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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

If it's summer, it's construction season

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Several road construction projects were scheduled to begin this week. Residents should be aware of the resultant upheaval and plan accordingly.

The road construction work involves either con-

crete pavement reconstruction or asphalt pavement resurfacing on eight streets. Concrete reconstruction includes the replacement of street, curbs and driveway approaches.

One project starting this week on Anita, from Mack to Charlevoix, also involves water main replacement. That proj-

ect is expected to run until Aug. 1.

The other streets scheduled for construction this summer are:

Oxford — Jackson to Mack, April 17 to July 14;
Stanhope — Chester to Mack, April 17 to July 14;
Maple Lane, July 26 to Sept. 19;
Wedgewood — Vernier to deadend, July 26 to

Sept. 19;

North Oxford — Fairway to Morningside, July 26 to Sept. 19;

Huntington — Mack to Holiday, Sept. 18 to Oct. 26;

S. Renaud — 1251 S. Renaud to 901 S. Renaud, Sept. 18 to Oct. 26.

The city awarded the construction contract to DiLisio Contracting and

the project will be monitored by the city's engineering firm, Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick. Questions regarding construction operations should be directed to AEW at (586) 726-1234. Any other questions can be directed to the Department of Public Works at (313) 343-2460. Residents should be

aware actual start and completion dates may vary, depending on weather and other factors that may affect the contractor's schedule. A notice is provided to residents several days before the contractor actually starts removing pavement on each street.

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Above, 2-year-old Jack Stackpoole visits with the Easter Bunny during the visit to the Grosse Pointe Park egg scramble. Right, Renee and Grace Logan had bunny faces painted during the Grosse Pointe Woods egg hunt.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Easter joy

Grosse Pointe Park and Woods hosted their respective Easter events last week, inviting children in the community to egg scrambles, visits with the Easter Bunny, crafts and other activities in preparation for the holiday. For more photos from these events, see page 3A.



Michael Zarzycki found a golden egg at his first egg scramble in Grosse Pointe Park. The golden egg earned him a gift in addition to a bag of candy.

Waste drop-off April 20

THE GROSSE POINTES — Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29.

This year's drop-off is hosted by Grosse Pointe Park in the parking lot of Windmill Pointe Park, at the foot of Windmill Pointe Drive.

Participation is open to residents of Grosse Pointe City, Farms, Park, Shores and Harper Woods, but not Grosse Pointe Woods.

Be ready to validate residency by showing a valid driver's license.

The free, annual drop-off day is an opportunity

for residents to safely discard problematic household wastes.

Acceptable for drop-off are:

- ◆ automotive fluids,
- ◆ oil-based paint,
- ◆ latex paint,
- ◆ pesticides,
- ◆ corrosives,
- ◆ mercury (elemental),
- ◆ biomedical sharps,
- ◆ smoke detectors,
- ◆ non-DEA pharmaceuticals and over-the-counter medications,
- ◆ propane cylinders up to 30 pounds each,
- ◆ fluorescent lamps and PCB light ballasts,
- ◆ fire extinguishers,

◆ non-regulated waste, ◆ reactives and oxidizers,

◆ batteries and ◆ tires.

Unacceptable materials are:

- ◆ electronics of all kinds,
- ◆ explosives,
- ◆ flares,
- ◆ fireworks,
- ◆ industrial waste,
- ◆ ammunition,
- ◆ compressed gas cylinders except Propane, acceptable up to 30 pounds,
- ◆ radioactive waste,
- ◆ microwaves,

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37 and out

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Gary Huvaere isn't an employee whose recognition is denied until his retirement leaves a void.

Nearly a month before Huvaere finishes his career Friday, May 5, as City of Grosse Pointe public services director, he received a mayoral resolution and reams of praise for accomplishments dating to his first day on the job in



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

"The resolution's paper, but in our hearts we think the world of you," City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scraze told retiring Director of Public Services Gary Huvaere.

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Johnson indicted in federal court

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

DETROIT — State Sen. Bert Johnson, who represents the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods in Lansing, has been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges he placed a "ghost employee" on his state payroll resulting in a cost to taxpayers of \$23,134.

The indictment, filed

April 11 in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan Southern Division, charges Johnson with accepting loans from an unnamed individual and placing that individual on his office payroll as a way to repay the loans. The individual, identified only as Cooperative Witness One, or CW-1, was on Johnson's payroll March

through December 2014. The loans to Johnson, totaling \$14,000, were made in cash. According to the indictment, CW-1 was hired as a community liaison, but never actually performed any work for the senator, even though time sheets were submitted for approximately 30 hours of work per week.

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Restaurant Week is April 30 to May 6

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Grosse Pointe's restaurants are serving their best during a week that's not quite "business as usual."

Sunday, April 30, to Saturday, May 6, several Grosse Pointe establishments are putting their best dishes forward at unbeatable prices as part of Restaurant Week, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

Twenty-two eateries participate in this sixth annual event.

"The purpose of the Restaurant Week is to drive business to our local restaurants and to also use it as a platform to showcase Grosse

Pointe, to increase business for all of our local businesses, services and organizations," said Jennifer Boettcher, chamber executive director. "There is a lot of arts and culture to experience in Grosse Pointe. Visit the Ford House, enjoy GP Theatre's production, 'Beauty and the Beast,' attend a special event at the GP War Memorial and more."

Patrons of Restaurant Week will be able to select from \$15 and \$30 tasting menus from Blufin Sushi that include three and four courses, respectively. The Cotswold Cafe offers soup, rolls, choice of entree and dessert, as well as beverages for \$18. The Whiskey Six

serves up sandwiches and entrees at special prices, including a personal salad and W6 fried dough.

"No tickets are necessary," Boettcher said. "(It's) pay as you go."

Costs are exclusive of tax and tips.

Restaurants participating in this year's event include:

- ◆ Subway, 341 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe
- ◆ Giuseppe's International Oils & Vinegars, 16841 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe
- ◆ Irish Coffee Bar & Grill, 18666 Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms
- ◆ Champ's Rotisserie & Seafood, 20515 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods
- ◆ Big Boy Restaurant,

20710 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods

◆ City Kitchen, 16844 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe

◆ Red Crown, 15301 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park

◆ Atwater in the Park, 1175 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park

◆ Garrido's Bistro & Pastry, 19605 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods

◆ The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms

◆ Jumps American Cuisine, 63 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms

◆ The Whiskey Six, 646 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe

◆ Blufin Sushi, 18584 Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms

◆ Luxe Bar & Grill, 115 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms

◆ Cabbage Patch Saloon, 15130 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park

◆ Little Tony's, 20513 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods

◆ Alger Deli & Liquor, 17320 Mack, City of Grosse Pointe

◆ SideStreet Diner, 630 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe

◆ Chocolate Bar Cafe, 20737 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods

◆ Menchie's Frozen Yogurt, 341 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe

◆ Mama Deluca's, 341 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe

◆ Cotswold Cafe, Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse

Pointe Shores

"Grosse Pointe's dining scene has really gained momentum over the last few years and GP Restaurant Week is the perfect time to celebrate the different foods and experiences Grosse Pointe has to offer," said Linda Reid, the chamber's director of membership. "The dining scene in Grosse Pointe is eclectic and expansive and we are thrilled to showcase the best of what each participating restaurant has to offer and to attract diners from surrounding communities."

The K-line trolley starts running Friday, May 5.

For more information, visit grossepointechamber.com.

New pub gets sidewalk seating Mayors' Prayer Breakfast May 4

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Patrons of Old Pony Martini Pub are offered sidewalk seating

when the business opens soon in the Village.

"We're hoping to open by the beginning of May," said Hisan Elawad, owner and operator of the pub in space formerly occupied

by Green Zone Pizza on the Notre Dame side of Kercheval Place.

Outdoor seating encompasses a 370-square-foot area extending from private property under Kercheval Place's covered walkway to the edge of the Notre Dame sidewalk.

"The area between the covered walkway and sidewalk is the public right-of-way, so they need to enter into an agreement with the city that allows them to use that space," said John Jackson, president of McKenna Associates, the city's planning consultants.

A united council endorsed Elawad's proposal Monday, April 10.

He intends to replace ground cover with a brick patio bordered by a removable, 3-foot-tall wrought-iron style fence.

"They're not encroaching into the 5-foot sidewalk," Jackson said. "There will continue to be pedestrian access when the fence is up. This would be a good addition to the Village."

Council members denied Elawad's request to install a permanent fence. They ruled it counter to a municipal ordinance.

"A permanent fence looks better," Elawad said.

"Other fences in the Village are removable," Jackson said. "They're all removable."

"The reason it's in the ordinance is it's being built on city property," said Peter Dame, city manager. "That's permanently ours. Maybe this business will be permanent, but more than likely we will outlast the business. We have never allowed permanent fences for outdoor seating."

The mayors of the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods have planned their 31st annual Mayors' Prayer Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, May 4, in the main ballroom of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

This year's speaker is Jack Krasula, WJR 760's talk show host of "Anything is Possible," which airs Sundays 9 to 10 p.m. Krasula also is president of Trustinus LLC and formerly the founder, CEO and president of Decision Consultants Inc., the largest privately held professional information technology services firm in America.

The 31st annual Mayors' Prayer Breakfast celebrates the National Day of Prayer. Signed into law in 1952 by President Harry S. Truman, the National

Day of Prayer is an annual observance held the first Thursday of May as an invitation to people of all faiths to pray for the good of the nation.

Support from Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe and proceeds from breakfast ticket sales provide scholarships for one student from each area high school — Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South, Chandler Park Academy, University Liggett and Harper Woods. This event also is supported by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, Edsel and Eleanor Ford House and The War Memorial.

Tickets are \$25 and available at any Grosse Pointe or Harper Woods municipal office. For ticket information, contact Barbara Tate-Renaud at (313) 885-6750 or orsprayerbreakfast1@gmail.com.

Feds help sleuth art heist

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The black market teams with connoisseurs and police in damning art thieves, likely to reap only 10 percent of a stolen work's appraised value.

Police aren't ready to unveil details of what they hint is the theft of works by masters Wednesday afternoon, April 12, from a patron's house on Sycamore Place, a private, narrow road below Jefferson.

"We're consulting with other agencies, including the FBI and state police," said Stephen Poloni, City of Grosse Pointe public safety director. "We're very restricted on information we're giving out until we coordinate with the other agencies."

"We'll give the full story once we can release information to the public, but it's going to take a couple weeks," added Detective Lt. John Alcorn.

He worked nearly non-stop over the weekend gathering evidence and seeking search warrants.

Police won't specify the stolen works except for what is categorized in a patrolman's initial incident report as "nine paintings, two African sculptures (and) two glass-style candle holders."

"What was stolen is part of the investigation," Alcorn said. "Part of the collection that was rare and high value were taken from the home."

The 10 percent payoff is compiled by Havoscope, gatherers of global black market information.

"It's not easy to get rid of expensive paintings," Poloni said.

Other tidbits: Picasso's are the "most stolen work," inside jobs account for 90 percent of museum thefts and 52 percent of stolen art is from private homes.

The female victim, 86, is a supporter and emeritus official of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Her caretaker, a 38-year-old Clinton Township woman, reported the theft to

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Burglary suspects out of their league

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Police didn't buy a teenage probationer's claim he and his younger brother confused their residence in Detroit with one they're accused of trying to burgle on Preston Place at 12:30 a.m. Monday, April 10.

"That was something he recanted and told the truth," said Detective Lt. Richard Rosati.

Suspect Justin Joshua Godfrey-Brewton, 18, was arraigned in Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Court Tuesday, April 11, for attempted home invasion first degree, a 10-year felony.

A formal reading of the same charge against his brother, 17, was delayed for medical reasons, according to police.

"I got full confessions," Rosati said.

They're due in court Wednesday, April 19, after this week's Grosse Pointe News deadline.

"The Law Enforcement Information Network indicated they are on probation," reported Lt. George Bloomfield. "Both subjects' probation orders specifically indicated they are not to have contact with each other."

"There's an assault case between them," Rosati said.

During questioning, the

older brother did most of the talking.

"He said they came to Grosse Pointe because there are big houses and nice things," Rosati said. "He said, 'I had bad intentions, I was going to boot the door and take things.' He said it nonchalantly. He told me the only reason they didn't was the cops came too fast. The 17-year-old corroborated his brother's story."

The female homeowner, 47, reported prowlers at 12:41 a.m.

Four officers responded, including shift commander Bloomfield.

The resident indicated she had been sleeping when she heard her dog barking," he reported.

"She got up," added Officer Richard Rosati, the detective's son, "looked out the window and observed an unknown Dodge Charger in her driveway and two black male teenagers, one with a red hoodie on and the other in dark clothing, walk across her front yard going to the front of her house. (She) stated she heard them ring her doorbell and try to open her front door by rattling the handle."

"Originally, they put keys in the (side) door lock and tried to get in, but broke the keys," Lt. Rosati said.

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Assault investigation continues

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Police continue the investigation into a home invasion and sexual assault that took place 6:30 a.m. Saturday, April 15, in the 19000 block of Raymond.

According to police, the resident was awakened by an intruder brandishing a handgun and was assaulted. The intruder fled, but

no vehicle description could be provided.

Police describe the suspect as a white male, tall with a thin build. He was last seen wearing a black hoodie, dark colored jeans and a black mask.

Anyone with information is urged to call Woods police, (313) 343-2400.

"My investigators continue to follow any and all leads in this case," said Public Safety Director

John Kosanke. "We are working with evidence collected from the scene and I urge anyone with any information or who recalls seeing anything out of the ordinary on Saturday morning to call us immediately."

Kosanke declined to offer any additional information regarding the incident.

"This is an active investigation," he said. "I can't comment further at this time."



Above, children gathered eggs during the Grosse Pointe Park scramble. Right, Brian Skwiers sits with his son, Conor, who was skeptical of the Easter Bunny.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Ethan Posant was excited to meet and have his picture taken with Batman.



JoJo and Julius Guido were excited to show off their bags of candy, their reward for egg hunting in the Woods.

Bunny business



Above, 20-month-old Zoe Cecchini ran among the eggs in the Park. Left, Charlotte Martin holds up a bunny picture she made with stickers at the craft table during the Woods event.

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During construction, residents will have limited access to their street from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. After 7 p.m., residents on the unaffected side of the street can access their driveways. No parking is allowed on streets once work begins. Parking will be allowed overnight on nearby city streets except in posted fire route lanes. Parking permits will not be required.

