenger, 30, of a 28-year-old man driving a silver 2007 Jeep

Grand Cherokee with an expired license plate on westbound Mack near Colonial 9:40 p.m. Monday, April 5, was turned over to Grosse Pointe Woods police on an unspecified warrant.

She also speculated the .01 gram of a white powdery substance found in her purse could be cocaine, according to a public safety officer's initial incident report.

"In her black bag, I observed wrapped inside a gum wrapper a small bag with white power; suspected cocaine," reported a Farms officer.

"(She) stated she did not realize it was in her bag and that it could be 'cocaine or crack,'" reported a Farms officer.

The officer submitted the material to detectives to determine its content and, if it's illegal, seek an

arrest warrant.

Farms police released her to Woods authorities at the scene.

The passenger and driver live at the same address in Grosse Pointe Park, according to police.

"The driver informed me he did not have a valid driver's license and was aware the plate was expired," reported the officer. "A check through the Law Enforcement Information Network showed the driver to have one suspension."

Drunken driver

A Dearborn woman with a history of drunken driving refused to take a Breathalyzer test to indicate her blood alcohol level during curbside

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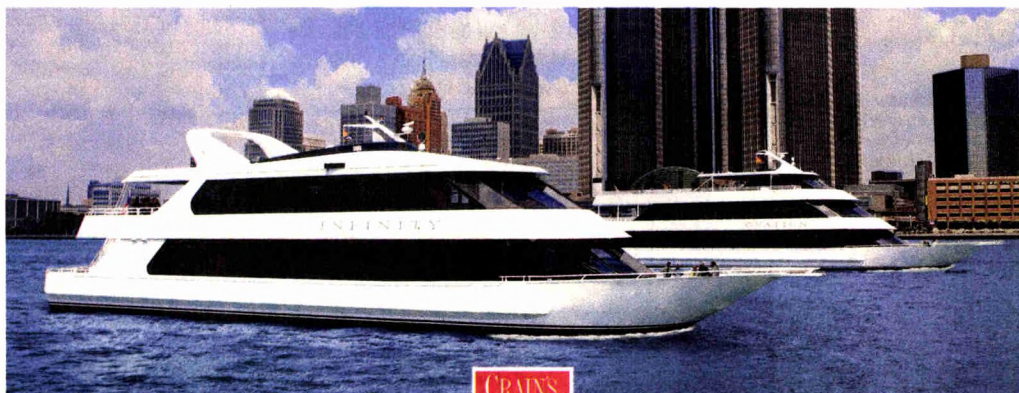
Thursday April 13 **Maundy Thursday, 7:30 p.m.**
Journey to Jerusalem Musical Drama - 7:30 p.m.

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. (free childcare available)
• Service of Shadows with choir and hymns - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday April 16 **Easter Services**
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Fundraiser planned for 9/11 memorial

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Artifact I-0061c has had a home in Harper Woods since 2011, but thanks to the work of Kathy Sarvis-Adamski, the chunk of I-beam pulled from the wreckage of Ground Zero following terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in 2001 soon will have a respectable position in the community.

Sarvis-Adamski, a probation officer in Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe Farms, last year noticed the I-beam unceremoniously sitting off to the side at the Harper Woods Fire Department. She was struck with the idea to turn that piece of history into something memorable.

"I've poured my heart, soul and many hours into this," Sarvis-Adamski said.

During nearly year-long planning, Sarvis-Adamski has gained support from the city's fire and police departments. Not only did she design a memorial for the burnt steel, she also located a suitable home for it.

AMVETS Post 57 Commander Ray Lacey was happy to house the project at the post, which is located in Harper



The memorial is nearly complete, lacking a plaque that will be mounted on its side.

Woods, though its parking lot is in Grosse Pointe Woods, Sarvis-Adamski said.

Former Harper Woods Fire Chief Sean Gunnery, now with Grosse Pointe Woods public safety, has helped with the project as well.

"Sean got the boulder donated from Boulder City (in Casco)," Sarvis-Adamski said. "The project was a little more personal for him not only because he works with first responders, but because he was born in New York."

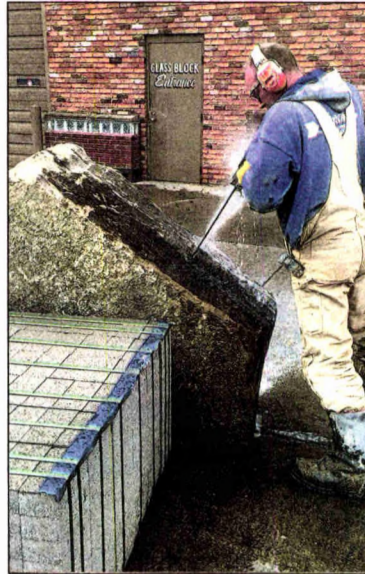
Arrow Concrete Cutting of Monroe donated the installation of the I-beam into the boulder and Sabistone Building Supply in

Warren housed the memorial for free during winter.

While there have been no costs to this point, the next step is hosting a fundraiser to fund a concrete slab on which the memorial will sit, as well as plaques and storyboards for the site.

A 911 Remembrance Memorial spaghetti dinner fundraiser, sponsored by AMVETS Post 57, takes place 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at the hall, 19730 Harper, Harper Woods. Cost is \$10, \$5 for ages 5 to 10 and free for ages 5 and younger.

Food is being donated by Josef's European



An employee at Arrow Concrete Cutting prepares the boulder for the installation of the I-beam.



Kathy Adamski led the project to create a memorial out of an I-beam donated to the city of Harper Woods.

AMVETS hall so people can drive or walk up and learn about its significance.

"I thought it needed to have a final resting area and not sit in the basement of the fire department," Sarvis-Adamski said. "I want to make a big deal out of it for the purpose of its history."

"It's a piece of history that people are starting to forget," she continued. "This history is what is most important to me. Ask a kid on the street what 9/11 is and they don't know. But it's a part of history just like a world war. This will be maintaining history and how we should be proud to be Americans. Let's not forget."

Pastry Shop, Kroger in Grosse Pointe Woods and Frank's Meat & Produce/Wigley's Meat & Produce from Eastern Market.

The Post 57 Ladies Auxiliary will help serve food.

Once money for concrete and other incidentals is raised, additional funds will stay at the AMVETS hall to help with maintenance of the memorial. Sarvis-Adamski also hopes to raise enough to erect a flag pole that will bear a 911 flag.

After the fundraiser,

Sarvis-Adamski plans to have a procession in June to bring the memorial to its final resting area.

A formal dedication ceremony is scheduled 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11.

"One of my big things for this is not only to remember the lives that were lost, but to remember the lives that were saved, too," Sarvis-Adamski said. "I thought it would be good for the community — it's an educational site."

The memorial will be located outside of the

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Clean Up, Fix Up and Paint Up Harper Woods

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

In celebration of the 47th anniversary of Earth Day, the Harper Woods Beautification Commission invites residents and businesses to show pride in their community — and not just for one day.

Clean Up, Fix Up and Paint Up Week takes

place Saturday to Saturday, April 22 to 29. People of all ages are asked to take a look at what they can do to make their community pride shine.

"It's a public service announcement," said Mary Kingston, a member of the beautification commission. "We're asking residents and businesses to take pride in their community. Winter's over. We're asking them to pick up litter. If you have a fence that needs to be repaired or painted, then repair or paint it. If you have older neighbors, pick up their property too."

The week begins with volunteers meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 22, at city hall, 19617 Harper.

"The community cleanup needs volunteers," Kingston said. "We'll pick up around the library and city hall, try to pick up around the community."

Throughout the week, residents and businesses are asked to collect and bundle dead branches for pick up, clean up and bag yard waste and use recycling bins for glass, cans, plastic and other recyclables.

The week culminates with the hazardous waste disposal drop off 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at Windmill Pointe Park in Grosse Pointe Park.

"In any community, it's important to know who your neighbors are," Kingston said. "In con-

junction with Earth Day, we all need to take charge. People will see litter and say, 'I didn't put that there.' So you didn't put that there, but why don't you pick it up?"

"This is a reminder to slow down, look around," she continued. "You might see something that needs to get done. We hope we get people and business owners to look at their property, be conscious of the environment and take care of each other."

For more information or to RSVP for the community clean up, call (313) 343-2505 or email jrheker@harperwoods.net.

Coming up

Walking club

The Harper Woods Walking Club meets 10 to 11 a.m. Saturdays at Salter Memorial Park, located on northbound Harper between Starr Detroit Academy and Littlestone Road. Presented by the Harper Woods Parks and Recreation Department and sponsored by Advantage Living Center, the program is open to anyone and free of charge.

Library

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together with drainage improvements, landscape restoration and other related items of Work.

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No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the receipt of bids.

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Hope Not Handcuffs welcomes neighboring communities

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Harper Woods Police Chief James Burke understands there isn't a certain type of person who becomes addicted. It's something that affects all communities, regardless of ethnicity, age, or economic status. Rather than watching it spread, Burke has chosen to offer help to those who want it by welcoming the Hope Not Handcuffs program to his community.

"It's a really good program," Burke said. "Addiction is something that affects all our communities. It's not exclusive to any group of people; it happens everywhere."

Help is available to anyone who wants it through Hope Not Handcuffs, a nationwide program now administered in Harper Woods thanks to the efforts of Burke and Judge Linda Davis of 41-B District Court.

Davis spearheaded the program in Macomb County, Burke said. He happened to see her speak about it and thought it would be a good fit in Harper Woods.

The program is fairly easy, Burke said.

"If you're in Grosse Pointe or Harper Woods, you can come to the police desk, say 'I have a problem and would like to be assisted,'" Burke said. "We have a 24-hour hotline we call. They have volunteers called angels who arrive within a half hour. They do a basic medical screening and then get placement (into treatment). They take care of the whole process."

"Addicts are afraid of the police," he continued. "With this, there is no law enforcement activity. Just come in and ask for help."

Since the program started, Harper Woods has helped place three people into treatment.

The key, Burke said, is

their willingness to seek help. Getting caught with drugs or paraphernalia is too late.

"There's no prosecution as long as they voluntarily come in," Burke said. "If we stop you on the street and you have heroin needles on you and then you decide you want to come in, it's not the right time. It has to be voluntary."

Addicts also cannot be forced by family members to participate in Hope Not Handcuffs. Though Burke hasn't seen it in Harper Woods, he said Macomb County has had a few cases of family members dragging addicts to the police station. They weren't considered.

"If you don't want to do it, treatment is not going to work," he said.

The program isn't limited to Harper Woods residents. Anyone from any community — Grosse Pointe and Detroit included — are welcome to ask for help.

"Addiction is so strong," Burke said. "We hope they beat it. It's a horrible thing."

"It's such a huge problem," he continued. "I really thought this would be a valuable program to offer. For anybody looking for help, come to our station and get help."

Burke said he's shared the information with Grosse Pointe public safety departments and hopes it continues to spread through the area.

"I don't want to see people dying from this stuff," he said. "It's a terrible epidemic. If anybody is addicted and wants help, they can come to our front desk and get help."

Every day in the United States, 91 people die of overdoses from opioids, including oxycodone, hydrocodone, methadone and heroin.

The Harper Woods Department of Public Safety is located at 19617 Harper. For more information, call (313) 343-2530.

Police say Smart 911 is a wise idea

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A database of background information about cell phone users is intended to give fire-responders a heads-up on 911 callers.

The database, part of the Smart 911 service of Rave Mobile Safety, provides dispatchers background information on registered cell phone callers, such as home address and medical history.

Unlike landlines, the addresses of cell phone callers don't automatically register on call tracking systems, leaving public safety dispatchers without a specific location to deploy help if the caller is incapacitated or

unable to communicate verbally.