During construction, the contractor will collect all rubbish and yard waste bags from the front of houses and take them to the nearest intersection for pickup. Trash bags should be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on regular collection days.

Residents are asked to hold recycling and brush for curbside pickup when the street is reopened. Please note recycling items only may be dropped at the DPW yard on Parkway between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Proof of residency will be required.

"We know this is a huge inconvenience for our residents, but once the work is done, the roads are good for the next 30 years," said Frank Schulte, Woods director of public works. He also acknowledged residents might be suffering 'construction fatigue' with both the road construction and the DTE gas line installation project running simultaneously. "We are working with

DTE to ensure that sidewalk reconstruction is completed on Anita, Stanhope and Oxford before road construction begins," Schulte said. "We have to make sure our residents have safe walkways during the construction."

Schulte praised residents for their patience during these projects.

"We've resembled a

war zone in some instances, but our residents have been very patient and cooperative," he said, noting he meets regularly with DTE officials to discuss resident complaints and plans on holding regular meetings with officials from DiLisio Contracting.

"We urge residents to call us with any concerns they have," Schulte said.

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Johnson is facing two felony counts: Conspiracy to Commit Theft from a Federally Funded Program and Theft from a Federally Funded Program.

In March, federal authorities conducted raids on Johnson's Highland Park home and his senate office in Lansing.

Johnson, 43, is serving his second term in the State Senate after serving two terms as a state representative. In addition to Harper Woods and the five Grosse Pointes, his district includes a section of southwest Detroit, Detroit's eastside, Hamtramck and Highland Park. If convicted, he could face 10 years in prison.

Johnson was expected to be arraigned in federal court Tuesday, April 18.

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◆ Grosse Pointe Park Public Service Commission, 5:30 p.m., council chambers, 15115 Jefferson.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the DPW yard, 1200 Parkway. Visit gpwmi.us/docs/departments/DPW/environmental/hazardouswastedropoff.pdf.

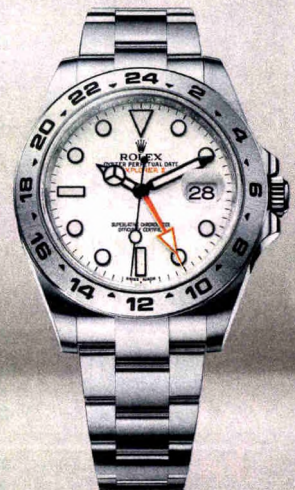
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Woods author releases thriller

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

J. Lee Burke had to set two alarms to make sure she kept a recent appointment. The Grosse Pointe Woods author was so swept up writing her new novel, she needed twice the reminder she had somewhere else to be.

"There's a murder going on right in front of my face. I can see it as clear as day," she said.

Burke sees her stories like movies in her mind. And she wants readers to see exactly what she imagines.

"The details of a scene have to be to the best of my ability," she said. "You have to love my characters or otherwise, who am I as a writer? I want you to love my operative. I want you to believe she's a real person and can do these things."

Burke's novel "Blackrock Island" was released April 14, and features undercover NOVAS operative Laine Sullivan. The story opens with a death on Lake St. Clair, then shifts to the Kentucky Derby,



J. Lee Burke

Ireland, France and Saudi Arabia. The plot delves into the thoroughbred racing industry and atrocities on the racetrack, Burke said. Her heroine is a strong woman, who is clever and cute.

"It's an international thriller, crime fiction," Burke said. "It's a psychological journey for the main character Her husband dies on Lake St. Clair. Her mission is to go to Ireland to find out what's going on with the racetrack industry — with a wealthy, handsome

racehorse owner. But it's not a romance."

The book is the first in a series. In her follow-up, currently in development, Burke takes Sullivan on a journey into the world of money laundering and drugs in the motion picture industry.

"I do a lot of research so it's authentic," Burke said. "I go to the places I write about. I spent a month in Ireland I like to know where I am — the feel of the people and the culture. If I can see it and feel it, then I can concentrate on my characters and what they're supposed to be doing."

Burke has been writing since childhood. A lifelong Grosse Pointer, she spent many summers in Port Sanilac with no television.

"So I would read," she said. "Agatha Christie. Ian Fleming. I was very impressed with them. Murder mystery surrounded my life."

"I knew I wanted to write in the third grade," she continued. "I would get in trouble in third grade for writing my sto-

ries in class."

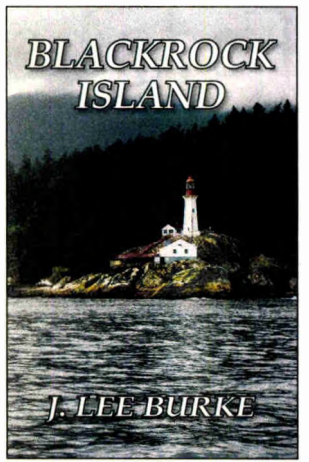
She looked to a family friend for writing advice. Author Elmore Leonard helped guide her for years.

"For over eight years I used to talk to him," she said. "It was wonderful. I would go to his house and discuss bad guys. I was struggling with my antagonist, my bad guy. He said, 'You have to give him a redeeming quality.' It brought humor into my work."

The Villanova University graduate takes her writing so seriously, she oil paints some of her scenes.

"I'm passionate about my work," she said. "I write in the morning before work and I write at night. Sometimes I have to set the timer on my stove. I know when I finish a chapter I have at least several lines so I can return the next day and know exactly where I'm going."

Burke, a member of Mystery Writers of America and Sisters in Crime, doesn't use an outline and knows her endings before she gets to them. She



said she likes adventure, so her characters have to like adventure, too.

"Blackrock Island" is for readers age 18 and older. It's violent, Burke said, but not graphic.

While she works on her follow-up, Burke also awaits word on a children's book being considered for publication. The mother of two and grandmother of three said she enlisted help from one of her granddaughters with the book.

"Blackrock Island" is available on amazon.com, eBooks.com and at Barnes & Noble.



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police at 4:15 p.m. Three patrolmen responded.

They learned the caretaker recently returned

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from a 30-minute errand to Fresh Farms Market on Fisher, having locked the house and closed the garage door before leaving.

"When (she) returned, she noticed a broken bottle of wine in the driveway," reported Officer Kenneth Ayres.

A door key was absent from its usual hiding spot, so the caregiver used her key to enter the house.

"(She) noticed several small sticks on the floor and several paintings missing from the walls," Ayres reported. "(She) went upstairs to check on (the homeowner), who

had been left alone while (the caregiver) went to the store."

The caregiver called her mother, 54, and boyfriend, 37, both of Clinton Township, before notifying authorities, according to police.

"(The) mother works at the victim's home from time to time," Ayres reported.

He added, "We did not notice any wine that had been spilled on the driveway. (The homeowner) stated she heard the doorbell ring several times, then heard someone downstairs but did not know who it was nor see anyone. (She) is elderly

and mainly confined to the upstairs of the home."

The boyfriend arrived during the investigation.

The caretaker's young daughter and a female maid, 53, of more than 20 years service from St. Clair Shores, also were present.

Former K-9 handler Sgt. Michael Almeranti questioned neighbors.

"They did not see anything nor do they have exterior cameras that would have caught anyone coming or going from the home," reported Ayres.

Officers searching the caretaker's vehicle found nothing suspicious.

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"(The homeowner) then observed the two subjects walk from her side door to her front door," Bloomfield said. "She heard her front door knob rattle loudly as if someone was trying to open it. The subjects

returned to the side door where (I) made contact with them."

The 18-year-old allegedly offered a series of explanations for being on the property, starting with looking for a friend. "Justin Godfrey-Brewton indicated it was his grandmother's house," Bloomfield reported. "(He) then indi-

cated he lived in the house. Justin Godfrey-Brewton continued to change his story, eventually deciding to indicate he believed he was at his home (in the 2600 block of) Hurlburt and must have been confused."

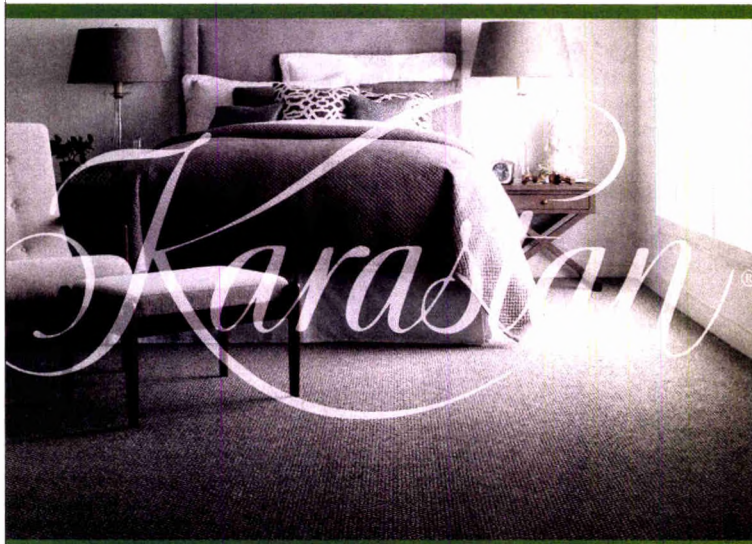
The addresses are 7.4 miles apart via East Jefferson, according to Google Maps.

"(I) placed the subjects under arrest for prowling and attempted home invasion," Bloomfield said.

"The younger brother had a psychotic episode in the jail cell," said Detective Tom Shimko. "We decided it would be best to release him to his mother's custody. The mother committed him. He's going to be charged."

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Moross clean up Saturday

DETROIT — The Moross Greenway Project hosts its fifth annual spring clean up beginning 9 a.m. Saturday, April 22, rain or shine. Volunteers are needed to help clean up the seven islands between St. John Hospital & Medical Center and I-94. Volunteers will gather at Grace Community

Church on Moross at the freeway service drive for instructions and supplies. Bring gloves and boots and dress for the weather. Vests, water and trash bags are provided. The Moross Greenway Project is a collaborative effort of volunteers committed to enhancing the landscape along Moross.

The project was launched June 2011. It is run under the direction of the Moross Greenway Charitable Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization. Volunteers are asked to RSVP for the April 22 cleanup to morossgreenwayproject@gmail.com. — Kathy Ryan

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1980. "Gary, the resolution's paper, but in our hearts we think the world of you," said Mayor Dale Scrace during a ceremony Monday, April 10. "I've really enjoyed my career here," Huvaere said. "It's been great working with residents, coworkers, administration, councils and mayors. I've had a wonderful 37 years. I can't ask for anything better."

He and his wife, Susan, also retired, plan to spend summers up north. "We're just going to enjoy life," Susan said. "We're going to travel during winter to warm places," Huvaere said. "Best of luck in new chapters of adventure ahead," Scrace said. Huvaere began working for the city as a laborer the year Ronald Reagan won the presidential nomination at the Republican National Convention in Detroit. Since then the City of Grosse Pointe has had three mayors, three managers, renovations of Neff Park and marina, new Village and Mack streetscapes, economic

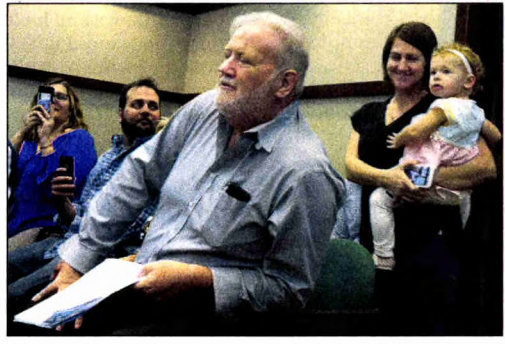


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Among Public Service Director Gary Huvaere's family members attending the reading of a City of Grosse Pointe resolution honoring his 37-year career are, from left, daughter Erica, son Tom, Huvaere and daughter-in-law Sara holding 22-month-old granddaughter Dylan.

ups and downs, bankruptcies of major Village merchants Jacobson's and Borders Books and recently, firm plans by a local developer to construct a hotel and condominiums in the Village. "There hasn't been anything that's gone on in this city that Gary hasn't been involved in," said Peter Dame, manager for the last 11 years. "It's pretty rare to see someone with the across-the-board knowledge you've been able to exhibit with the range of projects," Councilman Chris Walsh told Huvaere. "You've been wonder-

ful to work with through the years," added veteran Councilman John Stempfle. "He's one of the most honest, dedicated and hard working people," Dame said. "He's fiscally sound and has an amazing work ethic. I'm proud to say I was able to promote him to director of public services. He has done an amazing job." Huvaere's replacement hasn't been named. "I hope we can find someone who can wear multiple hats with the same ability," said Councilman Andrew Turnbull.

Public Safety Reports

City of Grosse Pointe Unsteady

A 5-foot-4, 250 pound woman had an excuse for failing the balance portion of curbside sobriety tests on westbound Jefferson at Notre Dame at about 4 a.m. Friday, April 14.

"(She) stated the test was too hard for a big girl," reported a patrolman. He arrested the woman, 32, of Sterling Heights, for having a .19 percent blood alcohol level while operating a 2016 Jeep Compass.

The officer pulled her over for speeding 64 mph, nearly twice the limit. "I asked (her) why she was driving so fast and she stated she 'lost track of it,'" See REPORTS, page 7A

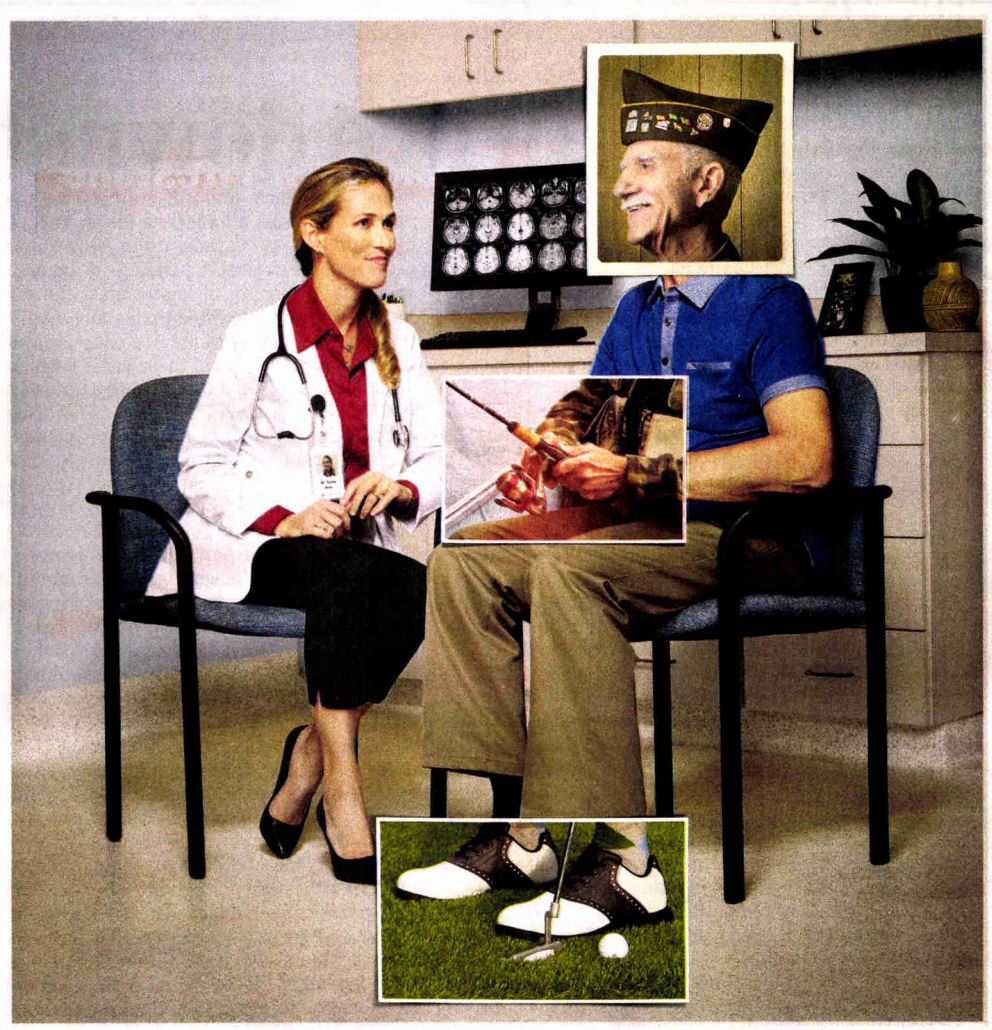
Assault case held over until May 4

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Municipal Court Judge Ted Metry will hear motions Thursday, May 4, in the case of a 17-year-old Harper Woods resident charged in an alleged rape said to have occurred Thursday, Jan. 31, at the Woods branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library. Metry adjourned the case to allow the defense attorney for Javeil White to review additional evidence. He also set May 4 for the preliminary examination and continued White's \$100,000 bond. The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office on Tuesday, Feb. 28, authorized charges to be brought against White and he turned himself in to Woods police Wednesday, March 1, at which

time he was arraigned. He is charged with one count of criminal sexual conduct — first degree, a felony punishable by up to life in prison; kidnapping, a felony punishable by up to life in prison; criminal sexual conduct — third degree (force or coercion), a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison; and interfering with a crime report — committing crime/threatening to kill or injure, a 10-year felony. According to police, the alleged assault occurred in the library's unisex bathroom. The victim told police White threatened her with violence if she were to tell anyone. When questioned by police, White said the sex act was consensual.

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OUR VIEW

Celebrating Earth

Since 1970, Earth Day has been celebrated to demonstrate support for environmental protection. More than 193 countries host events in honor of Earth Day, April 22.

Several local events occur in the Grosse Pointes and neighboring communities. While all of them are important, equally as important is caring for the environment every day of the year.

Our friends on Belle Isle are hosting events this Saturday, including the first Green Day celebration, which takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Belle Isle Nature Center. The free event features indoor and outdoor activities, crafts, games, story telling, hikes and zookeeper talks.

"To commemorate the global holiday celebrating life on our planet, we are offering visitors an opportunity to learn about various organizations dedicated to conserving the earth as well as the actions individuals can take to sustain a clean, green environment," said Amy Greene, curator of education for the Detroit Zoological Society.

The event also features local conservation specialists, custom-designed recycled art from Arts and Scraps of Detroit, the work of macro photographer Joseph Ferraro, a beekeeper from Harding Honey and a representative from the U.S. Forest Service, who will introduce its new charcoal disposal campaign.

There's a lot to learn about protecting and preserving our environment and the Belle Isle Nature Center is doing its part in educating our community.

For those looking for a more hands-on opportunity, Belle Isle Park's annual Earth Day cleanup takes place the same day 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., during which it rolls out its anti-littering campaign, "Keep Belle Isle Beautiful."

Volunteers should check in for site assignments at 8 a.m. at the Flynn Pavilion. Following cleanup, a community celebration with music and hot dogs takes place.

For more information, visit belleisleconservancy.org/belleislespringcleanup.

We applaud organizers and volunteers alike for their efforts to not only make our beloved Belle Isle a cleaner environment, but also for sharing their knowledge on making the earth a cleaner place as well.



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Pure Grosse Pointe

Two-year-old Grace Malefyt likes to visit the library with her mom and brother, where she can play with toys and look at picture books, but she really likes looking at the fish swim around a tank that is open on all four sides. The tank, at Central Branch, is a hit for kids and adults during stops at the library.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

LETTERS

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Making progress

Thanks to Dr. Gary Niehaus, the Grosse Pointe Public School System and the Grosse Pointe League of Women Voters for hosting the April 12 community forum, Raising Global Leaders. District presenters shared an update on the diversity efforts being worked on as a part of the district's strategic plan, a plan which was unanimously voted on by the school board Dec. 14, 2015.

While a board trustee at that time, I was proud to cast my "yea" vote for the strategic plan and happy to be a part of the

audience at the forum to hear of the progress in fulfilling this key tenet of the plan. The forum panel members were impressive and answered community questions in an honest and straightforward way.

I especially liked hearing how the voice of the student is playing an important role in the efforts and that teachers and staff will be afforded training as part of professional development. Even better still, funding for this important initiative is coming from Title II grants and is not impacting the schools' operating budget whatsoever.

Dr. Niehaus noted that a recording of the forum will be posted on the GPPSS website; I encourage all to view it when it becomes available.

DAN ROESKE
Grosse Pointe Farms

A thorough approach

The Raising Global Leaders forum was excellent. The forum provided a deeper picture of our district's commitment to its diversity plan and equity in our schools.

According to Dr. Agustin Arbulu, director of the Michigan Office of Civil Rights, 55 percent of hate/bias incidents reported this year were in K-12 schools. It is a pervasive problem and his office is encouraging schools to take a proactive approach. I am so thankful the Grosse Pointe Public School System is heeding this advice. Barry Checkoway, head of the U of M program working with our schools, explained that

Americans in general have not been trained in how to have intergroup dialog to respond to bias and bigotry. Equipping our students with the skills to have difficult conversations while learning how to respect others will prepare them to be successful adults in a diverse country — true global leaders.

There was a question about what the impact will be on straight, white males. The panel explained that cultural competency education is not a zero-sum game; we all win when we learn to respect and communicate with others across differences. Dr. Arbulu explained while there is a long and pervasive legacy of systemic racism, the GPPSS plan is an impressive move forward.

I am thankful for the thorough approach of the diversity plan and I am so proud of GPPSS for taking these vital steps to make our schools welcoming and equitable for all.

SHANNON BYRNE
Grosse Pointe Farms

I SAY By Renee Landuyt

We all live downstream

Up in the sky an eagle circles Lake St. Clair looking for lunch not far from his nest in a tree in Grosse Pointe Farms. Little does that eagle know because of recent raw sewage dumping into Lake St. Clair and the rate fish are dying, his lunch could be toxic. According to the grassroots environmental group Save Lake St. Clair, so far in 2017 more than 1 billion gallons of sewage overflow has been dumped into Lake St. Clair. The group has videos and photos on its website showing swampy material containing raw sewage along the shoreline in St. Clair Shores and the Grosse Pointes. Not surprising. On Dec. 26, 13 million gallons of raw sewage were dumped into the lake because of the Fraser sinkhole. All of that flows down Lake St. Clair to the Detroit River and Lake Erie, which supplies drinking water to Detroit and Toledo. So I am not only concerned about the eagle diving for his lunch, but what about his offspring and their offspring? And what about the drinking water? Still think you want to swim on the local beaches or jump off the side of your boat into Lake St. Clair? I know I won't be dipping my toes in the water anytime soon.

Speaking of pollution, can we please stop littering? I was driving down Lakeshore last Sunday and the lady driving a car in front of me flicked her cigarette butt out the window because, apparently, even though she is OK with polluting her body, she didn't want it dirtying up her car. Why not throw it in the

proper receptacle and not out the window? It takes a long time for a cigarette butt to degrade, up to 10 years or so at sea level, depending on weather, and longer at higher altitudes. Not to mention the toxins in the cigarette butt — think birds eating it or using it to build their nests — and if it is still lit, it could cause a fire. I've seen it happen.

I have stopped numerous times along Lakeshore to pick up plastic bags and those annoying balloons. You know the ones, the Mylar and latex balloons. By the way, don't be fooled by the 'green washing.' Balloons are not biodegradable. If I could have it my way, there would be no more balloons. Ever. We don't need them, they are not necessary to have a good time and as decorations go ... balloons? Really? Kids constantly let go of their balloons. I see it all the time at events. Not picking on them, just saying. One time after an event at a local park I spent a few minutes picking up balloon pieces and, halfway through, a girl about 8 years old came and began to help me. 'It's so the birds don't choke,' she said. Balloons eventually fall to earth and when they do, birds, marine life and wildlife mistake it for food and, after ingesting pieces of balloons, have died by strangulation, choking or intestinal blockage. A three-foot-long ribbon on a Mylar balloon once choked a whale. True story.

Grosse Pointe Woods recently installed a monofilament recycle bin along its boardwalk where many people fish. This bin is a place where

you discard your used fishing line to keep the waterways tangle free. Monofilament is a clear, strong substance that gets snagged on things in the environment including birds, wildlife, turtles, fish, frogs, small mammals and propellers. It can result in amputation of a foot or wrap around a bird's beak, entangle a bird in fishing lines and hooks and even cause death. If you don't see a monofilament recycling bin where you fish, please take it with you and dispose of it safely.

And please cut up plastic six-pack rings, I had to help save a duck once whose neck was stuck in a six-pack ring and couldn't drink or eat. Please dispose of your trash properly, especially around waterways, and secure items in your recycle bin on a windy day so they don't blow all over town. It is important to care for the earth. With a change of habit and consciousness, we can each do our part. If thinking globally is too overwhelming, then think locally. Help make where you live a better, cleaner and more earth-friendly area. Birds, wildlife, the lakes and oceans depend on you and so do your children and grandchildren. What kind of planet are you leaving them?

People sometimes tell me to take a break from my soapbox, but I tell them I wear soapboxes for shoes and will always stand up for those without a voice — like the animals and the earth — because everything is connected. We all live downstream.

Landuyt is the Grosse Pointe News staff photographer.

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reported the patrolman.

Another officer searching the Jeep found a nearly empty pint of vodka under the front passenger seat within reach of the driver.

Smelly

A woman smelling of marijuana admitted consuming alcohol prior to being pulled over for speeding on southbound Cadieux approaching Kercheval at 3:37 a.m. Sunday, April 9.

A patrolman said her 2017 Jeep Cherokee reached 12 mph over the 25 mph limit.

"I could smell the strong odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle," reported the officer. "When I requested documentation, (she) pulled perfume or body spray from her purse and sprayed it on her."

The woman, 27, of St. Clair Shores, was arrested for suspicion of drunken driving, speeding and refusing to take a Breathalyzer test to determine her blood alcohol level.

Officers released three passengers, two women ages 20 and 21 plus an 18-year-old man.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Pay up

A 19-year-old male taxi cab rider from Grosse Pointe Farms seemed to be skipping out on his \$35 fare shortly before 2:30 a.m. Saturday, April 15, until the cabbie tracked him to the BP station lobby on Mack at Moross.

"A confrontation occurred between the two," reported one of two public safety officers, monitoring the area and responding to what seemed like screams.

The teen's blood alcohol level allegedly measured .19 percent, according to a patrolman. Police arrested him for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

Officers said he possessed his older brother's identification card to buy alcohol at a bar in downtown Detroit.

The cab driver, a 58-year-old Detroit man, described letting the teen step out at an ATM next to the service station to withdraw money for the fare.

"(The teen) walked away from (the driver) in an apparent attempt to avoid paying," reported an officer.

Prior to officers taking the Farms resident into custody, he withdrew funds from an ATM and paid the driver \$60, according to police.

Four warrants

An afternoon traffic stop on westbound Mack near Anatole resulted in the arrest of a 65-year-old Hamtramck man on four outstanding warrants.

One warrant is for failing to appear in Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Court on an unspecified charge.

Others are from Hamtramck for simple assault and not attending a court hearing, plus Allen Park for a probation violation.

A patrolman pulled over the man at 4:34 p.m. Thursday, April 13, for driving a black 2007 Chevrolet Impala with an expired license plate.

Theft from car

Three items with combined value of at least \$500 were stolen overnight Wednesday, April 12, from a car parked in the 300 block of McMillan, according to the owner, an 18-year-old male resident of the block.

"(He) cannot recall if he locked (the) vehicle," reported a public safety officer.

Missing are a Texas Instrument scientific calculator worth \$200, black The North Face backpack and \$300 cash in \$100 bill denominations.

Downer

A woman, 27, of Detroit, drew an officer's attention at 8:51 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, by parking a silver 2012 Chrysler 200 with an expired license plate in a handicap spot in the 18800 block of eastbound Mack.

"As (she) opened her purse, (I) observed in plain view an unlabeled, orange-tinted pill container with a white cap containing (10) pills," reported the officer. "(She) stated they were 'uppers.'"

The car contained a two-thirds empty 6-ounce bottle of wine on the rear floorboards, according to the patrolman.

He arrested her for possession of narcotics without a prescription.

Tab missing

Late morning Tuesday, April 11, a woman living in the 200 block of Merriweather told police

the registration tab on her vehicle's license plate was missing.

"(It's) unknown where or when the tab was removed, if it was stolen or came off due to cold when (it) was put on the plate," said an officer.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

License violation

A traffic stop on Lakeshore near the intersection of Willow Tree Place shortly before 4 p.m. Friday, April 14, concerned a 25-year-old woman from Vassar.