Smart 911 is a free, voluntary upgrade of Rave Mobile Safety used by the dispatch center covering Grosse Pointe Farms and Shores.

"People can register as much or as little information as they want, including photos and medicines in the house," said Dan Jensen, Farms public safety director.

"People can put the location of the kids' rooms so, if there's a fire, it can direct firefighters where to go to rescue the kids," said Ted Roney, one of two dispatchers administering Smart 911 from the Farms' end. "The most useful information is if you have health conditions, like if

you can't have an IV in your left arm due to prior surgery."

"When you call 911, the information pops up on the (dispatcher's) computer screen," Jensen said.

"That's going to save us a couple minutes," Roney said. "That could be precious seconds."

"It tells what we should be aware of — medical history, pets, medicines, contact person, even pictures of your children if they're kidnapped," Jensen said.

The inability to quickly pinpoint locations of cell phone callers can put people seeking help at risk of delayed response.

Smart 911 users avoid that possibility by registering contact informa-

tion in advance at smart911.com.

"Since the majority of what we're dealing with are cell phones, if a call is dropped before we get information from the caller, we already have it in front of us," Jensen said. "If we know the caller's diabetic and the call is dropped, we also know to get medics rolling."

The system also handles text messages.

"Let's say we get a dropped 911 call," said Andrea Seidel, program co-administer. "We can text them to ask if everything's OK and to call us."

"On my profile, I listed that I have a dog," Roney said. "If my house catches fire and I'm not home, they'll know a dog's inside."

GPF-C Little League Parade April 29

GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND CITY — A cynical benefit of Little League baseball is keeping kids off the streets.

Maybe, except for an hour commencing 10 a.m. Saturday, April 29, this year's date of the annual Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League Parade.

A roughly hour-long procession of players, coaches and more on foot and in up to 16

vehicles launches from Farms Pier Park at the foot of Moross.

They head up Moross to Kercheval, down through the Hill and Village commercial districts to Cadieux in the City.

Then to Waterloo, Elworthy Field and let the games begin.

The Little League organization posted \$2 million liability insurance in part to obtain a City of Grosse Pointe permit to march.

"There will be no costs associated with the event," said Stephen Poloni, City public safety director.

"Manpower utilized will be from normal shift coverage."

— Brad Lindberg

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April 28 and 29, at the library, 19601 Harper. Call (313) 343-2500.

Flowers

The Harper Woods Beautification Committee hosts a perennial exchange Saturday, May 20, at Salter Park, located at I-94 and Moross. Several businesses donated raffle prizes. Call (313) 343-2500.

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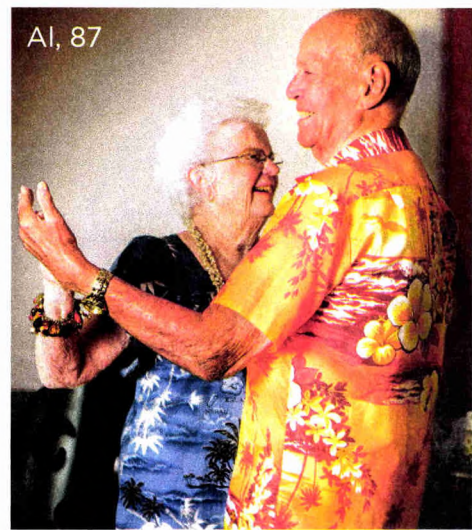
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St. Clare hosts musical feast by Tuesday Musicale

St. Clare of Montefalco Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts "Italian Opera and Spirituals Extravaganza" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 22. The program is in celebration of St. Clare's 90th anniversary. Tuesday Musicale of Detroit's annual opera concert features arias and duets from Italian opera composers Verdi, Puccini and Rossini. Operatic numbers will be supplemented by spirituals, instrumental music for four-hand piano, trumpet, organ and classical saxophone. This community outreach program is free to the public, though donations toward the renovation of the Petrof piano in the church sanctuary are appreciated. Checks made payable to St. Clare of Montefalco and marked "for piano renovation" should go directly to St. Clare of Montefalco Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230. Donations also may be made at the concert. For more information, visit tuesdaymusicaleofdetroit.org or call (313) 885-7882.

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field sobriety tests on Moross at Piche shortly before 3:30 a.m. Monday, April 5, according to an arresting officer.

A patrolman saw her driving a male passenger on southbound Moross in a 2006 Dodge Charger without a registration sticker.

She turned east on Carver, parked partially in a driveway for 30 seconds before backing northbound on Moross at 40 mph, according to the officer.

Failing sobriety tests coupled with refusing the Breathalyzer qualified her for arrest for drunken driving, her second, according to police.

The passenger, 30, opted to walk home to Detroit.

Law job

A ticked-off, drunken, teenage ex-girl friend is suspected of driving a car across the front yard of her former paramour's parents' house in the 400 block of Fisher early Monday, April 3, according to a police summary.

"(The son said) she left angry after a verbal argument," reported a patrolman.

The suspect is a 19-year-old Roseville resident.

Uncooperative

Prosecution for alcohol and drug violations began occupying the life of a Detroit man, 31, arrested during a traffic stop at 3:12 a.m. Monday, April

3, on westbound Lakeshore at Newberry Place.

A patrolman pulled him over for operating a tan 1996 Buick Roadmaster with a flat left rear tire.

"(He) exited and began yelling, asking what he was being stopped for," reported the officer. "He stated he did not know where he was. (He) was extremely loud and argumentative throughout the entire initial interview."

Officers arrested him for having a .12 percent blood alcohol level.

"At this point, (he) became uncooperative and refused to place his hands behind his back," said the patrolman.

Officers restrained him in handcuffs.

A search of his pockets allegedly revealed four small plastic bags of marijuana weighing a combined 2 grams.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Extradited

Two Arizona residents are being escorted back to Tucson under terms of an extradition agreement exposed during an otherwise routine traffic stop on Lakeshore at Hawthorne shortly before 10 a.m. Saturday, April 1.

The husband-and-wife couple in their late 30s were taken to the Wayne County Jail prior to facing unspecified charges

in Pima County.

— Brad Lindberg
Report information about this and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Park

UDAA

A 2002 Dodge Caravan was stolen sometime overnight Sunday, April 9, from the 1300 block of Nottingham.

False report

On Thursday, April 6, a Detroit resident was charged with filing a false police report after she called police to report her boyfriend had stolen her car. He hadn't.

Assault and battery

Police are still sorting out the details of a fight that took place at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, in the 1300 block of Lakepointe between a 56-year-old Detroit resident and a 36-year-old Park resident. Police report the circumstances surrounding the incident are unclear, but prescription drugs and alcohol were involved.

Three-car accident

A 54-year-old Roseville resident was charged with operating while under the influence of drugs after causing an accident at 10:33 a.m. Monday, April 3. According to police, the woman was driving eastbound on Jefferson, crossed

over two lanes of oncoming traffic and caused a three-car crash. There were no reported injuries.

Operating while intoxicated

A 30-year-old Detroit resident was arrested at 7:20 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, when the car he was driving jumped a curb at Charlevoix and Buckingham and drove across several lawns before he jumped from the car and fled the area. He was pursued and arrested a few blocks from the scene.

Identity thefts

◆ A resident of the 1300 block of Bedford reported to police Wednesday, March 29, that an unknown person attempted to file a tax return in his name.

◆ A resident of the 1400 block of Bishop reported to police Wednesday, April 5, that a tax return had been filed with the IRS using his social security number.

◆ A resident of the 1400 block of Beaconsfield reported to police Friday, April 7, that someone attempted to open a Comcast account in his name.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Lock your cars

Sunday, April 2, was not a

good day to leave a car parked and unlocked on Beaufait. Overnight four unlocked cars were entered and items taken included wallets and loose change. Meanwhile, at Lochmoor and Helen, the owner of a 2014 Subaru reported a laptop was taken from his unlocked car.

Police remind residents to always lock their cars and never leave valuable items inside.

Another reason to lock your cars

A resident of the 1700 block of Bournemouth reported to police that when he left for work at 6 a.m. he noticed a strong smell of smoke in his 2014 Buick Lacrosse. Considering he does not smoke, the owner was concerned perhaps someone had taken refuge in his car during the rain overnight. Nothing was reported missing from the car.

But if you did lock your car

It doesn't always deter someone on a mission, which is what a resident of the 2100 block of Hawthorne discovered the morning of Sunday, April 9. He reported to police that a rear window had been smashed and in-dash navigation system had been removed.

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

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Tau Beta Spring Market is April 27-29

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The latest spring styles and trends are

featured at the 2017 Tau Beta Spring Market, planned April 27 to 29, at the Grosse Pointe Club, 6 Berkshire Place, Grosse Pointe Farms.

More than 20 vendors from across the country will showcase their goods, from books and accessories, to clothing and jewelry. This market has something for everyone, organizers say.

"It's a one-of-a-kind event in our area," said Betsy Huebner, who co-chaired the market with her mother, Ginger Hrtanek, both of Grosse Pointe Farms. "We bring vendors in from around the country. We have a vendor from Eastpointe, just down the street, who sells vintage handbags and accessories. And we have vendors from California, New York,



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Spring Market Committee co-chairs Ginger Hrtanek and Betsy Huebner.

Connecticut. These are things you aren't necessarily going to see anywhere else. They're unique finds."



The Spring Market Committee includes, front row from left, Anne Ugval, Tracy Blatt, Kim DeMeulemeester, Drew Ebbing, Ginger Hrtanek, Amie Sweeney, Sue Griffin, Emily Weaver and Mary Farley; and back row from left, Patsy Gotfredson, Yolanda Turner, Callie Lewicki, Susan Raudabaugh, Betsy Huebner, Liz Griffith, Kate Adams, Tricia Wood and Liz Bsharah. Not pictured are Tau Beta Association President Vicki Liggett, Honorary Chairwoman Peggy Kross, Sue Gilbride, Lis Jeffries, Lauren Marchal, Patty Ilitch, Lindsay Cotton, Hillary Schmitt, Sharon Wacker, Sue Wheatley, Kristi Penman, Patty French, Tina Griffin, Phyllis Sullivan, Tara Blake, Jenny Parke, Muffy Milligan, Mary Beth Oles and Clare Conway.

Added Hrtanek, "There's a uniqueness of things in this boutique. This isn't something you'll find at Somerset."

The 14th annual event — whose honorary chairwoman is Peggy Kross — features seven new vendors, as well as several returning favorites. Those interested in a sneak peek of what the 2017 market has to offer are invited to a pre-view party — organized by Tracy Blatt, Callie Lewicki and Lauren Marchal — 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 27. Tickets are \$75 each in advance, \$85 at the door, and include cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, shopping and a raffle.

Raffle items include an Ippolita earrings and bangle set donated by Edmund t. AHEE jewelers; a designer Neiman Marcus package; luxury suite seating for a Detroit Tigers game donated by the Cotton family; and an original oil painting by Jane McFeely.

Raffle tickets are \$25 or five for \$100 and are available at the event or online at taubeta.org.

"You don't have to be at the party to win," Huebner said, who's been a Tau Beta member since 2009.

Market days continue 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, April 28, and 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29. Admission is \$5 and includes access to a variety of items for men, women and children.

New this year, a buffet lunch is available 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. featuring hot entrees, sandwiches and salads.

"Hopefully it will get people moving through and shopping more," Hrtanek said.

Friday night a cash bar featuring "Margaritas and More" is available 4 to 7 p.m.

A portion of market proceeds benefits The Children's Center in Detroit, established in 1929 as one of the first child



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Market items courtesy of W&W Home Decor.

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Hear ye, hear ye: Fairy Tale Festival returns to Ford House

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

After a two-year absence — one caused by a torrential downpour forcing its cancellation — the Fairy Tale Festival returns to the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 24. This year's theme is King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table.

Tickets go on sale to the general public Monday, April 17.

The event, a success since it first began in 2011, was dearly missed after its 2015 cancellation and then taking a hiatus in 2016 due to a turnover in staff.



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"We did hear some outcry that it had gone away," said Ann Fitzpatrick, vice

president of Historic Ford Estates. "I'm glad people enjoy it. It's one of these

things that's great for bringing the little ones out."

Fitzpatrick and event organizer Jessica Marcetti, education programs coor-

inator at Ford House, said they're planning for up to 2,500 people to stroll estate grounds. Different events for different ages will be available, including some past favorites as well as new activities that fit the theme.

"We have the partnership with the library like before, but the giveaway is new," Fitzpatrick said, regarding the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library storybook readings and book giveaway. "The storyteller (Karen Czarnik) is the same person who reads at Winter Wonderland. She's a favorite."

Puppeteer Greg Lester

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Put Me In Coach



Michael Reed, AIF®
Wealth Advisor

My colleague, Mike Reed, AIF® is a huge baseball fan and wanted to share his insights this week with a baseball analogy.

The baseball season is off to a respectable start, but as baseball fans know, it is a long season, and will have its ups and downs. Nowhere is this more

evident than the batting line up. Toward the end of last season, it hit me that the lineup for a baseball team is a lot like a well-diversified investment portfolio.

In baseball, you want to have both left and right batters, guys with speed who can get on base, and players who can hit for power and drive runners home. The same is true in an investment portfolio. You want a lineup of stocks to help your portfolio grow and beat inflation, and you want bonds to help weather the storm when stocks are having one of their inevitable drawdowns. Moreover, just as a player on your favorite team may experience a slump, the same can happen to certain areas of

your investment portfolio. In both cases that does not necessarily mean that you need to cut one; periods of underperformance are part of the process.

For example, last year our Tigers had a couple of players start the season hitting way above expectations, while a couple of the stars in the lineup battled injuries early on and struggled. By the middle of the season, some of the players who had started hot had cooled; while our big stars started to come around and played well for the rest of the season. By the end of the year, Justin Upton who had struggled for most of the season, came into his own and helped the team in their late season push for the playoffs.

If we look at the market last year, it was a similar story. Early in the year and then in July when we had market selloffs, bonds helped cushion the blow and provided stability. By the third or fourth inning, emerging markets helped carry the weight, and in the final innings of 2016 small company stocks were doing the heavy lifting.

We should never look at investing in the short-term; if we think of markets over longer periods and go back to the turn of the millennium, it was international and small company stocks that did well among other asset classes while the previous All Star (large company U.S. stocks took a breather.) Since the recovery that started

in 2009 it has been large company U.S. stocks that have led the way while other sectors have taken a seat on the bench. No one knows what the future holds, which is why in both baseball and your investment portfolio it is wise to have exposure to all types of players. Avoid putting all your eggs in one basket, because you never know where the next great opportunity will come from and what asset class investors will favor over short periods.

Just like there will be times in the season where you are wondering why a player is still in the lineup, there will be times when you look at your investments and wonder why you are holding a particular asset class. The

downside of diversification, someone or something will always be disappointing you in the short-term.

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Welcoming Everyone Grosse Pointe sponsors a healthcare Q&A with U.S. Rep. Brenda Lawrence 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. Lawrence plans to discuss the individual and systemic impact of proposals to dismantle the Affordable Care Act.

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.

BNI

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, April 14, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mentally Ill Eastside meets 7 p.m. Monday, April 17, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts a Business After Hours event 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, at Grosse Pointe Theatre, 315 Fisher, Grosse Pointe Farms. The event includes wine, hors d'oeuvres and a number from the theater's May production of "Disney's Beauty and the Beast." Call (313) 881-4004.

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 Peninsular 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>.

Family Center

The Family Center presents "For Your Heirs: Preparing for Financial Circumstances of Aging and Disability" at 6:30

p.m. Thursday, April 20, at Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. The free talk features Barbara Roden of Senior Helpers and financial advisor Pat O'Neill. Call (313) 432-3832.

GPAAS

The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society's annual Gimme Shelter fundraiser takes place 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. The event includes dinner, a cash bar, basket raffle, K-9 demonstrations and more. Tickets are \$45. Call (313) 884-1551.

LWV

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe offers voter registration sign up at Grosse Pointe North High School 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20, and at Grosse Pointe South High School 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, April 21.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross offers the following blood drives:

◆ 8:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Thursday, April 20, Lake Shore High School, 23001 Hoffman, St. Clair Shores.

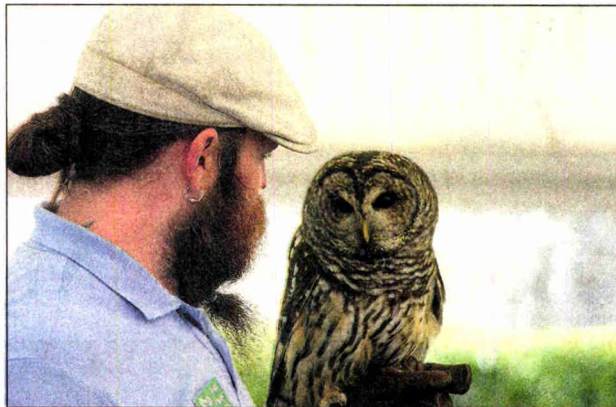
◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 23, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22415 Overlake, St. Clair Shores. Visit redcrossblood.org.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets 7 p.m. Monday, April 24, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielak at (313) 884-4201.

Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 25, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.



Welcome Back Birds features a birds of prey program.

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Welcome Back Birds at Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is no stranger to birds. More than 150 species may be spotted at the lakefront estate, which celebrates the return of migratory birds during its second annual Welcome Back Birds event 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 22.

The event includes crafts and hands-on learning activities throughout the day, as well as guided bird walks with Rosann Kovalcik, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited, Grosse Pointe Woods, at 8:15, 9:15 and 10:15 a.m.

"Rosann's been doing bird walks here for at least 20 years," said Ann Fitzpatrick, vice president of Historic Ford Estates. "It's been a really important offering of ours and she's been such a huge champion of nature and birds here. This is a great expansion of that offering."

"For those who are intimidated by our ongoing bird walks, this is a great taste for them," she continued.

Other activities include a peregrine recovery discussion at 9:15 a.m., birds of prey demonstrations at 10:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m., as well as a presentation on warblers at 10:15 a.m. and a bird banding talk at 11:15 a.m.

"Last year's inaugural Welcome Back Birds event was a huge success," said Gretchen Abrams, education programs coordinator at Ford House. "It's a great way for nature lovers of all ages to get outside, explore this beautiful natural

habitat and to hear from some of our area's top birding experts. We're thrilled to be working with Wild Birds Unlimited-Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Audubon Society, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Michigan DNR-Outdoor Adventure Center and Leslie Science and Nature Center."

When bird enthusiasts Edsel and Eleanor Ford purchased land for their home, landscape architect Jens Jensen was instructed to construct a nature sanctuary to attract migrating birds. Jensen created Bird Island, a migratory bird preserve off the estate's northern shoreline where he planted native foliage, which created a bird sanctuary that remains today.

Attendees aren't limited to programming during the event. They are invited to walk the grounds and see what species they can spot during Welcome Back Birds.

"The grounds are just starting to wake up," Fitzpatrick said. "It will be perfect in a couple weeks."

Welcome Back Birds takes place rain or shine.

Tickets are \$12 for non-members, \$10 for members and free for ages 2 and younger. They may be purchased online at fordhouse.org or at Wild Birds Unlimited, 20381 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

— Jody McVeigh

Program looks at abusive debt collection practices

Companies that buy debt for the purpose of suing to collect the debt rank as the single largest classification of litigants in Michigan. Thousands of debt collection lawsuits are filed in Michigan each year.

Many debt collectors engage in harassing and abusive practices. Helping clients avoid that harassment and guiding them through the debt collection process to achieve the best possible outcome is the subject of a presentation by the Lakeshore Bar

Association. Presenters are Sean R. O'Mara of O'Mara Law Firm and David S. Parnell of Parnell Law Firm. Both are experienced and highly regarded consumer advocates in the field of debt collection.

The program begins with food and beverages at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, at City Kitchen, 16844 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. The presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. The program is free for Lakeshore Bar Association members, \$10 for non-members.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Dr. Lori Warner

How to tell if you're a phubber

Q: My husband told me I'm "phubbing" him. What does he mean?

A: The term "phubber" combines "phone" and "snubber."

But are you a phubber? Let's find out. Here are a few of the indicators. Do you:

- ◆ Check your phone during meals with others?

- ◆ Check your phone during a lull in the conversation?

- ◆ Glance often at your phone while talking to someone?

- ◆ Place your cell phone where you can see it when with others?

We may engage in some of these behaviors from time to time, but when it becomes more frequent, we may have developed a bad habit that will harm our relationships.

There also is something called the "iPhone Effect," defined in Urban Dictionary as "shortly after one person in the



these relationship busters and how to undo the damage at an upcoming Ask the Experts talk.

Warner is a clinical psychologist, board-certified behavior analyst, assistant director of the Center for Human Development at Beaumont Children's Hospital, director of the Ted Lindsay Foundation HOPE Center and associate professor for Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine. She can be reached at (248) 691-4774 or visit beau montchildrenshospital.com/hope. Beaumont Hospital is a member of the Family Center's Association of Professionals.

The Family Center serves as the community's hub for information, resources and referral for families, individuals and professionals. Its

group brings out their iPhone, the rest follow suit, ultimately ending all conversation and eye contact."

Technology is amazing and useful, but we need to remember it is a tool. Use technology; don't let it use you. Constantly checking our phones rather than interacting with one another takes time from the real world, meaningful interactions and puts it out in cyberspace. This is not an all-or-nothing situation; there is a time and a place for using phones, computers, television, video games and computers. But because these activities are so rewarding, we can easily overuse them.

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"Mindful Media Use: How to Find a Balanced Relationship with Technology" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

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

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

Volunteers needed for new GPAA art program

Twice monthly sessions for dementia patients, caregivers

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association, in cooperation with the Greater Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, is starting a program for dementia patients and their caregivers.

"A Morning Out" is modeled after a nationally-recognized program developed by the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. The goal is to create a comfortable and stimulating environment in which dementia patients and their caregivers can enjoy a morning discussion and complete an art project to take home.

Volunteer training — for discussion leaders,

artists and wayfinders — is planned Friday, April 21, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Learn the basics of memory loss, dementia and Alzheimer's disease at 10 a.m., followed by effective communication strategies at 11 a.m.

Lunch is at noon, followed by training in understanding behaviors at 1 p.m.

"A Morning Out" is offered twice a month from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays. Eight to 10 volunteers are needed for each event. Training is highly recommended.

To register for volunteer training or to get involved in the program, call (313) 881-3454.

Night in the Stacks continues April 21

The Grosse Pointe Library Foundation's "A Night in the Stacks" series continues with a visit from author Amy Haimerl 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 21.

Haimerl will speak about her book, "Detroit Hustle: A Memoir of Love, Life and Home," which details her journey of moving to Detroit, rebuilding a house in the West Village and making it a home.

"We are so lucky to be hosting Amy," said Jennifer Bingaman, executive director of the library foundation. "I loved her book. She has a great sense of humor and I could certainly relate to rehabbing an old home. But she also provides in-depth background and her perspective on Detroit's rebound. I learned a lot."