She was illegally operating a 1993 Mazda, according to a public safety officer. The officer arrested her for violating a suspended driver's license.

She posted \$200 bond prior to release.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Games taken

Employees from a cable company are suspected in the theft of three Xbox games and two controllers from a house in the 1400 block of Lakepointe. The victim reported the men were in the house 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 2, installing cable services and the items were missing after they left.

Bike recovered

A bike taken sometime overnight Wednesday, April 12, from the 15000 block of Kercheval was recovered by city employees who, the next day at 5:30 p.m., saw an unknown suspect drop the bike and run. The bike was returned to the owner.

Attempted UDAA

An unknown suspect attempted to steal a 2003 Chrysler Voyager sometime between 9 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. Monday, April 10. The owner reported the van, parked in the 1100 block of Balfour, sustained damage to the door lock and ignition.

Not funny

A woman riding her bike in the area of Buckingham and Kercheval at 2:20 p.m. Monday, April 10, reported to police an unknown male passed her on a bike and slapped her buttocks. If found, he could be charged with fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct.

Heroin arrest

A 61-year-old Detroit resident was stopped on a traffic violation at 4:50 p.m. Monday, April 10, at Wayburn and St. Paul. He was found to be in possession of heroin and was arrested.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Larceny

A homeowner in the 1900 block of Prestwick reported several solar lights were taken from her yard some-

time overnight Saturday, April 15.

Bike theft

A homeowner in the 2100 block of Fleetwood reported his bike, a Minnesota 3.0 valued at \$1,000, was taken from his garage sometime between 4 and 7 a.m. Saturday, April 15.

Noise complaint

A resident in the 1100 block of Anita called police at 10:30 p.m. Saturday, April 15, to complain of noise from a neighbor's yard. When police arrived, they found a noise level "one would expect from five people having a conversation," coming from the neighbor's yard. However, the Anita resident said she has made multiple complaints about the noise affecting her "sleep and peace" and wished to file a complaint. A citation was issued.

—Kathy Ryan
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EXPANDED Grosse Pointe, Harper Woods included in Conner Creek offerings

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

For more than 125 years, the Salvation Army has served residents of Detroit, offering social services, emergency assistance, food distribution and more.

Two months ago, the Detroit Conner Creek Corps Community Center, 3000 Conner, Detroit, added Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods ZIP codes to its service area, providing services to areas closer to home.

"At Salvation Army, we pride ourselves in being adaptable to the community we're in," said Capt. Kelsie Moreno, corps officer at Conner Creek. "We offer lots of services, based on what the community needs at the time. A recent survey indicated the groups with the greatest needs are youth and seniors. So how do we serve them and how do we connect to whatever's out there? If we can be the hub in the community for everything else that goes on, that's a very valuable thing."

Conner Creek provides a great deal of services



for the community. A quick trip through the facility includes:

◆ A client-choice food pantry. "Clients are able to select food instead of having it pre-bagged," Moreno said. "We partner with Forgotten Harvest and Gleaners (Food Bank) to help clients from a nutrition standpoint."

Families are assessed and given points based on their need. They use the points to shop at the pantry, which is restocked monthly.

◆ A fellowship hall, used for weekly food distribution to the community. "Gleaners and Forgotten Harvest drop

off food every week," Moreno said. "Anyone in the community can stop in. The majority of it is perishable items not stocked in the pantry. We see 50 to 80 families a week for food distribution," which is partly run by volunteers from Quicken Loans.

◆ A chapel. "A lot of people don't know Salvation Army is a church," Moreno said. "Our administrators are ordained pastors."

Attendance on Sundays is up to 50 — more than twice the amount at its former location.

◆ A tutor room for the afterschool program. "After homework, they

do crafts and play games," Moreno said. A laptop computer lab is offered twice weekly and an instructor teaches computer and smart phone skills to seniors as well.

◆ A community center office, which also is used for tutoring and computer lab.

Conner Creek recently settled into its new home, formerly a union local, after serving the community for 80 years from a different location.

"The old facility was decaying," said Richard Strowger, a City of Grosse Pointe resident who sits on the Conner Creek board. "The oppor-

tunity to move to a new space was tremendous for the Salvation Army. Even though it was built for a union local, it could be retrofitted for what we're doing."

"It also radically changed how we're able to deliver services to the community," Moreno said. "Our senior services have increased dramatically since moving to this facility."

Moreno said all of its services transferred to the new location, except one — a gymnasium — which is a standard component at most Salvation Army facilities.

"At some point in the future, when the timing

is right and we have the resources to commit, we would love to have a gym here," Strowger said. "It would significantly expand the footprint of this building."

In the meantime, Conner Creek continues to provide opportunities for youth, with two camps coming up this summer.

An eight-week summer camp at a residential facility in Leonard, called Echo Grove, begins June 19. A summer day camp at Conner Creek also is offered, featuring outings to Belle Isle, swimming at Chandler Park Family

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Above, Capt. Javier Moreno, left, and board member Richard Strowger are proud of the new sign that graces the front of Conner Creek at 3000 Conner, Detroit. Left, Capt. Javier and Kelsie Moreno, corps officers at Detroit Conner Creek Corps Community Center, shared the news its Salvation Army facility now serves the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods ZIP codes.



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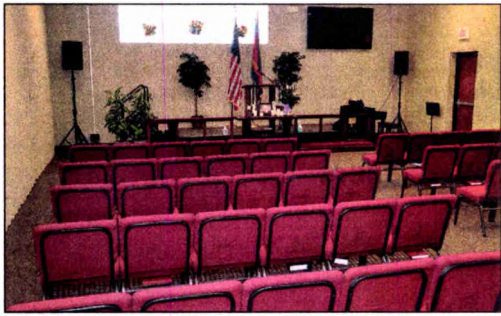
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From top, the new facility's chapel is seeing twice the attendance it did at its former location; it has room for tutoring sessions and after-school programs; a client-choice food pantry is restocked every month.

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Aquatic Center, field trips and outdoor activities.

Sponsorship opportunities are affordable, Strowger said. A week at Echo Grove costs \$20 per camper and the day camp costs \$100 for the entire summer.

"Kids don't spend a lot of time outside playing," Moreno said. "At Echo Grove, there are no phones, no TVs, no video games. They're active and outside. This is an opportunity to expose kids who've never had the chance to get out of the city or even out of their neighborhood.

"The only reason we're able to offer things at low cost or no cost is because of the generosity of the community — not just at Christmas with the kettles, but all year round," she continued, discussing her service as a bell ringer in the Pointes. "It's always amazed me the generosity that's in Grosse Pointe. Not only that, but they stop and say hello. They have a genuine interest in where their money's going. It's nice to get out there and stand in the middle of the community and answer questions and talk about what we do."

Last year, Conner Creek provided coats, toys and bicycles to nearly 2,000 children. It gave holiday food vouchers to 130 seniors and assisted 650 families with holiday meal boxes during Christmas.

"It's easy for Salvation Army to become a corps. It's another thing to become a community center," Strowger said. "To do that people need to understand what we

do, what's available, the cost if anything. We're growing into becoming a community center.

"A lot of people in Grosse Pointe have been very giving and supportive of Salvation Army in total," he continued. "We want Grosse Pointe to feel part of this corps. It isn't just a one-way street of funding. We're here for the people."

Added Mary Zaleski, director of communications for Salvation Army, "Eighty-seven cents of every dollar goes toward directly serving people. One of the reasons why Salvation Army is such a trusted charity is because we give so much back to the community."

There are more than a dozen Salvation Army facilities in the metro area, but only three in Detroit. Conner Creek is the only one on the east-side and is the closest location for most of the Pointes.

"Salvation Army delivers quite a bit of services according to ZIP code, primarily in a social service aspect," Moreno said. "We recently took over Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods ZIP codes. Anyone who finds themselves with an emergency need, they would now be referred to this office instead of Warren."

"For our other programs — computer labs, camps — we want to let Grosse Pointe know we're here," she continued. "In the two months we've had the ZIP codes, we've had requests from people who need help from those ZIP codes. We can't assume people in Grosse Pointe won't need us. That's not true. These are our neighbors we're talking about."

For more information, visit salmich.org.

AREA ACTIVITIES

BNI

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, April 21, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

Libraries

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

◆ 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 21, Amy Haimerl in the Stacks. The author discusses her book, "Detroit Hustle," during this library fundraiser, which includes wine, beer, soda and light food. Cost is \$30.

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

◆ 6 p.m. Monday, April 24, the family movie "The Wild Life" is shown.

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

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

◆ 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 21, "Attract Wildlife at Home," with Mr. Nick. Registration is required.

◆ Author Peter Ho Davies speaks 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, about his book, "The Fortunes." Afterward, he'll sign copies. Seating is limited and registration is required.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 7:45 a.m. Friday, April 21, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Fred DeHaven, music director emeritus for Christ Church Grosse Pointe,

speaks. Reservations are not required; all are welcome. Breakfast is \$7. Call (313) 882-5330.

Detroit Yacht Club

The Grosse Pointe South High School choir boosters present their spring fling, "A Night on the Isle," at 7 p.m. Friday, April 21, at the Detroit Yacht Club. The event includes strolling appetizers, a cash bar, entertainment, silent and live auctions, an afterglow, ghost tours and more. Cocktail or corporate casual attire is suggested; 1920s costumes are optional. Tickets are \$60 through April 20, \$65 at the door and day of. Donations are accepted anytime. Call Michelle Petropoulos at (248) 227-6861 or email m.petrop@comcast.net.

Waste disposal

Grosse Pointe Woods offers a hazardous waste drop-off day 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 22, at the DPW yard, 1200 Parkway, at Marter. A list of acceptable materials is available at gpwmi.us/docs/departments/DPW/environmental/hazardouswastedropoff.pdf. For information, call (313) 343-2460.

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 Piekielek at (313) 884-4201.

DBE

The 100th anniversary of the State of Michigan

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In partnership with Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, Detroit Conner Creek Corps Community Center hosts "Cooking Matters EXTRA for Diabetes," a six-week workshop for adults with type 2 diabetes, 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, July 12 to Aug. 16, at Conner Creek, 3000 Conner, Detroit. Led by trained culinary and nutrition instructors, the hands-on presentations demonstrate the link between nutrition and health, the affordability of healthy eating, meal planning and cooking tips. Registration is limited to one class and is open to adults who have not previously enrolled in a Cooking Matters course. The workshops are free. Groceries and cookbooks are included. Register online at beaumont.org/classes-events or by calling (800) 543-9355.

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Fundraiser benefits Kids on the Go

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Kids on the Go has provided summer camp for children with special needs for 18 years, pairing them with professional therapists at no cost to families. According to its website, kidsonthegocamp.com, more than 1,700 children have received physical, occupational and speech therapy through the years, helping children “stay successful in school while still having a summer to remember.”

While camp is targeted to ages 3 to 6, other Kids on the Go enrichment classes have been offered to ages 3 to 14.

Thanks to some budding partnerships, programming soon will reach children up to age 17.

Kids on the Go has partnered with The First Tee, East Side Youth Sports Foundation and 4th Wall Theatre Co., to offer additional programming for special-needs children.

To support these new initiatives, the fourth annual Tips for Kids fundraiser benefitting Kids on the Go takes place 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 28, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. The adults-only event features dueling pianos by JD’s Keys, a cash bar and an Italian buffet. Tickets are \$30 and available online at kidsonthegocamp.com.

The money supports golf and performing arts programs for Kids on the Go clients.

“By doing this golf program and the performing arts, we’ve expanded our age group to 17,” said Kristy Schena, founder and

CEO of Kids on the Go. “The First Tee and East Side are offering a golf academy at the Mack dome Monday mornings. And we’re teaming up with 4th Wall to offer performing arts for ages 8 to 17.”

Another partner, Country Club of Detroit, welcomes Kids on the Go and East Side Youth Sports on July 31, for a putting and chipping contest to practice their skills, Schena said.

“Tips for Kids is a fundraiser for these programs — golf and performing arts,” she said, “in order to continue to serve children in this community and expand our age group and fill that gap. Full Circle starts at 18 and most programs in the community stop at 14. By bringing these two new programs, we’re able to provide children ages 15 to 17 in the community these

About the partners

The First Tee, an initiative of the World Golf Foundation, provides educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values and promote healthy choices through the game of golf. Learn more at thefirsttee.org.

East Side Sports is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the growth of youth sports on the east side of metro Detroit. Learn more at esysf.com.

4th Wall is designed for special-needs students or seniors who want to explore singing, acting and dancing. Programs include theater games and activities, as well as life skills like eye contact and manners. Learn more at 4thwallkids.com.

new opportunities.”

Not only do the new programs expand the age group, they also fulfill part of Kids on the Go’s strategic plan.

“I’m excited to bring these two new programs to fill this gap,” she said. “It’s been my goal. I’m thrilled to be able to do

that.”

Schena said the fundraiser includes raffles, including the main prize — a paddleboard and the opportunity to take three friends on a paddleboard adventure.

For more information, email kristyschena@comcast.net.

Liberta Licata and Dona Reynolds from Pettipointe Questers look on as Kay VandeGraaf from DeGraaf Antiques studies a vase brought in for appraisal.



COURTESY PHOTO

Antiques appraisal fair April 26

Pettipointe Questers Chapter No. 243 of Grosse Pointe hosts an antique appraisal event 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, at Blossom Heath Inn, 24800 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

Attendees are invited

to bring items for appraisal and information.

Cost is \$5 for each item appraised — cash only with a maximum of three items per person. Local expert appraisers will be onsite to look at coins, stamps, books, jewelry,

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There was a time, not so long ago, when restaurant choices in the Grosse Pointes were limited to a couple on Mack and Kercheval. Remember the Bronze Door? There were other places that weren’t quite in Grosse Pointe, but were frequented by Grosse Pointers. Places like Huck’s, the Lion’s Den and Little Harry’s. Fun places like the Cadieux Café, Lambardi’s, Pointe Barbeque and Club 500.

Grosse Pointe is no longer a restaurant desert.

GROSSE POINTE

Restaurant Week 4/30 - 5/6

The Chamber of Commerce announced its sixth annual Grosse Pointe Restaurant Week beginning April 30, 2017. We not only are served by some of the wonderful places that border us, but literally dozens of choices along Mack from Hampton to Alter, on The Hill, in The Village and in The Park.