The Atlantic columnist Ron Fournier said of the book, "Detroit Hustle" is much more than a book about the restoration of a house It's America's story. Amy Haimerl's memoir is as gritty and gripping as Detroit itself."

Haimerl is an adjunct professor of journalism at Michigan State University. She gradu-

ated from the University of Michigan in 2013 and was a Knight-Wallace Fellow. She's also an alumna of Crain's Detroit Business, CNNMoney, Fortune Small Business, Westword and USAA. She also has a background in enterprise and investigative reporting.

Tickets to the event, which takes place at the

Central branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, cost \$30 and include wine, beer, soda and light food. Proceeds are donated to the library, "so we can continue to bring extraordinary programming to our community," Bingaman said.

"I highly recommend purchasing a ticket online now as we are lim-

ited by how many people we can seat and we know this will be a very popular event."

Tickets are available online at gplf.org.

— Jody McVeigh

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PASTOR'S CORNER By Roger Skully

Pesach

Pesach is the Hebrew name for Passover. This year it begins at sunset the evening of April 10, which corresponds to the 15th day of the month of Nisan in the Hebrew calendar, the date specified in the Torah. It also heralds the advent of spring, new life and the harvest of barley grains in Israel. We will celebrate the exodus from Egypt. The date usually given for this is approximately 1300 B.C.E. The story is familiar. Pharaoh has enslaved the Hebrews. They are led to freedom from Egypt and through the Sea of Reeds, which parts for them, but closes over the army of pharaoh as he pursues the Israelites. His people are led to Mt. Sinai where they accept the law, the Ten Commandments and the Torah. All is explained in the Haggadah, used to structure the Passover meal. This seder meal contains many activities, drinking four cups of wine and eating unleavened bread, called matzo, to name several. This bread, without leavening, is called the "poor bread." It was bread eaten without leavening to make it raise, the bread of poor people, slaves. No leavening may be used throughout the eight days of the holiday. This is called, and often is, an affliction to remind and impress on the mind the message. Eating

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CHURCH EVENTS

Stations in the Street

Several Grosse Pointe churches are participating in Stations in the Street at 3 p.m. Good Friday, April 14. The event, organized by the Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association, begins at the corner of Kercheval and Fisher.

Participating churches include Grosse Pointe United Methodist, St. James Lutheran, Christ Church Grosse Pointe,

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran, St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, St. Philomena Catholic Church, St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.


Donations benefit an Ivory Coast family sponsored by Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. For more information, call a

participating parish office.



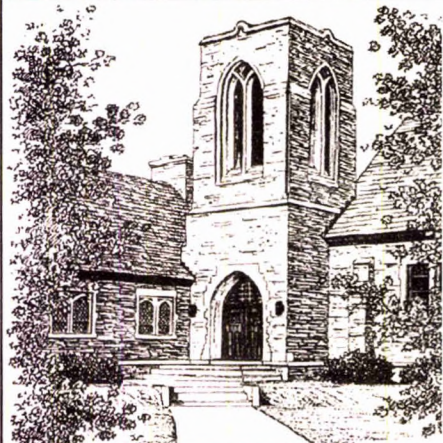
St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose Parish, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts its final Lenten buffet dinner of this year 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 14. Cost is \$16 for adults, \$10 for ages 6 to 10. Carry-out service is available. Call (313) 822-1594.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

 <p>Saint James Lutheran Church 170 McMillan Road (at Kercheval) Grosse Pointe Farms 313.884.0511 www.stjamesgp.org</p> <p>Maundy Thursday – April 13 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Bishop Donald P. Kreiss</p> <p>Good Friday – April 14 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae</p> <p>Easter Eve – April 15 8:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter</p> <p>Easter Day – April 16 The Resurrection of Our Lord 10:15 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist</p> <p>The Rev. Denise M. Grant Evangelical Lutheran Church in America</p> 	 <p>Holy Week & Easter Services</p> <p>Christ the King Lutheran Church 20338 Mack Avenue Grosse Pointe Woods 313-884-5090 www.christthekinggp.org</p> <p>Maundy Thursday, April 13 11:00am with Holy Communion</p> <p>Good Friday, April 14 11:00am & 7:00pm with Holy Communion at Both Services</p> <p>Easter Sunday, April 16 8:00am Service with Holy Communion 10:45am Festival Service with Special Music 9:00-10:30am Easter Breakfast</p>
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Maundy Thursday, April 13-7:30 PM
Good Friday, April 14-12:00 PM
Easter Sunday, April 16
Sunrise Service & Breakfast 8:00 AM
Worship Service 9:30 AM

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER DAY
Thursday, April 13, Maundy Thursday: 12:10 p.m.
The Holy Communion in Commemoration of the first Lord's Supper.

Friday, April 14, Good Friday: 12 Noon-3:00 p.m.
Psalms, The Stations of the Cross, and the Good Friday Liturgy, with choral music throughout the Three Hours.

Sunday, April 16, Easter Day: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
The Festival Choral Eucharist at both services.

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Sunday, April 23, The First Sunday after Easter
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HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 13
7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 14
1:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross
1:30 p.m. - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 15
8:30 p.m. - The Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 16
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses

Good Friday - April 14
Noon to 3pm
Come for all or whatever portion of service you can.
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Great Vigil of Easter - April 15
6:00pm (in the Chapel)

Easter Day - April 16
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9:30am Brass Prelude
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GOOD FRIDAY
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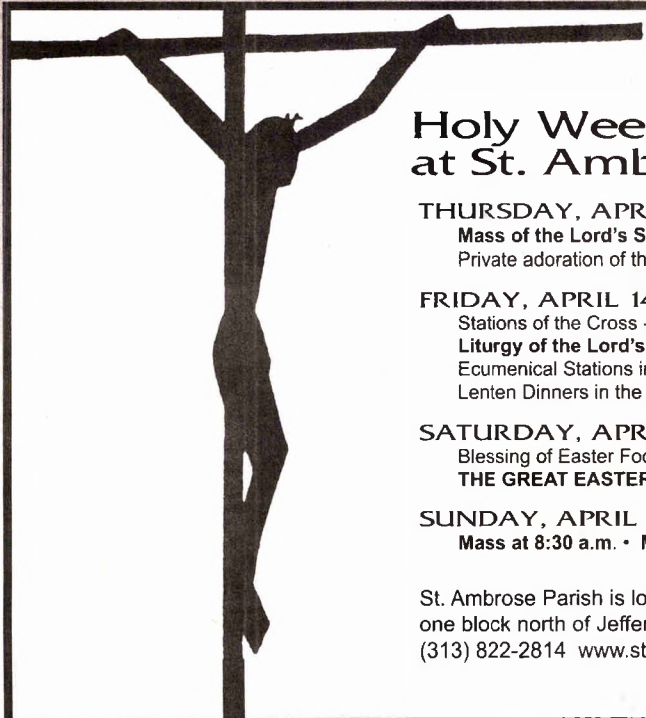
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HOLY THURSDAY-April 13
7:30 pm | Adoration until 10:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY-April 14
Celebration of the Passion 12:30 pm
Stations of the Cross 3:00 pm (in the Streets of Grosse Pointe)

HOLY SATURDAY-April 15
Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY-April 16
9:00 am | 11:00 am



Holy Week & Easter 2017 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church

THURSDAY, APRIL 13 — HOLY THURSDAY
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.
Private adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church until midnight

FRIDAY, APRIL 14 — GOOD FRIDAY
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
Lenten Dinners in the ARK - 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15 — HOLY SATURDAY
Blessing of Easter Food - 12:00 noon
THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL MASS - 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16 — EASTER SUNDAY
Mass at 8:30 a.m. • Mass at 11:15 a.m. - Hospitality after both Masses in the ARK

St. Ambrose Parish is located at 15020 Hampton in Grosse Pointe Park, one block north of Jefferson and one block east of Alter.
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OBITUARIES

Obituary notices are purchased and often prewritten by family or friends. While we try to run obituaries as submitted, we nevertheless reserve the right to edit for accuracy, style and length.

J. Douglas Adair

J. Douglas Adair, 96, died Friday, March 31, 2017, in Pinehurst, N.C. He was the founder of the Michigan Kidney Foundation, now known as the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. He grew up in Washington, D.C., the son of Herbert J. Adair and Margaret Douglas Adair. His paternal grandfather, John A.M. Adair, was a member of Congress and his maternal grandfather, Charles A. Douglas, was a Washington lawyer whose firm often represented the government.

Doug attended St. Albans School through ninth grade, then went to Fishburne Military School in Waynesboro, Va., and graduated in 1938. After graduation, he went to Dartmouth College. During World War II, he served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

When the war ended, he took a position at Kent Moore Corp. in Detroit. He was instrumental in transitioning Kent Moore from war production to peace-time manufacturing. He was promoted to president and CEO in 1947, a position he held 36 years until the company merged with Sealed Power Corp. After the merger, he joined the Sealed Power board of directors and served until his retirement. In November 1978, he was honored by the National Automobile Dealers Association for having one of the longest running careers in U.S. history as head of a publicly owned company.

A longtime resident of Grosse Pointe, Doug was an active participant in civic organizations and served as a director on several professional and philanthropic boards. His passion was the Kidney Foundation.

Doug was an avid golfer, a member of the Country Club of Detroit, Bloomfield Hills Country Club, The Seminole in North Palm Beach, Fla., and a life member at Pine Valley in Clementon, N.J. For the past 23 years his primary residence has been at the Country Club

of North Carolina in Pinehurst.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Strickland Adair; sons, Richard H. Adair and John D. Adair Jr.; stepsons, Blackwell Sawyer III and Otis S. Sawyer; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A private memorial service will be held at a future date.

Donations may be made to The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, 1169 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 or The Foundation of First Health, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Share a memory at bolesfuneralhome.com.

Paul F. Beaupre

Paul F. Beaupre, 67, died Thursday, April 6, 2017.

He was the beloved husband of Mary; dear father of Charles and Andrew (Meredith); loving, proud grandfather of Lauren and Brooke and great uncle to many other loved ones.

He was predeceased by his parents, Russell and Mary Beaupre and siblings, Barbara Allor, Russell Beaupre Jr. and David Beaupre.

Paul was a lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe. He was an athlete and enjoyed the camaraderie and competition of sports. He graduated from Aquinas College, where he played basketball and golf. He became president of Plum Brook Land Co. and Plum Brook Golf Club, his family's business since 1927.

Paul had a dedication to community and served as a councilman in Grosse Pointe Woods eight years. He was a former president of the Golf Association of Michigan and a generous philanthropist to numerous charities and organizations. Paul was a man who filled a room with his love of family, community, travel and golf. He will be remembered by those who knew him for his infectious laugh, wit and unwavering generosity.

A funeral Mass was

April 12 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the Western Golf Association Evans Scholars Foundation, One Briar Road, Golf, IL 60029 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Karen Marie Gordon

Grosse Pointe Park resident Karen Marie Gordon, 70, died Friday, April 7, 2017.

She was born Dec. 21, 1946, in Port Huron to RoseMarie and Donald Robert Osgood.

Karen is survived by her daughters, Cynthia Gordon and Sarah Gordon Leekha; grandchild, Shya Leekha; sisters, Gayle Ferris (John) and Dawn Hopkins (Mike Green) and brother, Geoffrey Osgood.

She was predeceased by her parents.

A funeral service has been held. Interment is in Lakeside Cemetery in Port Huron.

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Barbara Ellen Hern

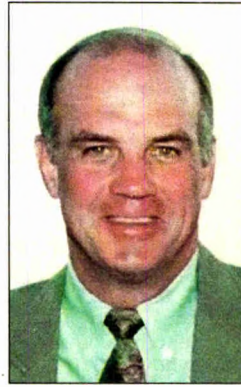
Barbara Ellen Hern, nee Sutton, passed away peacefully Sunday, April 2, 2017, hours before her 85th birthday and after a brief battle with cancer and having wrestled for years with Alzheimer's disease.

The daughter of Clyde J. and Irene G. Sutton (nee Brys), she grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods and attended Grosse Pointe High School and later Michigan State University, where she earned degrees in home economics and math. In 1959, she married John J. Hern of Detroit, her best friend and constant companion until his death in 1999.

A stickler for good manners and good food, she taught middle school home economics and math for Houghton Lake Community Schools for



J. Douglas Adair



Paul F. Beaupre



Karen Marie Gordon

nearly 30 years. She was active in the teachers' union and served as president of the Houghton Lake Education Association.

With her husband, Barbara was a devout and active Catholic, both in Houghton Lake, where they raised their family, and in Hillsboro Beach, Fla., where they wintered. She was active in both communities and particularly loved playing bridge and her card-playing friends.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her parents and brothers, Bryson and Lawrence Sutton.

Barbara is survived by her brother, Clyde J. Sutton Jr. (Judy); sister, Kay Dakin Lowney; loving children, John J. Jr. (Ann), Jennifer K. Hern, Susannah S. Hern, James H. (Cindy) and Peter C. (Lucy); grandchildren, Michael, Margaret, Jack,

Patrick, William, Jack, Samuel, Hannah, Blake, Joseph, Gladys and Benjamin Dakoske and great-granddaughter, Fay.

A funeral service was held April 7 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park.

Share a memory at verheyden.org

Marie Catherine Housey

Grosse Pointe Park resident Marie Catherine Housey, 90, died Sunday, April 2, 2017.

Born Feb. 6, 1927, in Thomas, W.Va., to Nomer Manasa and Naoma Thomas, Marie was a former longtime salesperson at Jacobson's in the Village in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Marie is survived by her daughters, Loretta White (the late Wayne),



Barbara Ellen Hern

Alice Dandy (Joe), Norma Housey and Karen Heikkila (Jerry); son, Daniel Housey; nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She also is survived by her brother, Harold Manasa (Connie).

A funeral service has been held.

Donations may be made to The National Shrine of St. Jude at shrineofstjude.org.

GP Congregational hosts art exhibit

"Our World: Real and Imagined," paintings, ceramics and other works of art by Grosse Pointe residents Jack Frakes and Carol LaChiusa, currently is on display in the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church lounge. The exhibit

runs through Sunday, May 14, and can be viewed by the public 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday and by appointment.

The church is located at 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The exhibition is the third in a program of ongoing visual arts exhibitions in conjunction with the church's new arts ministry. For more information, contact Tamm Whitty, arts ministry director, at tammwhitty@gmail.com.

EVENTS:

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Memorial

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, welcomes the U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America Freedom Winds for a concert 7 p.m. Friday, April 28. The ensemble includes flute, oboe, clarinet, French horn, bassoon and percussion. Airmen musicians will play jazz, ragtime, Broadway and film hits, as well as music from cultures around the world. The performance is free, but attendees must have complimentary tickets, which are available at the church reception desk.



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Sharing information

On March 26, the publishers of *Between the Lines* held their seventh annual Ultimate LGBT Wedding & Anniversary Expo at the MotorCity Hotel in Detroit. The event was attended by hundreds of couples and a wide variety of vendors, from bakeries to officiants. Grosse Pointe Congregational Church was included in the festivities as well, with church members Ed Priebe, pictured, and Ron Rebant in attendance, providing information to visitors and those interested in venues for upcoming ceremonies.

PESACH:

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matzo is a reminder we still live in a world where slavery exists, in many guises.

Tradition says it is important to tell, discuss and explain the parts of the ritual meal to everyone each year. Each participant is urged to imagine he or she has personally gone from slavery to freedom. We are reminded we were once slaves. Treat the stranger with kindness and compassion. Love your neighbor and have compassion. Our appeal is for redemption and deliverance from tyranny. It seems trite until you give it personal introspection. The Hebrew for Egypt is "Mitzriam," a place of narrowness and constriction. The ancient ritual resonates today, perhaps a bit differently, but with the psychological power of the Pesach sacrifice, the paschal lamb. Sacrifice, in Hebrew, means to "come close." So, there is an open-ended question which

we, throughout the Haggadah ritual, supply meaning.

The narrative recognizes different personalities who attend and supplies instruction about how to educate them to the realities of the world and the meaning of this ancient holiday. Praise, thanks, redemption and freedom, physical and mental, are the themes of the night. Like so much in life, it is the journey that is significant.

This season celebrates life, not death. We say "l'chaim," to life, for all our friends, neighbors and the world. May peace be granted speedily to all.

In truth, I am disappointed I have not had the space to impart even a few of the many fascinating insights and messages of this complex ceremony. I hope this has, at least, shared the spirit of the thanks we owe to our creator for the many gifts he bestows at this season. The Haggadah is easily accessed for those who are curious. Like the rest of our world, it is online.

Skully is the cantor at the Isaac Agree Downtown Synagogue.

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Second annual Laughs for The Lake House is April 27

The Lake House hosts Laughs for The Lake House at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, Thursday, April 27.

The event features Sheila Loveley, Kathy Ryan and Shawn Townsend. All proceeds benefit the Lake House and the programs it provides to those who have been touched by cancer. Programs include yoga, Zumba, crafting, journaling, knitting, drum circle, reiki, bereavement and support groups and more.

"We're delighted to host Laughs for The Lake House again," said Madeline Bialecki, executive director. "It's a great time for the community to come together for a wonderful evening and support those touched by cancer."

The event kicks off at 6:30 p.m. with a gift card raffle, hors d'oeuvres, desserts and a cash bar. At 7:30 p.m. the comedy show begins.

Tickets are \$50 per person in advance, \$60 at the door, and include one beer or wine ticket. To purchase tickets, call (586) 777-7761 or visit milakehouse.org/donate/.

The Lake House has helped many and grown each year since opening in 2011. In 2016 alone, it served 350 members. This year, it moved to its new location at 23500 Pare, St. Clair Shores, to allow for more space and therefore more programs for members.

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guidance clinics in the country. By offering volunteer and fundraising assistance since forming a partnership in 2004, Tau Beta hopes to further its mission to help children and families shape their own future.

"We do a variety of things with The Children's Center, but new this year is the literacy center," Hrtanek said. "It will give reading assistance to kids, but also to

adults who need help. We are really involved."

Tau Beta also is involved with other center activities, including providing Christmas gift baskets and shopping, hosting Thanksgiving dinners, running its baby basket drive and clothing boutique, organizing on-campus spring plantings, operating a food pantry with household items and more.

"It all helps Wayne County families — they're our neighbors," Huebner said. "It's important that we raise money and the

money goes to The Children's Center, but Tau Beta spends a lot of time down there working with clients at The Children's Center. It's one thing to give your money, but to actually go down and see the families you reach is worthwhile."

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FESTIVAL:

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brings his Puppet Adventures back to the grounds as well.

Other performances include music from Second From the Bottom Music, court jesters courtesy of Cirque Amongus and Merlin the Magician, courtesy of ABC Magic.

The Michigan Medieval Combat Association also takes the stage demonstrating medieval weaponry.

"I was looking for a demonstration, something with knights, swords, swordplay," Marcetti said. "I found them online. They've gone to schools and have a lot of information on the equipment."

"They don't dress in period costumes and they use modern safety equipment, but they do demonstrations on medieval combat."

Foam swordfights and jousting are among the themed activities, which

also include a ring toss, lawn bowling, a coat of arms craft, clay doll making, a mini catapult craft and puppet making. While attendees are encouraged to dress as lords and ladies, a medieval dress-up will be available.

"It's on the grounds and will use lots of different areas," Fitzpatrick said. "The big activities will take up space for performances and music, and there will be smaller spaces for reading circles, story tellers, crafts and lawn games. This is the kind of event where you can come for a few hours and have plenty to do — you can hang out, have some food, go sit by the water. The house will be open for hours, too."

Youngsters will be challenged to remove a sword from stone and Ford House plans to build a working catapult to add to the excitement.

"This one will look like a junior Renaissance Festival," Fitzpatrick said. "The atmosphere — you

can roam around, strolling characters, strolling performers, sit down at a stage and see a performer, make a craft — it's pretty appealing to both boys and girls.

"And it's a great way for families to experience Ford House in a new way that's also educational," she continued. "We always tie in a literacy component. It's woven in a fun way. This is one of the greatest ways families can create memories here. People love it. If we can provide these opportunities for families to get together and create those memories, we've done our job."

Marcetti said though this year's event will be her first, it's a great one to cut her teeth on.

"It's definitely living up to past events with lots of great things scheduled," she said. "It will be a great day and lots of fun."

Tickets for the Fairy Tale Festival are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door, and may be purchased online at fordhouse.org.

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Softball

LIGGETT Knights

No hitter, power hits lead to win

By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' softball team officially played its first complete game of the season last weekend, beating Strong Tower 9-1.

"We put together a good opener," coach Jim Schmidt said. "We had good pitching and some great hitting. It was a good combination for a win."

A combination of strong hitting and pitching led the host Knights to the win. Senior Emma St. John threw a no-hitter, striking out 16 and walking four.

The Knights used eight extra-base hits, one home run, three doubles and four triples. They had a school-record

three consecutive triples in the fifth inning when freshman Jenna Hummel, St. John and junior Maddie Hamilton each had three-baggers. Junior Sabrina Malkoun followed with a double to break open a close game.

The four straight extra-base hits turned a 4-1 game into a 7-1 game. They had the bases loaded with two outs, but didn't score again.

The home team finished with 11 hits, led by St. John with three, Hamilton with two and Malkoun with two. Senior Emily Miserendino had her first career home run, while freshman Evie Bournias and Hummel each had one hit, a triple. Sophomore Emily Switchulis also had a hit.

On Monday afternoon,



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Liggett freshman Jenna Hummel drives the ball in an early at-bat in the Knights' game against Strong Tower.

Liggett beat Madison Heights Bishop Foley 12-2 in five innings.

St. John earned the win, striking out 13 while giving up four hits and one earned run.

At the dish, St. John and Hamilton were each 3-for-3. St. John had a home run and two doubles, while Hamilton had

two doubles and a single. Miserendino had three hits with an inside-the-park homer and Hummel had two hits with a double.

Those three players combined to score nine runs.

Bournias also had an inside-the-park homer as Liggett improved to 2-0.

Baseball

GPN vs. GPS

Comerica Park plays host to North vs. South

By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South battle at 7 p.m. Friday, April 14, at Comerica Park.

It's the second time these rivals played at the home of the Detroit Tigers and it was the second largest audience to see an amateur game at the stadium. It's also the first meeting of the season between the Norsemen and Blue Devils.

Only Michigan against Michigan State drew a larger crowd than North vs. South.

"We're looking forward to the game and hopefully the entire Grosse Pointe community will come down to watch the game," South head coach Dan Griesbaum said.

"This is a great game for all of us," North head coach Frank Sumner said. "We hope a lot of fans show up and we know it will be a close game. Most of our games with South are tight."

Tickets are \$10 apiece and can be purchased at North or South athletic departments, through players of each team or at the Comerica Park gate.

Baseball

GPS Blue Devils

Guys rebound to split six

By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

Head coach Dan Griesbaum and his Grosse Pointe South baseball team headed to Cincinnati for six games during spring break.