Now people from other communities travel here to see what we have to offer. Grosse Pointe has become a dining destination with its wide variety of culinary flavors to satisfy any appetite, whether you are seeking fine dining, ethnic foods from around the world or satisfying American flavors. We have it all!

Many of those places are in The Village. Within its three blocks, currently 17 businesses offer prepared foods to eat in or take home. We aren’t talking about ordinary restaurants. We are talking about destinations, from white tablecloth to family dining and takeout fare. On May 1, the patios will open, signaling that summer is upon us.

The beauty of Restaurant Week is that you get seven days, April 30 to May 6, to test many of them, with special pricing to tease you and special offerings to please you.

THE WHISKEY SIX celebrates new menu items. Taste some of their new choices, including three new sandwiches: the new California Club, Big Cheese Three Cheese or Meatball Sub. The three new entrées are Chicken Parmesan, Vegetable Napoleon on Risotto or Pasta with W6 Meatballs. Every order includes a personal-sized Maurice Salad featuring the W6 version of Hudson’s iconic dressing. Your meal finishes with sugar-coated, cinnamon-dusted Homestyle Dough Balls with dipping sauces you won’t want to share. All priced under \$20.

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The Chamber’s website, grossepointechamber.com, will give you info on all the participating restaurants throughout the Grosse Pointes. At this writing they number 20. Restaurant Week has become one of the many great features that comes with living in a community such as ours. Take advantage of this welcome mat! Participate! Reward yourself! Say thank-you to these businesses who make their home in our community.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Nicole Runyon

Weening teens away from screens

Q: I am witnessing my teenage son experience emotional problems and I think his screen is the culprit. I would like to remove the screen from his life for him to reset and get back to himself. However, I worry he will be disconnected from his friends and risk feeling lonely and alienated. How do I help him find a balance?



face, which has many benefits to their social/emotional development. I would recommend talking to your teen about when and where to appropriately use his phone. Maybe he sets a time limit for usage. One of the ways to do this is to refrain from taking the phone to his room before going to sleep, reducing the urge to look at it throughout the night. We have learned teens are "tired and wired" as a result of using their phones at night. This often is when teens feel if they are not on their phones, they will miss out, since this is when their interactions with each other occur. Thus, I would recommend talking to his friend's parents to start a conversation about screens and their effects on children to ensure everyone is on the same page.

Nicole Runyon LMSW is a licensed clinical social worker in Grosse Pointe. She has 14 years experience working with children, adolescents, adults, couples and families focusing on various

SAVE the DATE

Teens & Screens, presented by The Family Center at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Teens and adolescents are welcome to attend with parents or guardians. Register for this free program online at familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832.

psychological issues. She recently became interested in how the use of screens is affecting adolescent psychology and has been consulting with parents on how to help their children find balance. Runyon may be reached at (313) 209-4566 or nicole@nicolerunyon.com. Her company, Professional Psychotherapy LLC, is a member of the Family Center's Association of Professionals.

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Noteworthy concert April 30

Noteworthy, a "no-fella" a cappella singing group with 16 women members — most of whom reside in the Grosse Pointes — presents its Spring Sing Concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at University Liggett School, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Members, who represent all ages and sing a variety of a cappella music in lively arrangements, are directed by longtime Grosse Pointers Susan Weiss and Barb Widener.

Among the selections are "People" from the movie "Funny Girl," the Joni Mitchell song "A Case of You" and "Don't You Worry 'Bout A Thing" by

Stevie Wonder. The group also performs the country song "Hell on Heels" by the Pistol Annies, as well as the contemporary pop song "Stompa" by Canadian singer/songwriter Serena Ryder, arranged for the concert by Grosse Pointe resident Jill Maks. Other Noteworthy favorites also are part of the program.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. They are available at Posterity: A Gallery, 17005 Kercheval in the Village, and Wild Birds Unlimited, 20381 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, or from any Noteworthy singer. For more information, visit noteworthysings.com

Soroptimist fundraiser planned

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe has upgraded the name of its annual fundraiser from "garage sale" to "second-hand sale." All proceeds support Soroptimist awards. This year Soroptimist gave \$8,000 to local women to assist with educational expenses.

The sale takes place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 27 and 28,

and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 29, at 561 Hollywood, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Women interested in volunteering to help other women may want to learn about becoming a member of Soroptimist of Grosse Pointe. Visit grossepointesoroptimist.org or search Grosse Pointe Soroptimist on Facebook.

Young Life Grosse Pointe dinner, talent show fundraiser planned

Young Life Grosse Pointe hosts dinner and a talent show Wednesday, April 26, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Grosse Pointe students and alumni leaders will show off their talents to raise funds to support Young Life's operational and summer camp funds.

The night starts at 6 p.m. with dinner and a silent auction, followed by the talent show at 7:30 p.m. The show is not a competition, allowing for a relaxed atmosphere.

Young Life is an organization that has impacted middle and high school students in Grosse Pointe since 2002. The worldwide non-denominational organization for middle, high school and college students is not affiliated

with any church. Its staff and volunteers focus on fun, adventure and friendship, while sharing with students about God and his love. Founded in 1941, Young Life has more than 5,000 staff and 65,000 volunteers and is active in more than 100 countries reaching more than two million kids annually.

Individual Star tickets are \$40 for adults and \$20 for children, which

include dinner and theater entry. Sponsorship level tickets are: Oscar for \$2,000, Tony for \$1,000 to \$1,999 and Grammy for \$500 to \$999, which includes a dinner table for 10, premium theater seating, drink tickets and recognition in the program. Parking is provided.

For more information or for reservations, contact Mary Guevara at (313) 702-7893.

Preview 2017 Stratford Festival

The Grosse Pointe Public Library presents a preview of the 2017 Stratford Festival with guests Gillian Eaton, University of Michigan professor; Mya Gosling, Shakespeare web-comic creator; and David Prosser, Stratford Festival's literary and editorial director. They'll explore the festival's 2017 season theme — "Questions of Identity" — and how each play

sheds light on issues confronted today.

The program takes place 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, at Grosse Pointe South High School's Cleminson Hall, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. The program is free, but seating is limited. Register on the library's online calendar at gp.lib.mi.us or call (313) 343-2074, Ext. 222.

A look at luxury

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association and Grosse Pointe Garden Center present the last Your Old Mansion program for the season, "The Welcome Mat is Out," 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 23. The tour invites guests inside homes that have recently changed owners. Guests will see and hear how new families reimagined the grand homes to fit their own styles. Registration is required at grossepointeartcenter.org or by calling (313) 881-3454. The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

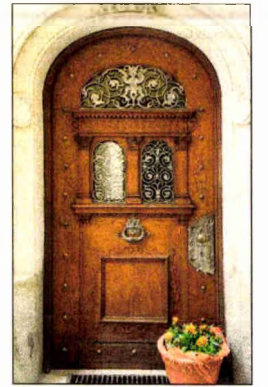


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Herb Society sale set

The Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe Unit hosts its annual plant sale at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 12, and Saturday, May 13.

A flower sale is outside, the herbs are inside. Pre-orders may be made; Sunday, April 30, is the deadline. Visit hsagrossepointeunit.org to print a form and follow directions for the order.

Profits support the Herb Community Gardens at Services for Older Citizens and The War Memorial.

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EVENTS:

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Daughters of the British Empire will be celebrated 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 3, at the Grosse Pointe Club, 6 Berkshire, Grosse Pointe Farms. The event includes lunch, a cash bar and a presentation by Detroit Institute of Arts docent Jill Best, who will discuss "Bitter Sweet: Coffee, Tea and Chocolate." Cost is \$35. Mail checks, payable to State of Michigan DBE, to Christine Wludyka, P.O. Box 133, Harsens Island, MI 48028, by April 24. Call Marlene Ricca at (313) 649-2425.

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association presents the following classes:

◆ 9 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays, April 24 to May 15 — Acrylics with Al Sonnenberg.

◆ 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, April 25 to May 16 — Fundamentals of Observational Drawing with Dan Keller.

◆ 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 13 — White-line Woodblock Printing with Nobuko Yamasaki. Deadline to register is April 22.

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.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Reception Room at The War Memorial. Appetizers are available for a \$10 meeting fee; a cash bar also is available. Guests are welcome. Wednesday, April 26, the speaker is Gregory Sumner, author of "Detroit in World War I." Sumner is a professor of history at the University of Detroit Mercy and two-time William J. Fulbright lecturer at the University of Rome, Italy. Reservations are not required. Visit grossepointerotary.org or call John Mozena at (313) 530-

6120.

Alliance Française

The Ciné-Club of the Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe hosts French Movie Night, featuring the comedy "9 Mois Ferme (Nine Month Stretch)," at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, at the Carol C. Schaap Theater, 14920 Windmill Pointe Drive, in Grosse Pointe Park's Windmill Pointe Park. A discussion takes place following the film, which is in French with English subtitles. Seating is limited to 70 and tickets should be purchased by April 24. Tickets are \$10 and available by sending a check payable to "Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe" to Christiane

Stein, 23009 Maxine, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080; or by PayPal online at afgrossepointe.org, under the Ciné-Club tab.

Women's Connection

The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe presents "Eastern Market: It's More Than Food and Flowers," with speaker Tracy Rivard, director of development for Eastern Market Corp. Doors open for this Thursday, April 27, event at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7 p.m. Cost is \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members and \$8 for the program only. Call Ellie Kaye at (586) 295-0775 or Ann Faulk at (586) 776-0775.

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PASTOR'S CORNER By the Rev. Sean Motley

An Easter life

By now, hopefully, all the Easter eggs have been found, the chocolate bunnies are at least missing their ears or have been completely devoured and there's a jelly bean or two ground into the carpet. This is the time after Easter Sunday. Yet, it is still Easter and he is risen. The celebration of the resurrection is not a one-day event. Every day we celebrate that Christ is risen and that we too share in that resurrected life now and forever.

The resurrection was not a moment in time to be remembered once a year, but is a transformation of the lives of those who believe and a statement to the world that God truly is God with power over all things,

even death, and in Jesus salvation has come. The lives of the disciples were drastically altered when they encountered the risen Jesus, so much so they went from hiding behind locked doors to boldly proclaiming the gospel of peace. Their fear was replaced with courage as they saw in the risen Jesus life and immortality, a truth to be shared and the grace and mercy of an awesome and almighty God. Their lives would never be the same.

We find on Easter morning the risen Jesus who changed the lives of the disciples and sent them out into the world as a new creation does the same for us and we are never the same. Jesus calls us out of our places

of hiding, out of keeping the gospel to ourselves for fear of what others might think; he calls us away from our silence to bold proclamation and from being afraid of the world to knowing the one who calls us is the resurrected one who has overcome the world. Easter is not simply a single celebratory day, but the life of Jesus' disciples now and always.

The risen people of God are called to rise up each day, proclaim the good news in word and deed, stand firm against the evil in this world and live every day as who we are — an Easter people.

Motley is the pastor at First Entry Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Lakeshore Chorale reprises 'Missa Gaia' in Earth Day tribute

The Lakeshore Chorale presents Paul Winter's "Missa Gaia," or Earth Mass, at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 23, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The concert, performed to a standing-room-only audience in 2016, is offered as part of the ongoing Music at Memorial series.

In tribute to Earth Day, the event includes a free-will offering for The Greening of Detroit, which for more than a quarter century has enhanced the quality of life for Detroiters by repurposing vacant land to create productive green spaces.

"We greatly enjoyed sharing this energetic, joyous work with last year's enthusiastic audience and are excited to

present it again," said James Biery, artistic director of Music at Memorial and director of the Lakeshore Chorale. "We are also happy to give concertgoers the opportunity to contribute to the excellent efforts of The Greening of Detroit, bringing even more meaning to the music through highly local impact."

Written in the early 1980s by the Paul Winter Consort with organist Paul Halley, "Missa Gaia" combines traditional forms of the Mass — such as the Kyrie and Sanctus — with calls of wolves and loons, whale songs and jazz instrumentation.

"We are pleased to once more feature the fabulously talented jazz artists Keith Kaminski on soprano sax and Cliff

Monear on piano," Biery said.

The Lakeshore Chorale represents several eastside churches and was organized in 2015 under the auspices of Music at Memorial. Performances have included choral masterworks by Handel, Haydn, Vivaldi and Brahms, as well as the 2016 world premiere of a chancel opera by James and Marilyn Biery. The April 23 performance also includes "Beautiful Savior" and music by John Rutter, Kenneth Jennings and Daniel Pinkham.

General seating is \$20, \$10 for students with a valid ID. Tickets are available at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church or online at ticketriver.com. For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Clare of Montefalco

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church hosts a Tuesday Musicales of Detroit community outreach concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 22. The event features opera selections by Puccini, Verdi and Rossini, supplemented by spirituals and instrumental music for four-hand piano, a trumpet and organ work by Handel performed by organist David Troiano and trumpeter Paul Roache, as well as saxophone arrangements played by Christopher Sacco. Artists from the universities of Cincinnati and Louisville who have sung in major opera theaters in the United States and Europe per-

form. The concert is free; donations toward the renovation of the church's Petrof piano are accepted.

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, welcomes the United States 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.

St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, welcomes Sr. Sarah Burdick, director of formation for the Servants of God's Love, 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. Sunday, April 23. Burdick presents "Giving Witness to the Power of God's Mercy." Confession, prayer teams and refreshments are available.

Email mmebus@comcast.net.

St. Clare hosts anniversary auction

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church hosts its annual auction 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29, in honor of the historic church's 90th anniversary.

This year's auction, "90 Years Strong and Still Growing," honors the ongoing commitment of the parish and school to the community it has served almost 100 years. Funds benefit scholarships, technology and enrichment programs at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School.

Auction items include Walt Disney World passes, a Sea World and Hilton Bonnet Creek package, Mackinac Island getaway, Detroit Tigers ticket package, Shinola watch and more.

The featured auctioneer is Lori Stefek, who will be joined by Fox 2 News personality M.L. Elrick and WXYZ-TV Channel 7's Jim Kiertzner.

The annual spring auction is St. Clare's largest fundraiser and one the school relies on to help students become the best versions of themselves.

Tickets are \$50 in advance, \$75 at the door in limited supply. A strolling supper begins at 5:30 p.m. and features a variety of offerings from Traffic Jam and Snug, Jagged Fork, Lyla's, Chocolate Bar Cafe and others.