They played four games as rain washed out the final doubleheader. In those games, the Blue Devils lost 13-6 to Cincinnati Oak Hills, 9-2 to Cincinnati Lebanon and 6-0 to Cincinnati Springboro, plus beat Gibraltar Carlson 10-2 to finish 1-3 on the trip.

"It was a good week for us to open with some very good competition in Ohio," Griesbaum said. "We gave up way too many unearned runs and it wasn't because we made a lot of errors, but the errors we made were

followed by hits and walks."

Against Oak Hills, Davis Graham had two hits, a triple and an RBI, while Brad Thompson hit a triple and drove in a run. Alex Martinez drove in two runs, while Giovanni Lutfy and Jacob Hinkle also drove in runs.

Against Lebanon, Graham had two more hits, including a homer and against Springboro he had two hits, including a double. Hinkle had two hits against Springboro.

Unearned runs were critical in the three losses.

The Blue Devils beat Carlson behind a solid outing from David Toth, who struck out nine and scattered three hits in his six innings on the

'It was a good week for us to open with some very good competition in Ohio.'

DAN GRIESBAUM,
 GPS baseball head coach

ground.

Offensively, Thompson had two hits, a double and two RBIs, and Hinkle drove in two runs with two hits. Rob Martinez and Logan Mico also drove in a run.

Last weekend, South swept a doubleheader from Warren Mott, winning 8-1 and 13-3 in five innings.

In game one, Rob Martinez was the winning pitcher, striking out six and giving up only two hits in five innings. He also drove in four runs, while Lutfy had

two hits and one RBI.

In game two, Graham continued his hot hitting, driving in five runs with two hits, including a bases clearing double. Hinkle, Alex Martinez, Joe Naporano, Jacob Brauer and Lutfy also drove in runs.

Nate Budziak earned the win, striking out five in three innings.

Grosse Pointe South is 3-3 overall and has one more week of non-league competition before beginning Macomb Area Conference Red Division play.

Baseball

GPN Norsemen

Thrice the excitement

By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's baseball team put three wins on the board last week, beating Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 6-3 and sweeping a doubleheader from Detroit Martin Luther King, 15-0 and 7-0.

"We had a few more games scheduled, but the weather didn't cooperate," head coach Frank Sumner said. "Still, it was nice to get some wins under our belt."

Against Prep, Steve Levick earned the win in relief, pitching the final two innings, and helped himself at the plate, driving in a run with a double.

Ryan Mazzola was 2-for-2 with a run scored and two RBIs.

In the first game against King, Tyler Hill was the winning pitcher, striking out seven and

giving up one hit in three innings. He also had two doubles and four RBIs on offense.

Pete Ciaravino had three hits, four runs scored, one double and a stolen base, while Sam Cross (three RBIs) and Chad Lorkowski (two RBIs) had two hits apiece.

In the second game, Nik David and Antonio Mocerri combined to no-hit MLK.

David struck out four in three innings and Mocerri had five in his four innings.

Ciaravino led the way with two more hits, including a double and RBI, and Cross drove in three runs with his two hits.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 4-1 overall with an 8-6 home victory over Lake Orion Monday afternoon.

They were able to get the game in between thunderstorms.

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LIGGETT Knights
Baseball

Double-header sweep

By Darren Donaldson
Special Writer

The University Liggett baseball team opened its 2017 season hosting a double-header against Detroit Western International last Saturday.

The match-up looked good on paper, but the result was a dominating performance by the Knights.

Anthony George started game one and went six shut-out innings in the 6-1 win and drove in a run.

Will Morrison drove in

a pair of runs to help the Knights jump out to an early 4-0 lead. They added two more runs in the fourth inning when Morrison and Logan King hits were followed by a hit batsman and two walks.

Western got on the board with a wind-aided fly ball single, a walk and a double in the seventh. The comfortable lead was momentarily in jeopardy with runners on second and third and two outs.

It was the biggest threat put forth by the Cowboys all day.

Noah Miller ended the rally by inducing a fly ball to right for the final out.

The second game was all Knights.

Starting pitcher, Alec Azar, used a strikeout and two ground balls to set the Cowboys down in order to begin the game. The Knights sent 10 batters to the plate in the bottom of the first.

Three hits and three walks resulted in five runs. Azar helped himself out with a two-run single. Connor McCarron and Tyler Daar each added an RBI.

Azar cruised through the second and third innings, striking out five in the two innings.

The bottom of the third brought another barrage from Liggett. A triple by George and doubles by Teddy Wujek and Billy Kopicki mixed with two Cowboy errors put another five-run inning on the scoreboard.

In the bottom of the fourth the Knights added four more runs. A two-run single by McCarron was followed by a towering two-run homer to right-center by Jackson Walkowiak.

LIGGETT Knights
UPCOMING SCHEDULES*

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/15/17	Mt. Pleasant (DH)	H	11 & 1
04/18/17	Parkway Christian	A	4:30PM

BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/18/17	Romeo HS	A	5:00PM

BOYS VARSITY GOLF

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/18/17	Roeper/Lutheran NW	H	3:30PM

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/15/17	DCDS (DH)	H	11&12:45

GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/18/17	DCDS	A	6:00PM

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/18/17	Summit Sports Academy	H	5:00PM

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/18/17	Greenhills	H	4:30PM

BOYS/GIRLS VARSITY TRACK

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/13/17	South Lake	A	TBA

*Schedules subject to change

LIGGETT Knights

Buhler gets hole in one

Craig Buhler, a junior at Liggett, decided to switch after playing two years of high school baseball and try his hand at golf.

On the first day of tryouts, Buhler accomplished what most golfers only dream about, shooting a hole in one.

It was on the 8th hole at Sycamore Hills' North course. He used a 50 degree wedge on the 123-yard hole.

"When he hit the shot and it was still in mid air, teammate Mason Campau announced out loud that he thought it was going in," head coach Dan Sullivan said. "Mason was correct as the ball flew close to the pin, bounced twice and rolled directly in for an ace."

Buhler carded a 44 for the nine hole round and Craig shot 37 on the last

day of tryouts. He indicated he hoped it was a sign of great things to come for the golf season at Liggett.

Girls lacrosse

The University Liggett girls' lacrosse team finally played its season opener last weekend, hosting Warren Regina and lost 15-8.

For head coach Jennifer Larson, it was her first game at the helm and she had positives to build on.

Leading the way for the Knights was Katie Fruehauf, who scored six goals, and Emma Wujek, who had two goals.

Ava Cipriano and Mimi Wujek had assists, while Allie Quint made 12 saves in net as the Knights dropped to 0-1.

Tennis

The University Liggett girls' tennis team started



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Liggett sophomore Eva Papista, left, scored a goal in the Knights' opener against Notre Dame Prep.

its season last weekend, hosting a quad match.

Unfortunately, Davison did not show up, so the three teams which competed were Royal Oak Shrine, Dearborn Divine Child and Liggett.

Shrine won with 12 points, followed by Divine Child with eight and Liggett with 4.

"We finished third, but the girls played tough," first-year head coach Chris Smith said.

Against Divine Child, Tamara Ajjour won at No. 3 singles, 6-2, 6-3, and Angelina Polizzi won 6-2, 6-4 at No. 4 singles.

Against Shrine, Melanie Zampardo won 6-3, 6-1 at No. 1 singles and the team of Kaitlin Fox and Izzy Tomlinson won 6-7, 6-3, 10-1 at No. 2 doubles.

They battled back after

losing the first set and forced a third set tie-breaker, which they dominated to take the match.

Soccer

University Liggett girls' soccer team opened its 2017 season with a home game last weekend against defending Division 2 state champ Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

It wasn't pretty as the Knights lost 9-2.

Sophomore Eva Papista and junior Olivia Yates scored goals.

Head coach David Dwaihy said Prep was, by far, the best team Liggett has faced in his tenure.

Liggett is 0-1 and gets into league play this week.

— Bob St. John
Sports Editor



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Liggett senior Katie Fruehauf, left, scored six goals in the Knights' opener against Regina.

GPN Norsemen
UPCOMING SCHEDULES*

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/14/17	GPS@Comerica Park	A	7:00PM
04/17/17	Cousino	A	4:00PM

BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/17/17	L'Anse Creuse North	H	7:00PM
04/18/17	Eisenhower	H	6:30PM

BOYS VARSITY GOLF

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/13/17	Grosse Pointe South	H	2:30PM
04/17/17	Brother Rice	A	12:00PM

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/18/17	Lakeview	A	4:30PM

GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/19/17	Grosse Pointe South	H	7:00PM

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/19/17	Eisenhower	A	7:00PM

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/15/17	Quad Meet	H	8:00AM
04/17/17	Allen Park	A	4:00PM

BOYS/GIRLS VARSITY TRACK

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/18/17	Eisenhower	A	4:00PM

*Schedules subject to change

GPS Blue Devils
UPCOMING SCHEDULES*

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/14/17	GPN @Comerica Park	H	7:00PM
04/17/17	Dakota	A	4:30PM

BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/13/17	Eisenhower	A	7:30PM

BOYS VARSITY GOLF

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/13/17	Grosse Pointe North	A	3:00PM

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/18/17	Detroit Country Day	A	4:30PM
04/19/17	Warren Woods Tower	A	4:30PM

GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/15/17	East Grand Rapids Play Day A	TBA	
04/17/17	Bloomfield Hills	A	7:00PM

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/17/17	Fraser	A	7:00PM
04/19/17	L'Anse Creuse North	A	6:00PM

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/15/17	Hudsonville Quad Meet	A	9:00AM
04/19/17	St. Clair	A	4:00PM

BOYS/GIRLS VARSITY TRACK

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/18/17	Romeo	H	4:00PM

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Liggett junior takes main stage at international thespian festival

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Antonio Cipriano, a junior at University Liggett School, was one of 12 students chosen nationwide and from Canada as a cast member for the opening performance of the 2017 International Thespian Festival. Students are selected by audition from among thousands of current members of the International Thespian Society, an honor society for drama students. Sixteen students also were selected to serve as crew members.

Held June 19 to 24 in Lincoln, Neb., the festival is a celebration of student achievement in the performing arts produced by the Educational Theatre Association and attended by more than 4,000 students and teachers.

Cipriano said he and the other cast members selected will have the opportunity to “work with some of the best in the business for a weekend.” Participating this year are Eric Cornell, producer of “Anastasia,” J. Jason Daunter, artistic director of “Wicked” and Jason Yarcho, musical arranger/supervisor of “Wicked,” among others. Students and artists rehearse and produce the show — a celebration of the works of lyricist Lynn Ahrens and composer Stephen Flaherty — in only 48 hours, according to a release.



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Catey Elliott and Antonio Cipriano in Liggett's production of “Hello My Baby.” Cipriano played the lead, Mickey McKee, who dreams of writing a million-seller hit tune to become the next Irving Berlin.

Cipriano, who hopes to pursue musical theater in college, said, while not a triple threat, he can “sing, act and take direction very well when it comes to dancing.”

“Tony came to us as a freshman and has consistently worked on our stage ever since,” said Phillip Moss, director of Liggett's student-run theater group, Liggett Players. This year he was the lead in the fall drama “Orphan Train” and the March musical “Hello My Baby.”

“I love Dr. Moss,” said Cipriano. “He's the best director I have ever had. We have a really good relationship. He was very

welcoming when I came to Liggett and I got right in the program. He made me feel so comfortable in the program.”

Cipriano has competed at the state and national level, receiving the highest rating of superior for his performances, and has been selected each year by the Michigan Education Theater Association to participate in the Michigan Youth Arts festival, a unique opportunity bringing students together from around the state to compete in a weekend-long festival and perform publicly at Western Michigan University each May,

according to Moss.

While Moss said Cipriano would have qualified for the state festival again this year, Moss expects he will participate instead in the Sutton Foster Ovation Awards at the Wharton Center for Performing Arts in Lansing, a two-day competition bringing high

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Music to their ears

District recognized for music education

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe is among 14 school districts in Michigan recognized for its music education program.

The National Association of Music Merchants compiled a list of 527 school districts nationwide deemed the best communities for music education. The award program recognizes outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students and community leaders who have made music education part of the curriculum. Designations are made to districts and schools that demonstrate an exceptionally high commitment and access to music education.

According to a release, the designation takes on added significance this year with new research showing strong ties between K-12 schools who actively participate in school music education programs and overall student success. A recent study of students in the Chicago Public Schools by brain researchers at Northwestern University, detailed in Neuroscientist and Education Week, builds on previous find-

ings that participation in music education programs helps improve brain function, discipline and language development.

“The links between student success and music education have now been demonstrated by brain researchers in multiple studies,” said Mary Luehrsen of The NAMM Foundation. “The schools and districts our foundation recognizes are building on that connection between music and academics. These schools and districts are models for other educators who see music as a key ingredient in a well-rounded curriculum that makes music available to all children, regardless of ZIP code.”

Other districts in Michigan were Ann Arbor Public Schools, Berkley School District, Bloomfield Hills Schools, Fraser Public Schools, Grand Rapids Public Schools, Jenison Public Schools, Les Cheneaux Community Schools, Livonia Public Schools, Meridian Public Schools, Mona Shores Public Schools, Rochester Community Schools, Spring Lake Public

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Ryan Wheaton

School: Grosse Pointe South High School
Years at South: 9
Grade/Subject: 11th- and 12th-grade Algebra 2, Statistics and Calculus
Nominated by: Moussa Hamka, principal
Principal's quote:

“Ryan is a dynamic teacher who serves a wide range of learners from classes such as Algebra to Introduction to Calculus. Of all the instructional skills that Ryan has developed, he is first recognized by both students and staff as someone who builds exceptionally strong relationships with his learners. Students and parents know he genuinely cares about his students' growth, development and personal well-being. Ryan makes a point to personally check in and assess the level of understanding with every student in each of his classes — every day. Outside of the classroom, Ryan has taken on the role of our Tier 2 interventions coordinator as part of our Positive Behavior Interventions and Support program. Ryan has helped South develop a systematic way to track

and monitor students who need additional academic and/or behavioral interventions. This frequent use of data has helped drive when, how and what interventions are provided to specific students. Ryan's efforts have made a lasting impact on his students, classroom and our school.”

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

The thing that I enjoy most about teaching is watching the growth of my students throughout the year and their time at South. Not only in their math skills, but I hope they leave my classroom with a better appreciation for learning and how to be successful in the future. I also enjoy the connections that I make with my students. It's always great to hear back from students to hear about their accomplishments and the things that they have achieved.

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

Quite often there are those students with



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whom you're pretty sure you've connected. However, on two separate occasions, I have received handwritten notes on lined paper from students thanking me for pushing them to be their best and taking a vested interest in their learning. Neither of which were expected, but those are the types of things that I appreciate and mean so much as a teacher.

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

My biggest inspirations in teaching are Cheryl Patterson (high school English teacher), Breana Sharum (high school math teacher), and my mother (retired elementary teacher).

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FIRST Robotics Update



The Gearheads earned the Chairman's Award at the FIRST robotics competition in Howell.

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Gearheads advance to states

The Gearheads, Grosse Pointe North and South high schools' unified robotics team, completed a successful season at the district level, competing in three FIRST — For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology — robotics events.

The first was a district event at Center Line High School March 9 to 11. Paired with Knight Vision from University Liggett School and the Pink Panthers of Detroit, the team made it to the quarterfinals and, for the second consecutive year, earned the Industrial Safety Award from Underwriters Laboratories. The award recognizes the team that progresses beyond safety fundamentals by using innovative ways to eliminate or protect against hazards.

Build captain and driver Josh Rigotti and safety and business cap-

tain Ponette Rubio were nominated for the Dean's list semi-finalist award by their mentors for their tireless contributions to the team, dedication to excellence and drive in upholding the core values of FIRST, according to team mentor Eileen Reichert.

Next up the team traveled to Howell High School for a competition March 31 to April 1, once again advancing to the elimination round. In spite of losing in the semi-finals, team members came home with the Chairman's award, honoring the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and best embodies the purpose and goals of FIRST, according to the FIRST website. The award — a first for the team — automatically qualified the Gearheads to compete in the state championship April 13 to 15 in Saginaw and the

opportunity to advance to the world competition April 26 to 29 in St. Louis, Mo.

The winning presentation was given by Ritika Pansare and Rubio and submitted by the Chairman's team headed by Hannah O'Grady and comprised of Rigotti, Claudia Dancy, Ben Sosnowski, D.J. Mattes, Grace Cupolo, Garrett Van Marter, Evan Reickert, Pansare and Ponette, with input from the team.

The Gearheads' third and final district event took place April 7 to 8 in Marysville. At the end of qualifications, the Gearheads were ranked sixth out of 40. The eight top-ranked teams selected two alliance partners to compete with them in the playoffs. The Gearheads selected the Vibots from Marysville and the Hybrid Hornets from Flint. The combined teams beat out a strong alliance in the quarterfinals, according to Reichert, and advanced to the semi-finals where they lost to the No. 1 alliance. They also were the runner-up for the UL safety award.

FIRST is dedicated to bringing engineering opportunities to students, elementary through high school, before they step into the college or trade of their choice. Competitions consist of qualification matches between pairs of randomly assigned three-team alliances, followed by elimination playoffs. Playoff alliances are determined through a "serpentine draft system" where the best eight teams invite others to join their alliances and face-off in a single double elimination tournament.

— Mary Anne Brush



Knight Vision team, top row from left, Emma Streberger and Sam Brusilow; standing, Coach Kimberly Galea, Coach Scott Brunner, Nicky Maurer and parent volunteer/mentor James Pradko; kneeling, Tony Pan, Andrew Wu, Max Wiegel, Zahra Khan, Natalia AliAhmad, Jovana Djokovic, Blake Pradko, Rocco Tedesco, and E.J. Service; seated, team mascot Cooper Hodgson, Nate Hodgson and Ian Shogren.

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Liggett robotics team takes first

University Liggett School's robotics team Knight Vision put a come-from-behind win on the books at the Livonia district robotics competition last weekend.

The FIRST — For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology — robotics event was held April 7 to 8 at Livonia Churchill High School. According to competition rules, after qualification rounds, the eight top-ranked teams select two teams to compete with them in the playoffs as part of an alliance. Ranked 37th out of 41 schools competing, Liggett's prospects of being selected were bleak.

"We were actually playing pretty well, much better than our ranking," said senior Nicky Maurer. "We had a few bad breaks that led to close losses and we had some pretty bad draws in forming the random three-team alliances that battle each other in the qualifying robotics matches."

The fourth-ranked Farmington Hills team skipped over higher ranked teams to select Liggett for its alliance along with Carmen-Ainsworth High School. Liggett rose to the challenge, with the alliance winning a 4 v. 5 matchup in the quarterfinals before facing the top-seed powerhouse alliance made up of Detroit Catholic Central, Northville High School and Harper Woods High School in the semifinals.

Close competition ensued, with Liggett's alliance winning a tie-breaker match to advance to the finals against the second-ranked team of Livonia, Novi and Laker high schools — an alli-

ance yet to lose a single playoff match. The two alliances split their first two matches, leading to a tiebreaker. One point made the difference and Liggett's alliance was declared the victor.

Liggett's team also was awarded the District Chairman's award honoring the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and best embodies the purpose and goals of FIRST, according to the FIRST website.

In addition to Maurer, seniors on the Liggett team included team captain and drive-team driver Sam Brusilow and drive-team members Jovana Djokovic, Andrew Wu, Emma Streberger, Natalia AliAhmad and Zahra Khan.

Faculty advisors Kimberly Galea and Scott Brunner had nothing but praise for the team.

"The team really came together at the Livonia district, continuously improving the robot, while helping other teams at the event do the same," said Galea. "I am so proud of their never-say-die attitude as they battled through many difficult situations, including broken ropes which led to our robot being dropped from the pilot station during each of our first two matches. I think winning the event and the Chairman's award together was much sweeter after spending most of the weekend struggling and being uncertain that we would be able to advance to the Michigan State Championship."

The win qualifies Liggett for the FIRST State Championship at Saginaw Valley State University April 13 to 15.

— Mary Anne Brush

Week Ahead

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

◆ The Grosse Pointe South High School Choir Boosters host a night of ruckus, fun and intrigue for their spring fundraiser, "A Night on the Isle." The 1920s themed evening at the historic Detroit Yacht Club features a night of strolling appetizers, dancing and entertainment, silent and live auction, tarot card readings, afterglow, ghost tours and more. A cash bar will be available. Guests are encouraged to don their favorite 1920s costume or flapper dress, but cocktail/corporate casual attire is welcome. Jeans are not permitted per the club's dress code. Tickets, available at gpsouthchoir.org, are \$60 per person in advance through April 20 and \$65 per person at the door and day of the event. Proceeds from the event help support South's award-winning choir program.

THUR.-SUN., APR. 27-30

◆ Grosse Pointe South High School presents its spring musical, "Hairspray," at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets, available at gpsouthchoir.org and at Posterity Gallery in the Village, are \$15 for all lower level seats. Balcony seats are \$12, or \$9 for students or senior citizens. Gold Cards are accepted at Posterity Gallery and the door. Performance times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday to Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

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Schools and Troy School District.

The BCME program and the SupportMusic Merit Award evaluate schools and districts based on funding, staffing of highly qualified teachers, commitment to standards and access to music instruction. Researchers at The Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas led the selection.

The NAMM Foundation is a non-profit supported in part by the National Association of Music Merchants and its 10,300 members around the world. The NAMM Foundation works to advance active participation in music making across the lifespan by supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving and public service programs. For more information about The NAMM Foundation, visit nammfoundation.org.

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Students immerse themselves in marine biology

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Students from Grosse Pointe North and South high schools took advantage of their mid-winter break to immerse themselves in marine science — literally.

Thirteen advanced placement environmental and biology students attended SeaCamp and explored the Newfound Harbor Marine Institute on Big Pine Key, Fla. Accompanying them were North teacher Chris Skowronski and South teacher Shawn McNamara, who had worked for several years to put the trip together. While a former North teacher used to take students to SeaCamp years ago, it hadn't happened for several decades, according to McNamara.

The marine ecology/biology camp included opportunities to snorkel and study Looe Key, a coral reef about five miles offshore known for having bigger species like sharks, colossal grouper, tarpon and rays. Students studied species including sponges, jellyfish, sea-grass, mangrove forests



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Clockwise from top left, North and South students participated in SeaCamp during their February break; species students investigated included this brittle star, closely related to starfish, which crawls across the sea floor using flexible arms for locomotion; students got knee-deep into their studies at SeaCamp; students work together on a lab.

and algae communities and learned from experts in invertebrate marine studies.

Skowronski and McNamara and North stu-

dents Christian Flannery, Patrick McCowell and Owen Gallagan — all seniors — attended the

Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of

Education meeting Monday, March 27, to share their experiences.

"One of the things that amazed me as an educator was seeing our stu-

dents — North and South students — working on labs till 10 o'clock at night," said McNamara. "They would get up early, have breakfast, we would be in the field — and when I say 'in the field,' we'd be in the water, snorkeling, sampling different marine creatures. And in the afternoon another program and in the evening another program."