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Patrick Joseph Kerzic

City of Grosse Pointe resident Patrick Joseph Kerzic, 80, died Thursday, April 13, 2017. He was the former CEO of Thrift Investment Corp. in Woodbridge, N.J.

Born March 17, 1935, in Carbondale, Pa., to Louis and Mary Kerzic, Mr. Kerzic enjoyed music and travel. A veteran of the U.S. Navy who served in Korea, he was bestowed The Order of St. Gregory the Great by Pope John Paul II.

Mr. Kerzic is survived by his wife, Stephanie Germack-Kerzic; sons, Duane Kerzic and Bruce Kerzic; grandchildren, Michelle and Jacqueline (Joseph), Mary Anne Gibus (Stephen) and Sharon Hemmesphar (Paul).

A funeral Mass will be celebrated noon Friday, April 21, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A memorial gathering begins 11:30 a.m. at the church.

Donations may be made to SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, 3535 Commerce Road, Orchard Lake, MI 48324.

Ulysses Saros

Grosse Pointe resident Ulysses Saros, 90, died Sunday, April 16, 2017, of complications after a stroke.

"Dish," as he was known to family and friends, was born Oct. 7, 1926, in Detroit. He served in the U.S. military during World War II stationed in Panama. He worked for the U.S. Postal Service, retiring in 1982.

In retirement, Dish taught golf to numerous people throughout the metro Detroit area through continuing education classes at Assumption Cultural Center and his association with Sunnybrook Golf Course. He also was active in the Grosse Pointe Little League Association.

His passions were his family, especially his grandchildren, great-granddaughter and his church. He also loved watching baseball.

Mr. Saros is survived by his wife, Sophie; daughter, Marianne Stavale Benkoski (Dave); sons, Michael Stavale (Sue), Paul Stavale (Lisa), Donald Stavale (Jean), Peter Stavale and Nick Saros (Ali); grandchildren, Ann, Mike, Kim, Anthony, Christina, Vincent, Sophia, Zack, Ashley, Brooke, Morgan and Emerson and great-granddaughter, Nora.

Visitation is 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Trisagion will be at 5:30 p.m.

A funeral service is 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 26, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. Visitation begins 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Donations may be made to Assumption Greek Orthodox, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

Joan E. Baker

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Joan E. Baker, 86, passed away Monday, March 13, 2017.

She was born in Flint, Ferguson. After graduating from Flint Central High School, she earned a registered nurse degree from Hurley Hospital School of Nursing. She worked as a surgical nurse at Hurley Hospital in Flint and Deaconess Hospital in Detroit.

Joan is survived by her daughters, Susan Wegner (Wayne) and Audrey Chupinsky (Ken); grandchildren, Whitney Beal (Dave), Natalie Tripp (Giff), Mandy Wegner, Kenny Chupinsky, Spencer Chupinsky (Tess) and Laura Chupinsky and great-granddaughters, Avery and Hadley Beal and Harper Chupinsky.

She was predeceased by her son, Richard A. Baker Jr., in 2014, and her husband of 35 years, Richard A. Baker, in 1985.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at Crosspointe Christian Church, 21336 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to ROOTED High School ministries at Crosspointe Christian Church, 21336 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

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Betty Ann Tallman

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Betty Ann Tallman, 102, died Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

She was born in Rock Island, Ill., to Richard and Katherine Liitt, and graduated from Rock Island High School in 1932.

Betty worked as an organist for churches in many communities including South Park Church, Rock Island; Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, Detroit; Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe Farms; Westminster Presbyterian Church, Harrisville and Bradenton Central Christian Church, Bradenton, Fla.

She also served as Board of Education Secretary for Franklin Junior High in Rock Island.

Betty was a member of the Louisa St. Clair Chapter Grosse Pointe and associate member of Boca Ciega Chapter, St. Petersburg, Fla., National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She also held offices in the Presbyterian Church USA and on the Detroit Presbyterial Board. Most recently, Betty was a member of First Presbyterian Church, St. Petersburg.

She enjoyed world travel, ceramics and bell ringing groups.

Betty is survived by her daughter, Nancy K. Walkowski; granddaughter, Kelly Mullin Atkins and great-grandchildren, Maxwell Atkins and Gabrielle Atkins.

She was predeceased

by her husband, Rev. Ben L. Tallman who served as Christian Education Minister at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church from 1953 to 1968 and sister, Kathleen Kropen.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, April 29, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, with interment in the church's columbarium.

Marilyn Denise Krall

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Marilyn Denise Krall, nee Easley, passed away peacefully Wednesday, April 12, 2017, at her home at the Tullymore Golf Resort, after a long fight with multiple system atrophy. She was 63.

Marilyn was born Nov. 27, 1953, in Detroit, to Marie and Fredrick C. Easley, graduated in 1972 from Osborn High School, earned a degree in accounting from Wayne State University and was a certified public accountant. While working for S.S. Kresge and Co., Marilyn met Marty Krall, whom she married Aug. 22, 1975. With each other's support, they achieved success in business and family life.

Marilyn enjoyed a successful business career at the IRS, Arthur Anderson, Fruehauf Corp., Mediabase Corp. and Business News Publishing Co. Among her business accomplishments, she was responsible for the first Michigan qualified 401K plan to be approved by the IRS.

While managing her career, Marilyn was a dedicated mother and wife. She was an ideal role model who encouraged her children to pursue athletic, educational and professional endeavors. Some of her favorite pastimes included skiing, swimming, horseback riding, tennis, spending time in nature and traveling.

Marilyn was grateful for her life and strongly believed in helping those less fortunate. She touched many lives through her involvement in several charitable organizations.

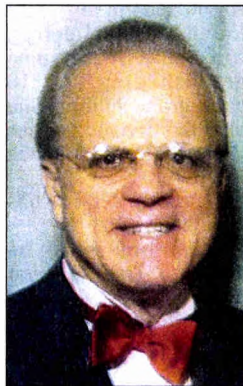
Marilyn is survived by her loving husband of 41 years, Martin P. Krall Jr.; mother, Marie Easley; children, Martin A. (Alicia), Brian (Carin), Thomas (Lauren) and Lindsay; grandchildren, Caroline, Martin P. IV, William, Henry, Adam and Andrew and brother, Rick Easley.

She was predeceased by her father and brother, Mark Easley.

Visitation is 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack Ave, Grosse Pointe Woods.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 26, at St. Philomena Catholic Church, 4281 Marseilles, Detroit. Visitation begins at 10 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Monsignor Peter S. Lentine Education Endowment Fund, St.



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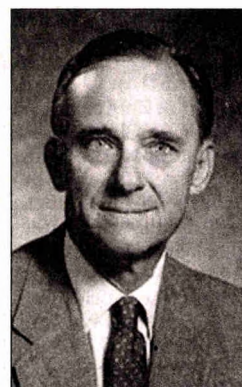
Joan E. Baker



Betty Ann Tallman



Marilyn Denise Krall



William Boeschstein

Philomena Parish, 4281 Marseilles, Detroit, MI 48224.

William Wade Boeschstein

William Wade "Bill" Boeschstein, 91, passed away Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017, while playing golf with friends on Jupiter Island, Fla.

Bill was born Sept. 7, 1925, in Edwardsville, Ill., to Elizabeth Wade and Harold Boeschstein. In 1930, he and his parents moved to Toledo, Ohio, where his father was a founder and the first chief executive of Owens Corning.

Bill attended high school at Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass. He served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Forces in World War II and then graduated from Yale University in 1950 with a degree in industrial administration.

Upon graduation from Yale, Bill went to work for Owens Corning, eventually moving into the top ranks of the company and serving as chief executive officer 1973 to 1990 and chairman 1981 to 1990. During his tenure, the company grew substantially, introduced the Pink Panther as its corporate mascot, led a revolutionary transformation in the residential roofing industry and successfully defended itself against a hostile takeover attempt, preserving the company's independence and headquarters in Toledo.

On Nov. 23, 1953, Bill married Josephine "Molly" Moll of Grosse Pointe. They shared a remarkable love for one another and were extraordinary partners over a marriage of 62 years. Their relationship

was a source of inspiration and awe to those who knew them. Together they raised four sons.

Bill had an enduring sense of service and was deeply involved in a number of outside professional, civic and charitable activities. Notably, he served on seven corporate boards, including The Kroger Co., American Electric Power, Prudential Financial and FMC Corp. He was a member of the National Business Council, the Business Roundtable and served as chairman of the Toledo/Lucas County Port Authority. Within the civic realm, Bill served as chairman of the Libby Trust benefiting the Toledo Museum of Art and served on the boards of the St. Vincent Medical Center and Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. Bill also provided leadership to the Jupiter Island Club in Hobe Sound, Fla., during a transitional period. In recent years, Bill and his wife, Molly, became strong supporters of Central Catholic High School in downtown Toledo, and Bill recently was instrumental in starting the Historic South Initiative in Toledo, a neighborhood revitalization project modeled after a successful program in Atlanta's East Lake neighborhood.

Bill lived fully and graciously throughout his life. He was known as a man of kindness, honesty and integrity.

He also was a devoted husband and dedicated father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He never missed an opportunity to express his love for all and to share inspirational thoughts that

always seemed to hit home.

Outside of family and business, Bill's great passion was the game of golf. He was a member of Augusta National and other golf courses. He never tired of the game and constantly sought to improve his performance. Normally unflinchingly polite, Bill was known to use earthier phrases on the golf course, rarely satisfied with his play. Even at age 91, he often was on the practice range "reengineering" his swing in a constant effort to improve his game.

After retirement, Bill and Molly made their primary home in Hobe Sound, although they spent portions of their summers in Toledo and northern Michigan.

Surviving are his sons, William Jr., Michael, Peter and Stephen; sister, Nancy Boeschstein Fessenden; brother, Harold Boeschstein Jr.; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 28, at the Glass Pavilion on the campus of the Toledo Museum of Art, 2444 Monroe Street, Toledo.

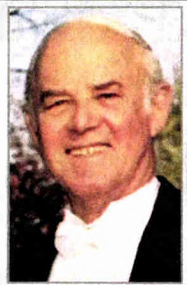
Donations may be made to the Toledo Museum of Art, P.O. Box 1013, Toledo, OH 43697, or The Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, MI 48124.

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John M. Lesesne M.D.

A Memorial Service honoring John M. Lesesne M.D. will be held 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 5, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Dr. Lesesne, a well-known Grosse Pointe physician, passed away Friday, March 10, 2017.



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8B | COMMUNITY

Grosse Pointe Community Chorus concert planned

The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus presents its 65th annual spring concert, "Come Fly With Me," at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. The chorus will be joined by a select choir from Grosse Pointe North High School and director Ben Henri. The theme is "Songs from Around the World," featuring selections from "The King & I."

The GPCC is a 55-voice chorus under the direction of Joseph Palazzolo and accompanied by Ron Pietrantonio. Tickets are sold in advance or at the door. Cost is \$12 for adults in advance, \$15 at the door and \$5 for ages 12 and younger. Advance tickets are sold at Moehring-Woods Florist, 20923 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, (313) 882-9732; Posterity: A Gallery, 17005 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, (313) 884-8105; or from a chorus member. Visit grossepointecommunitychorus.org or call (313) 882-2482.

OBITUARIES:
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Susan A. Logan

Susan A. Logan, 86, passed away Sunday, March 26, 2017. She was the beloved wife of the late Peter S. Logan; loving mother of Peter S. Logan Jr. (Patricia) and Jeffrey S. Logan (Lynn); proud and loving grandmother of Peter Spencer, Davis B., Samantha, Elliot, Max and Grace and dear sister of Don Fraser.

Memorial visitation will be held 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 22, at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, 36900 Schoenherr, Sterling Heights.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society at michiganhumane.org.

Share a memory at wujekcalcaterra.com.

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), 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.

Evelyn Fergle

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Evelyn Fergle, 85, of Clarkston died Thursday, April 13, 2017. She was the wife of Donald for 64 years; mother of Donald (Laura) and Ronald (Nancy Gross); grandmother of Daniel, Matthew and Elliot; sister of Irene Broyles and the late Dorothy Haas and also is survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her parents, Thomas and Mary (nee Safranek) Krenek.

Evelyn graduated from J. Sterling Morton High School and Morton Junior College. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Miami University in Ohio and taught at Roseville High School and Grant and Oakwood Junior High schools until retiring in 1986. Until one month ago, she regularly substitute taught in Grand Blanc, Lake Orion and Clarkston Middle schools.



Susan A. Logan



Marie Catherine Housey



Evelyn Fergle

Evelyn was extremely proud of her Czech heritage. She was a founding member/director of The Czech and Slovak Genealogy Society of Illinois, founding member of Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery and a member of Sokol Detroit and Lodge Pingree of CSA Fraternal Life. She served on the Alumni Board of Miami University and was a former officer of the Southeast Michigan Alumni Association for 25 years. Evelyn was a member of Grosse Pointe Congregational Church and life member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority. She will be remembered as a loving and supportive wife, mother, grandmother and teacher.

A funeral service was April 18 at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery at friendsofbnc.org or Oakland County Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center at oakgov.com/

petadoption. Share a memory at wintfuneralhome.com.

Joyce Evans Whittaker

Joyce Evans Whittaker RNC, BSN, MA, daughter of Margaret and Alfred H. Whittaker M.D. of Detroit and Grosse Pointe, died of renal complications Monday, March 20, 2017, in Westminster, Calif., with her sister and brother by her side. She was 84.

Joyce attended Grosse Pointe Country Day School and graduated from The Masters School in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. and The Ohio State University, where she earned a combined nursing and liberal arts degree, then continued studying nursing at Harper Hospital in Detroit. In 1966, she relocated to Bay City, where she became a professor of nursing and taught at Delta College, University Center, until she retired in 1995. She volunteered in the Bay County geriatric community and became the family mentor on all things medical.

In 1996, Joyce moved to Laguna Woods Village,



Joyce E. Whittaker

Calif., where she was an active community volunteer.

In addition to her parents, Joyce was predeceased by her brother, Alfred and sister, Jeanne Whittaker-Hines.

She is survived by an older sister, Hilary Whittaker and younger brother, James Whittaker, as well as three nieces and a nephew. Joyce was also godmother of Jacquelyn Bigford Van Guilder with whom, as well as her sister Ann Bigford Sullivan, she had close lifelong relationships.