Skowronski said while looking at sample algae, students identified nine animal phyla.

"That represents 25 percent of all the animal phyla out there within one clump (of algae) the size of a beach ball. That literally blew my mind," he said, adding it was "such a great learning experience to see somewhere outside of Michigan. We are really blessed to have some great students."

"It was probably one of the best experiences of my life," said Flannery. "I'm a huge animal fan and I love the environment and everything that it offers to us and I try to give as much back as I can."

Flannery said "the hands-on experience of being able to go into the

animal's domain ... and being at the mercy of the ocean with the waves and the currents" gave him a "much deeper feeling about how the world works, our oceans and all of our marine biology."

"I don't feel like I would have this much of an experience from watching a video in a classroom or doing an online dissection thing," he continued. "Just the algae and being able to feel it and pulling it apart and seeing what lives inside of it and how many different animals can live in just one small piece of algae. It's incredible."

"Thank you for going outside the four walls of a classroom and doing experiential learning," said Board of Education Vice President Margaret Weertz. "I've always supported that and thank you for doing it this year."

"It's evident how fantastic the trip was and the fire it sparked in the kids," said Trustee Kathy Abke. "I hope to see it continue."

McNamara said they hope to open up the opportunity to more students from both high schools next year.

Academy students help with clean up during spring break

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Academy eighth-graders Lexie Belyue, Prosperity Dickerson and Julia Hartnett spent a day of their spring break cleaning up a section of the Clinton River Watershed.

"I didn't have anything planned, so I was like I might as well do something useful with my time and help people out," said Belyue.

The March 29 trip was organized by middle school math and science teacher Michelle Roberts as part of GPA's annual green school accreditation. In her research, Roberts discovered the Clinton River Watershed Council holds weekly clean-ups 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays and offered



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Academy students participated in a cleanup at the Clinton River Watershed. Pictured with other volunteers, third from left, are Julia Hartnett, Prosperity Dickerson, Lexie Belyue and teacher Michelle Roberts.

to transport interested students there for the morning. In return, students received community service hours to ful-

fill school requirements. National Junior Honor Society members, for example, must complete 30 community service

hours each school year.

While the watershed stretches across more than 700 miles in four counties and 72 communities in southeast Michigan, the GPA group focused their efforts at the mouth of Lake St. Clair on South River Road. That area — the Harley Ensign DNR Memorial Boat Launch in Harrison Township — empties into Lake St. Clair.

"I didn't even know this place existed. It was beautiful," Roberts said, adding the weather cooperated with a "beautiful blue day."

Hartnett too said she had nothing else going on during her spring break.

"I thought it would be a great experience to explore the river and help the cause."

Their exploration unearthed some unusual objects.

"It was interesting how many odd things we found lying around," Hartnett said. "I found a broken bucket and I

found a lot of dead fish. I used the bucket for the fish."

"I found a sock," said Belyue. "I found a lot of cans, a tennis shoe. We found a lot of articles of clothing. Basically it was just trash."

Roberts said she and the students speculated on the number of dead fish, theorizing it may have been due to the warm weather.

"They maybe came in shore, then it got cold again. Maybe their oxygen levels couldn't handle it," Roberts said.

She hopes to continue clean-up efforts with students in the future. While she said she didn't know what to expect, she deemed the first outing a success.

"It was not what you would expect at all," said Belyue. "You'd think picking up trash was gross and it was actually a lot of fun. It was very peaceful actually."

The Clinton River Watershed Council welcomes volunteers for its weekly cleanups and provides materials. Details are posted at crwc.org.

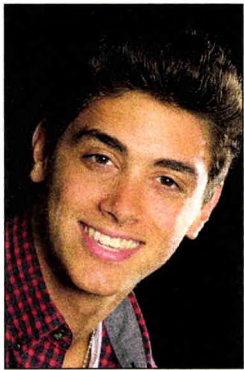
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school theater students to the Wharton Center stage in front of an audience and panel of Broadway judges to showcase their talents.

When Cipriano is not busy with theater at Liggett or competing statewide or nationally, he participates in other local theater, including Grosse Pointe Theatre. He has done shows at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Regina High School, De La Salle Collegiate High School, Michigan Opera Theatre and First English Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe.

This summer, Cipriano was admitted to the University of Michigan's MPulse Summer Performing Arts Institutes on the Ann Arbor campus. Sessions on music performance, music technology, musical theater, theater and dance during the three-week program are designed for students considering studying these areas in college. Participants work with U



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Antonio Cipriano

of M faculty and alumni while experiencing life on campus.

Next year, in addition to participating in Liggett's shows, Cipriano has been invited to open for Eva Evola at Andiamo Sept. 22. He also will begin the process of auditioning for college musical theater programs. He said U of M is his top choice.

Moss said participating in the International Thespian Festival gives Cipriano "a leg up because in addition to his prepared audition for these scholarship and college admissions, he's

going to be seen by colleges on the main stage in this select group." Moss compared the International Thespian Festival to a college showcase for student athletes and the opening show to the all-star game.


Admission to MPulse also provides an edge, according to Moss.

"Michigan's musical theater program is pretty intense," he said. "Getting into MPulse is a pretty good precursor of getting into programs."

Cipriano said theater is "what I want to do for the rest of my life." Moss believes he has a shot.

"Tony, in my experience, is one of our top theater kids," he said. "He's right up there with some of the kids who have gone on and done very well for themselves."

"Kids (in theater) have a long path," he continued. "This is not an easy path. You have to stay healthy and you have to stay happy and work hard every step of the way. Based on what he's been able to do with us, he has a lot of the raw material to go a long way."



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LIGGETT LIFERS

An academic journey

It's rare to go from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade with the same faces at the same school, but at Liggett, it's possible. These students, known affectionately as Liggett Lifers, have been on an academic journey together since they were 3 years old. In this issue of the Grosse Pointe News we profile several Liggett Lifers.

Nicholas Rivera
Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania



For 2017 Class President Nicholas Rivera, being a Liggett Lifer helped him in many aspects of life, from social growth to preparation for

the future.

During time at Liggett, Rivera built relationships and bonds with his peers that will last a lifetime. His favorite memory was his sixth-grade trip to Pleasant Lake, Mich. – the first time he'd been away from home for an extended period of time. He recalls the trip as a pivotal moment when he began to break out of his shell and lead activities instead of hiding in the background.

"Liggett has taught me the value of community – not only finding a community that is willing to help and support you – but also a community of people and causes you are willing to help and support. It's prepared me to find a community where I'll thrive," he says.

Besides social development, being a Liggett Lifer also helped Rivera academically. The school's progressive curriculum allows students to discover and follow their passions and truly engage in their learning.

For his Academic Research Project, Rivera is exploring his interests in business and studied the Guangdong Special Economic Zone in China, theorizing how it could be applied to third world countries to improve economies.

After graduation, Rivera plans to major in economics with a concentration in finance and business management at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

Maddie Wu
Princeton University



For Maddie Wu, the greatest advantage of being at Liggett for 15 years has been the small community and a curriculum that is tailored to

her individual needs.

"Being at one school has allowed me to become truly integrated into the community," Wu says. "Even



The Class of 2017 Liggett Lifers are honored at flagraising in September.

when I was in Lower School, I didn't feel disjointed from the Middle or Upper Schools. It's one close-knit community, rather than three separate ones."

At Liggett students are able to try a multitude of activities. Wu, who is a skilled pianist, says she would have never considered taking theater classes, but by her junior and senior years she loved it so much she became the theater troupe music director.

Wu was able to combine her musical talent and interests with academics through her Academic Research Project. Her project focuses on providing affordable music education to Detroit Public Schools through the use of a nonprofit.

In addition to playing in the musicals, Wu was on the state championship-winning soccer team, runs cross country, and is on the student commission.

"Even though I am busy, Liggett has really ingrained the student-first mentality in me that above all else, my studies come first," Wu says. "This mantra will definitely be important in college."

Wu will be attending Princeton University in the fall. She is currently undecided on a major.

George Thanasis
Kalamazoo College



George Thanasis feels well prepared to start Kalamazoo College this fall thanks to his experiences in Liggett's Lower, Middle and Upper Schools.

"Liggett made the transition from Lower to Middle to Upper School very easy," says Thanasis, who plans to major in microbiology with a minor in business. "The work ethic I developed at each level of my education prepared me well for each transition."

He also credits Liggett's progressive curriculum and the school's Academic Research Program. For his culminating project, the Academic

Research Project, he is looking at the ways that pollution in Lake St. Clair affects the lake's biodiversity and thereby the surrounding neighborhoods and businesses.

"The rigorous academic program, small class sizes and personal relationships with my teachers taught me discipline and hard work," he says.

In fact, strong, lasting relationships with classmates, teachers and administrators are among the benefits of attending the same school since prekindergarten, he says.

"I still go visit my Lower and Middle School teachers," he says.

When asked what he would tell people new to Liggett, he says, "I would tell them about all of the benefits that come with going to a school with small class sizes and how students are able to develop personal relationships with teachers and administrators."

Lucy Alpert
University of Oklahoma



For Lucy Alpert, her years at Liggett have created priceless bonds, memories and long-lasting friendships with other Liggett Lifers that continue to strengthen.

During her time at Liggett, Alpert experienced the elation of winning the state championship in soccer after an exciting penalty shoot-out and discovered her passion for dentistry and dream to become an orthodontist.

Liggett gave Alpert the tools for success, while keeping her challenged and engaged in her studies. She was able to pursue many academic endeavors, learning both Latin and Spanish, while participating in multiple extracurricular activities and as the captain of two varsity sports.

Through her years at Liggett, she formed close relationships with peers, faculty and staff.

"The relationships formed over

these years are definitely what bring value to the experience of attending one school since prekindergarten," she says. "I have known two of my best friends almost as long as I have known my younger sister."

The academic freedom taught to Liggett students allowed Alpert to combine her studies with future career interests.

After getting braces in the eighth grade, she knew she wanted to pursue a career in dentistry. When it came time to choose a topic for her Academic Research Project, the capstone project in Liggett's Upper School, she knew her topic would relate to dentistry. Following extensive research, her project topic revolves around the rich history of dentistry, further strengthening her passion for the field and inspiring her future college studies.

Alpert will attend the University of Oklahoma, where she plans to study orthodontia and Spanish.

Tamara Ajjour
University of Michigan



Tamara Ajjour has studied at Liggett since she was very young. During these influential years, Ajjour and the other Liggett Lifers were able to

grow up with friends and teachers they had known their entire lives.

Liggett Lifers are part of a supportive and welcoming community during their most transformative years. They build connections and relationships during their tenure that are deeper and more longstanding than if they had changed schools.

"During these 12 years, I can't pick just one experience that stands out because it's the many small moments that I'll remember," Ajjour says.

"From eating lunch with friends I've known since I was four years old to catching up with Lower and Middle School teachers in the hallways – those are the memories that made my time here so enjoyable."

Ajjour's Academic Research Project – the cornerstone of Liggett's Curriculum for Understanding – is based on media coverage of the Syrian Civil War.

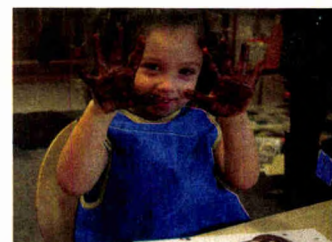
This large-scale project teaches students in the Upper School patience and perseverance to reach their goals. It also allows them the academic freedom to choose a diverse array of topics, as they'll soon do in their collegiate years.

"Liggett prepared me for college by teaching me to think deeply and thoroughly – not to just accept things as they are, but to be curious and try to find answers."

Ajjour plans to attend the University of Michigan in the fall and will study French.

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