Joyce's ashes will be inurned at a later date at the family cemetery in Camden, Ohio.



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South nabs 2 wins vs. North

Baseball

Blue Devils win battle at the CoPa

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

A stellar crowd and an opportunity to play under the lights at Comerica Park put an exclamation mark on the Grosse Pointe North vs. Grosse Pointe South baseball game last weekend.

South won the game 7-4 to even the series at 1-1 when playing at the home of the Detroit Tigers.

"It was a great night for community baseball," South head coach Dan Griesbaum said.

"It was a good experience for the kids," North head coach Frank Sumbera said. "We had a great time."

The Blue Devils jumped ahead 2-0 in the bottom of the first inning and it was 4-0 before the Norsemen got on the board.

The Norsemen climbed to within a run at 4-3, but



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North's Alex Vandoorne, shown against Troy earlier in the week, had a couple of hits in the loss to rival Grosse Pointe South.

the Blue Devils scored a run in the fifth and two in the sixth to provide some breathing room.

For the Norsemen, Sam Cross had three hits, walked and scored one run, while Chad Lorkowski also had three hits and drove in three runs. Alex Vandoorne had two doubles and Wesley Peters had two hits.

Cross suffered the defeat.

For the Blue Devils, Cam Shook was the winning pitcher, striking out three in his two innings of relief pitching.

Offensively, Jacob Hinkle and Logan Mico each had two hits and an RBI, while Giovanni Lufty and Brad Thompson drove in runs. Jacob Brauer also drove in two runs.

Grosse Pointe South is 5-4 overall, while Grosse Pointe North is 5-2.

Track & Field

Blue Devils girls win; boys tie

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South opened their division slate with a dual meet at North last week.

In the girls' meet, South won 102-35 and the boys tied 68.5-68.5.

In the boys' meet, North's Zac Ozormoor won the long jump with a mark of 18-feet, 2-inches, and teammate Philip Robie won the high jump at 6-feet.

North's Dan Leone won the pole vault with a mark of 14-feet, but South came back with wins in the shot put and discus as Steve Weideman and Pat Nauert had throws of 36-feet and 132-feet, 6-inches, respectively.

The Blue Devils won the 3,200-meter relay with a time of 8:37.5 and South's Ed Kotula won the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 16.04.

Jordan Rush won the 110-meter dash for South with a time of 10.81 and North won the 800-meter relay at 1:35.08 to tighten the scoring.

Mike Ciaravino won the 1,600-meter run with a time of 4:38.5 and the Norsemen took the top spot in the 400-meter relay with a time of 45.24.

In the 400-meter dash, Phil Henderson won with a time of 55.25 and it was Ozormoor taking first in the 300-meter hurdles at 45.17.

Ciaravino came back to

win the 800-meter run at 2:07.9 and South's Sasha Szura won the 200-meter dash in 23.55 seconds.

North's Will Hofmann won the 3,200-meter run with a time of 10:30.6 and the Blue Devils came back to claim the top spot in the 1,600-meter relay to net the tie.

"Both teams did an excellent job in this early season meet," South girls' head coach Steve Zaranek said. "I was especially impressed by the sportsmanship on both sides. North girls are always so well coached in how to be good teammates and they were all wonderful hosts to all of us."

"We were without a couple of key athletes and then a third varsity multi-event athlete got hurt in her first event," North girls' head coach Diane Montgomery said. "South is always tough, but I think both teams rose to compete in outstanding ways."

"South is one of the toughest teams we face each year as their girls program has a history of excellence that spans decades. There's always a great rivalry, but more so, there's a camaraderie."

In the girls' meet, South won the 3,200-meter relay at 10:25.7, with Abby Guevara, Abby Hurst, Reanna Raymond and Devon Krasner running, but North's Mikah Sherrill won the 100-meter hurdles at 18.11.

In the 100-meter dash, South's Elizabeth Calcaterra won with a time of 13.03 and the Blue Devils took first in the 800-meter relay at

1:53.5 as Calcaterra, Shayla Boatwright, Zoe Wagstaff and Helen Dodge competed.

It was South's Raymond winning the 1,600-meter run with a time of 5:33.9 and North's Jasmine Mathis taking the top spot in the 400-meter dash at 1:06.56.

South also won the 400-meter relay as Calcaterra, Audrey Boles, Bobbi Barrett and Dodge ran.

In the 300-meter hurdles, Wagstaff won with a time of 55.22 and Krasner won the 800-meter run with a time of 2:29.7 to help the Blue Devils lengthen their advantage.

Calcaterra won the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.36 and South's Leah MacKay won the 3,200-meter run at 12:15.4.

In the 1,600-meter relay, the Blue Devils' Krasner, Sarah Bellovich, Gen Boyle and Sarah Rabaut won at 4:30.8, but the Norsemen came back with wins in the long jump and high jump, with Zoe Madden and Abby Kanakry posting marks of 15-feet, 9-inches, and 5-feet, respectively.

In the pole vault, South's Natalia Szura won with a mark of 8-feet and Blue Devils Daeja Boles and Kristina Rogers won the shot put and discus with throws of 25-feet, 2-inches, and 67-feet, 6 1/2-inches.

Grosse Pointe South girls are 1-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division (2-0 overall) and North is 0-1. Both North and South boys are 0-0-1 in the MAC Red Division.

GIRLS Soccer



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

A draw

The first of two regular season battles between city rivals Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South ended in 0-0 last week. Pictured left, North junior Greta DeLoach, right, and South senior Emma Foy, battle for possession in the first half.



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Softball

GPN Norsemen

Consistent

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North girls' softball team returned to the diamond last week, hosting one of the top squads in Macomb County, Warren Regina.

It was a 3-2 game after four innings, but the Saddlelites put a 10-spot on the board in the top of the fifth inning to send the Norsemen to a 13-6 defeat.

"I told the girls it's not how we play now, but how we finish and this was one of those games you learn from," head coach Ron Smith said. "We need to limit the

damage, but one positive was our offense. The girls kept battling."

Sophomore Evelyn Zacharias was 3-for-4 with a run scored and stolen base, while junior Caitlyn Knorp was also 3-for-4 with two runs scored, a double and an RBI.

Sophomore Erin Kane was 2-for-3 with a walk, run scored and stolen base as the Norsemen finished with 11 hits.

Junior Rebecca Alway suffered the defeat, pitching five innings. Freshman Sydney Brumme tossed two innings.

North then beat Utica 11-7 to move to 3-1.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North sophomore Evelyn Zacharias throws to first to record one of her several assists in the Norsemen's game against Regina.

LIGGETT Knights

Impressive road victories

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett girls' softball team had two tough road games to start its conference schedule last week.

The Knights edged Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 2-1 and blanked Sterling Heights Parkway Christian 7-0 behind the pitching of senior Emma St. John.

Against Lutheran Northwest, St. John

struck out 13, while giving up only three hits, one walk and one earned run. Defensive lapses in the seventh inning made it interesting, but the Knights prevailed.

The offense put up five late runs against Parkway Christian as St. John, freshman Jenna Hummel, junior Maddie Hamilton and freshman Evie Bournias doubled.

Freshman Ali Alpert singled home a run before injuring herself

on a play at the plate.

As for the pitching, St. John was dominant on the mound, striking out 17, while giving up only one hit and walking three.

"Emma's pitching was very good and she was really moving the ball," coach Jim Schmidt said. "Both Northwest and Parkway hitters had trouble trying to hit the movement pitches. It was two big road wins and now they have to

come to our place later in the season."

The home game against Lutheran Northwest is Thursday, May 4, and against Parkway Christian is Tuesday, May 9.

Liggett is 2-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and hosted Birmingham Detroit Country Day in a double-header last weekend.

The Knights won 1-0 and 7-6 to move to 6-0.

GPS Blue Devils

Offense scores in bunches

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The host Grosse Pointe South girls' softball team had its hitting shoes on last week during its 18-3 victory over Sterling Heights.

Eight of the nine starters had at least one hit and all nine reached base, including two players who were never retired. Senior Jyen-ai

Jones was 1-for-2, but reached on an error and walked twice. She scored four runs and stole two bases, while sophomore Julia O'Halla was 3-for-3 with two doubles, five RBIs, and two runs scored.

"We have been scoring a lot of runs so far," head coach Bill Fleming said. "We have enjoyed success to this point, but some big tests await. I'm

excited to see how we do in those games."

The Blue Devils scored nine runs in the first inning and then again in the third inning to win via the 15-run three inning mercy rule. They sent 13 hitters to the plate in the opening inning and 11 in the third inning. The game ended when sophomore Kendall Volpe singled home two runs and

scored when the ball skipped under the left fielder's mitt and rolled to the fence. Volpe rounded the bases and scored just ahead of the throw.

Volpe finished with two hits, four RBIs and three runs scored, while juniors Grace Foster and Lauren Sancya each had a hit, two RBIs and two runs scored.

Junior Mackenzie Ford blasted a long two-run homer in the third inning.

Sophomore Adriana Agosta earned the win, giving up three runs on three hits, walking two and striking out three.

Earlier in the week, South beat Mott 11-4 and lost 11-9 to Lutheran North to stand 4-1.



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DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/25/17	Liggett	A	6:00PM

BOYS VARSITY GOLF

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/21/17	Romeo	A	3:00PM

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/22/17	Armada	H	11:00AM
04/24/17	Stevenson	H	4:30PM

GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/21/17	Rochester	H	7:00PM
04/27/17	Stoney Creek	H	7:00PM

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/24/17	Romeo	H	7:00PM
04/26/17	Utica	A	6:30PM

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/22/17	Dakota	H	8:00AM
04/24/17	Port Huron Northern	H	4:00PM

BOYS/GIRLS VARSITY TRACK

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/25/17	Romeo	H	4:00PM

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GPS Blue Devils

UPCOMING SCHEDULES*

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/24/17	Anchor Bay	A	4:30PM
04/26/17	Anchor Bay	H	4:30PM

BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/27/17	U-D Jesuit	H	7:30PM

BOYS VARSITY GOLF

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/24/17	Brother Rice Invite	A	TBA

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/22/17	Cousino	H	10:00AM
04/25/17	Grosse Pointe North	H	4:30PM

GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/22/17	Rockford	A	TBA
04/24/17	Brighton	A	7:00PM

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/24/17	Eisenhower	A	7:00PM
04/26/17	Anchor Bay	H	7:30PM

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/22/17	Ann Arbor Pioneer	A	8:00AM
04/24/17	Bloomfield Hills	H	4:00PM

BOYS/GIRLS VARSITY TRACK

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/25/17	Dakota	A	4:00PM

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LIGGETT Knights

UPCOMING SCHEDULES*

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/25/17	Dryden	H	11:00AM

BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/22/17	Greenhills	H	11:00AM

BOYS VARSITY GOLF

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/25/17	Greenhills/Southfield Ch.	H	3:30PM

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/25/17	Southfield Christian	A	4:30PM

GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/21/17	Ford	H	4:30PM

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/21/17	Cranbrook	H	4:15PM

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/22/17	LCN Tournament	A	8:00AM

BOYS/GIRLS VARSITY TRACK

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/06/17	Lutheran Northwest	A	4:30PM

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Free physical

Free sports physicals and flexibility screenings are available for middle school and high school students from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 13, at the Beaumont Physical Therapy Neighborhood Club, First Floor, 17150 Waterloo, Grosse Pointe, 48230.

To schedule an appointment go to beaumont.org/classes-events and select Children and Teens, or call (800) 633-7377.

BOYS Soccer

Team honor

The Grosse Pointe Stingers soccer team recently hosted a benefit game at Total Soccer to bring awareness for plasma donation for the Immune Deficiency Foundation in honor of their teammates, Nicholas Muccioli, who receives a plasma-based medication intravenously.

The team wore red socks to support the cause and the team helped raise \$427 for the Immune Deficiency Foundation in honor of Muccioli.

He is the Adopt-A-Patient for Central Science Laboratory Plasma and has been visiting the CSL Plasma locations to thank the donors and CSL Plasma team members for supporting him in his battle with Common Variable Immune Deficiency.

Muccioli was diagnosed with Common



PHOTO COURTESY OF DENICE MUCCIOLI

The Grosse Pointer Stingers, pictured above, are, top row from left, George Graham, Joey Tedesco, Coach Ron Muccioli, Zack Doerr, Andy Miller, Brett Abke and Keifer Franks; and bottom row from left, Nico Rabaut, Nick Deeb, Nicholas Muccioli, Jake Tedesco, Will Afdenburg and Jessica Gieseck. Not pictured is team manager, Denice Muccioli.

Variable Immune Deficiency Disease at 13 months old. CVID is a primary immune deficiency disease in which a person does not produce enough antibodies to fight infections. Therefore, he receives intravenous immunoglobulin treatments every three weeks. CSL Plasma produces the life-saving plasma medication that allows patients to live a normal life. It

takes 225 donors to make one treatment for Muccioli.

If anyone is interested in donating to the IDF or would like more information about primary immune deficiencies, visit primaryimmune.org.

Denice Muccioli, volunteer for the Immune Deficiency Foundation, and Josephine Sobjeck, Manager of the Sterling Heights CSL Plasma,

passed out information for plasma donation and collected donations for the Immune Deficiency Foundation at Total Soccer. The CSL Plasma Center in Sterling Heights opened its doors last year and is continuing to increase the number of donors at their facility.

If anyone is interested in donating their plasma, visit cslplasma.com.

BOYS Golf

GPS Blue Devils

Opening wins

The Grosse Pointe South boys' golf team started its season last week with wins over Romeo and Utica Ford.

The Blue Devils shot a 148, with assistant captain Patrick Sullivan leading the way, shooting a 33.

Coalter Smith posted a 35, while Tommy Sullivan had a 37. Captain David Scupholm, Oliver Livingston and Evan Theros followed with a 40.

Grosse Pointe South is 2-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

Golf outing

The 4th Annual Blue Devil Invitational Golf Tournament, hosted by the Grosse Pointe South Athletic Booster Club, is Monday, May 1, at the Country Club of Detroit.

All proceeds are directed toward the South athletic teams. Captains will have the opportunity to represent a specific team's program and compete to be one of the top three teams to share the fund raising bonus, 25 percent of net proceeds, which will go directly to

the represented teams for their use.

Each team will be comprised of four players competing in an 18 hole "no quota" scramble.

The \$250 per player entry fee includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch starting at noon, beverages, closest to the pin and long drive contests, cash bar and hors d'oeuvres.

For an additional \$25, a player may invite their spouse to join the evening's festivities, including the reception and auction, bringing the price to \$275.

Single players are encouraged to sign up and they will be assigned to a team in need of a golfer.

In addition, team captains are asked to organize their foursome, which may have connections to a specific South athletic team.

Sign up on the booster web site gpsathleticboosters.com.

The field is limited to 72 players and a full field is anticipated.

Any questions, e-mail mark@atwaterbeer.com.

— Bob St. John
Sports Editor

GIRLS Soccer

Rock solid second half

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' soccer team evened its record at 1-1 last week, beating visiting Ann Arbor

Greenhills 6-3.

Defense took a back seat in the first half as both teams put three goals on the board.

"It wasn't a pretty first half and we just didn't play very well," head

LIGGETT Knights

coach David Dwaihy said. "Much better second half effort wise and our intensity picked up."

The host Knights scored three goals in an eight-minute span in the second half to put the first win in the bag.

Junior Alexis Wenger scored two goals and had a couple of assists to lead a balanced attack.

Juniors Kelly Solak and Olivia Yates, as well as sophomores Kate Birgbauer and Izzy Brusilow, also scored goals.

Freshman Isabella Cubba was in net and played well. She made several saves, including one on a point-blank shot late in the second half, to preserve the victory.

Baseball

Local teams reaching high

By Darren Donaldson
Special Writer

The Warren Woods-Tower Titans visited Grosse Pointe South last Thursday in one of the final warm-up games before the Macomb Area Conference began divisional play. The Blue Devils had plenty of chances, stranding 11 base runners, but did not capitalize as they came up short in the 6-5 loss.

Tower opened the scoring in the top of the first inning.

Brad Thompson, erased the deficit quickly

and was relieved by Rob Martinez and Alex Martinez, who pitched the final inning.

Tower was able to score twice in the final frame to take a 6-4 lead. South didn't go quietly in the bottom of the seventh.

Graham led off with a single and came around to score as the Blue Devils mixed in two walks and a Brauer infield single with two fly ball outs.

With bases loaded and two outs, the rally came up short as a ground ball to the second baseman ended the game.

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Earlier in the week, South played one of its best games of the season and beat Birmingham Brother Rice 7-5.

Graham was 4-for-4 with two doubles and David Toth earned the win, going 3 2/3 innings with five strikeouts. Cam Shook picked up the save, pitching 3 1/3 innings.

Grosse Pointe North also played earlier in the week, beating Troy 6-5 as Sam Cross was the winning pitcher and hit a big two-run homer in the first inning to help the Norsemen build a 6-0 lead.

LIGGETT Knights

DH sweeps

The University Liggett boys' baseball team improved to 7-0 with a double-header sweep of Novi Franklin Road Christian, winning 18-3 and 20-0 early last week.

Seniors Jackson Walkowiak and Teddy Wujek led the way as each hit two home runs and drove in a combined 11 runs. Junior Will Morrison had a homer and three doubles.

Liggett capped the week with a double-

header sweep of Mount Pleasant, winning 5-4 and 11-0.

The Knights scored twice in the bottom of the sixth to win the opener and in game two sophomore Alec Azar earned the win on the mound.

Junior Noah Miller had a two-run homer and senior Connor McCarron blasted a grand slam to end the game via the mercy rule in the fifth inning.

Player of note

Who: Emma St. John
School: Liggett
Grade: Senior
Sport: Softball
Coach: Jim Schmidt
Coach quote: "Emma's pitching was very good and she was really moving the ball," coach Jim Schmidt said. "Both Northwest and Parkway hitters had trouble trying to hit the movement pitches."

Stats: In the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference openers on the road, St. John earned two wins, pitching 14 innings. She gave up a



Emma St. John

total of four hits, one earned run, issued four walks and struck out 30.

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Principals pay tribute to school secretaries

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

The following story from Sara Delgado, Kerby Elementary School principal, says it all.

"I was hosting a new student lunch at the beginning of the year. A student said, 'When is the principal getting here?' I said, 'That's me. I'm the principal.' She said, 'No, the other principal that sits in the office and does everything.'"

"She meant Lisa Sicklesteel, the secretary," Delgado continued.

This is one of many examples of how essential school secretaries are to the smooth functioning of each building in the district.

Connie Karpinski "is able to run our Maire (Elementary School) office with a smile, a calm voice, a friendly manner and an amazing efficiency," said Principal Sonja Franchett, adding Karpinski supplies ice packs and Band-Aids to children for cuts, bumps and bruises; gives out warm welcomes as well as hugs for hurt feelings; acts as a friendly receptionist for all building visitors; calls parents when there's a question or concern; bargain hunts for supplies and materials; is a confidante to teachers; organizes the supply rooms; keeps the online calendar up to date; and decorates the office for all the holidays. She even



Mason secretary Pat Bartos assists kindergartener Eva Gerardi with a Band-Aid.

brings in treats for the school gerbils.

Communication hub

School secretaries "are the hub of communication for our buildings," said Gloria Hinz, principal at Ferry Elementary School. "They take in information, communicate it to the correct people and keep the building running calmly and safely."

Ferry's secretary, Jennifer Smith, is new this year, Hinz said. "One of her greatest attributes is her calm demeanor. She also has a natural talent for forming positive relationships with our students."

At Mason Elementary School, Principal Roy Bishop is the newcomer while school secretary Pat Bartos is the 16-year veteran.

"Pat is the glue that holds Mason together,"

said Bishop. "She helps everyone in some way, shape or form every day. Whether it's helping them with attendance, helping a student who might be sick, helping with supplies with the classroom, (or) helping a teacher in need. Whatever it is, Pat is there and she always does it with a smile."

"I think for me, being a new principal, she has gone above and beyond to make sure I have the background and history to be able to make effective decisions for all of our learners," he continued. "She has also given me the leeway to come into my own and make decisions that are not part of history."

Hitting the jackpot

"From the first day I met Patti Kwiatkowski I felt



Poupard secretary Cindy Larue, left, hands supplies to first-grade teacher Susan Chaklos.

like I had won the lottery," said Shelleyann Keelean, Monteith Elementary School Principal. "Being an elementary principal can be lonely because you don't have an assistant principal or counselors to talk to, so when I met Patti, I knew this was going to be a great place to work. Every day knowing I have her to work with and bounce ideas off of reminds me how lucky I am. She is one of the most helpful, kind, giving and truly generous people I have ever met. She makes my days brighter by all the little things she does throughout the year to make our school run smoothly. The amount of time and effort she gives to Monteith is priceless

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Poupard Elementary School Principal Penny Stocks said her secretary, Cindy LaRue, and half-time clerk, Julie Leto,

"both do so much it is hard to think of everything. They greet students that come into the office every morning, make sure everyone has had breakfast, wipe tears, fix scrapes and scratches, comfort sick children until parents arrive, make sure our students with diabetes are tested when they need to be, do lunch duty when needed, make sure we have subs in the building, make sure teachers and students have the supplies they need, make all visitors feel welcome and yes, do their job they were hired for."

"My secretaries are absolutely amazing," Stocks continued. "I never worry that things aren't getting done or that they aren't getting done correctly. I am blessed because as a school leader, you are only as efficient as the people are around you and I am blessed with the ones I have around me."

On the frontline

Parcells Middle School's three secretaries — Sherrie Kosmas, Meg Pawlak and Minette Morasso — "are the lifeline of our school," according to Principal Dan Hartley. "They go above and beyond on a

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Lindsey Bachman

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Bachman is competent, caring, empathetic and truly loves all of the young people she has been fortunate to teach and coach. She is everything one could ask for in a teacher and coach."

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

Without a doubt, what I enjoy most is building relationships with my students and sharing with them my passion for a physically active and well-balanced lifestyle. I love getting to know my students through movement and play, introducing them to new sports and games, getting them excited about fitness, inspiring them to spend more time being active outdoors, encouraging them to work towards their goals and helping them grow in confidence and increase their physical literacy.

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

One of my most proud teaching accomplishments is starting a wellness program here in our middle school. I started it five years ago with just six classes for our eighth-grade students and it has since



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grown to 21 classes per grade, for grades 6 to 8. I teach this class with three other stellar colleagues and we continue to build, refine and improve upon the program each year. I love being a part of the development of such an important course and I'm grateful for the valued place it has come to hold in our middle school curriculum.

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

"Spark" by John Ratey is a more recent read that's informed my teaching and "InSideOut Coaching" by Joe Ehrmann has been one of many books that's informed my teaching and coaching.

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Education forum addresses diversity and equity

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus opened the Raising Global Leaders forum April 12 by asking three things from the community.

First, "I need your help," he said, adding the diversity plan presented that evening was a living document. "We're always open to suggestion."

Second, he sought a safe, secure environment for all students. "I think

it's very important to advocate for our kids so that they understand they can go advocate for themselves when the time comes," he said.

Lastly, he called for civility before giving the floor to Maureen Bur, director of secondary education, and Keith Howell, director of elementary education, to present the diversity plan. Key elements of the plan are accepting human differences, using multiple instructional practices and providing differentiation — what

Bur called "a hallmark of this district" — and equitable instruction for all.

"We're not asking for each of our buildings to be the same, but we're asking for them to be undivided and to support one another," Bur said, adding, "Culture shapes behavior and also our reaction to different things. As we go through this, we want to make sure we are celebrating the unique backgrounds of all of our students, staff and families so we can learn from and with one another."

Said Howell, "We also want to make sure we're providing great intervention support and building a district-wide professional development plan so all of our staff are getting the training they need to support our students."

Cited as important to the process were looking from within to examine how one is shaped by one's own background, culture and experiences; building relationships based on caring, empathy, understanding and forgiveness; and being

willing to listen to others' thoughts and viewpoints.

Bur pointed out the difference between equality and equity. "Fair isn't everybody getting the same thing. Fair is everybody getting what they need to be successful," she said, quoting Gary Howard of the Gary Howard Equity Institute.

"Culturally responsive teaching is defined as 'teaching and leading in such a way that more of our students across more of their differences achieve at a higher level and engage at a deeper

level more of the time, without giving up who they are.'

"We don't want sameness," Bur said. "We want to be who we are and create a learning environment where all individuals can learn together."

Introductions of each panel member followed. Each was given a question with four minutes to respond. Panelists were Niehaus; Dr. Agustin Abulu, director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights; Greg Bowens,

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At Brownell Middle School, Cheryl Owsen, Mary Lapish and Judy Etsio are "the frontline for every capacity of the school," said Principal Rodger Hunwick, adding, "these superwomen are responsible for daily attendance, record-keeping, building safety and security, organizing the building schedules, coordinating staff substitutes,

administering medical care to students, updating communication to the public via email and the website, answering questions and concerns from parents and community members, assisting support staff, teachers, counselor and administrators."

The trio act "as surrogate mothers to the entire student body" and find a way to respond to every possible need or request, Hunwick said — and "we're a group with big imaginations."

"More importantly, these three incredible individuals place student well-being ahead of all other tasks," he continued. "They are constantly pulled from one task to another in an effort to assist individuals' needs and are always doing it with a smile."

Secretaries play a critical role at the high school level as well. Mary Tocco, head secretary at Grosse Pointe North High School, "is phenomenal," Principal Kate Murray said, adding, she "anticipates what everyone needs and takes care of

those needs so that teaching and learning can remain the central focus."

Tocco also is "a fierce North advocate" and a relationship builder with students, staff, parents and community members, according to Murray.

Linda Schultz, secretary at Grosse Pointe South High School, "keeps the school functioning behind the scenes," according to Principal Moussa Hamka. When a secretary left for another position and two other secretaries were out for prolonged periods due to medical issues, "Linda held it all together and ensured that the South community still received the same level of exceptional customer service we have always provided," Hamka said.

Saying goodbye

Pierce attendance clerk Pat Zens and Trombly secretary Diane Goodwin are retiring at the end of this school year after 19 and 27 years with the district, respectively.

"Pat goes above and beyond the call of duty

A special connection

Defer Elementary School secretary Ann Lightbody makes special connections with students, according to Principal Karen Sullivan. "This year one of those students is a budding artist," Sullivan said. "Just prior to the winter break, Ann brought him several drawing books and a sketch pad. There are many days I see him perched on a stool next to Ann in the office during his recess time, sharing his art. They pore over his drawings and great mythical plots are discussed. Another example is a kindergarten boy who can't walk past the office without making contact with Ann."

Lightbody also is proactive and anticipates needs, is visible at events, serves as the first and most frequent contact and welcomes families, Sullivan said.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pictured with Ann Lightbody are two of the many students she has connected with at Defer. Fourth-grader Zion Wright sketches at Lightbody's desk and kindergarten Scott Joyce shows off his dance moves while Lightbody watches.

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SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 3, 2017

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Hugh R. Marshall.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilperson Marshall from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held March 20, 2017 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board Meeting held February 9, 2017 and the Planning Commission meeting held March 22, 2017.
- 3) To open the public hearing on the Continuation of a Special Assessment District.
- 4) To close the public hearing on the Continuation of a Special Assessment District.
- 5) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 110609 through 110699 in the amount of \$253,300.29 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Badger Meter, Inc. in the amount of \$9,277.24 for the purchase of six (6) new 2" Orion automatic read water meters. (3) Approve payment to DMC Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$5,125.00 for the lead-based paint assessment at eleven (11) homes as part of the requirement for the CDBG program. (4) Approve payment to G2 Consulting Group LLC in the amount of \$7,541.00 for their environmental observation and testing services in conjunction with our 8 Mile Road Paving Project and for the Beaconsfield Paving Project. (5) Approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$16,999.72 for professional services during the month of February 2017 for the following projects: 8 Mile Traffic Signal Upgrade, #180-179; SRF Open Cut Repairs, #180-119; Bahr v. HW, #180-189; 2017 User Charge, #180-185; 2016 TIP Beaconsfield Recon, #180-174; 2015 Emergency Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-170; 2017 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-188; Littlestone Repair, #180-186 and the 2016 Emergency Sanitary Sewer CCTV, #180-180. (6) Approve payment to HW Supply Waterworks in the amount of \$10,324.80 for the purchase of several types of clamps that are used to repair water main breaks. (7) Approve payment in the amount of \$13,400.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several watermain breaks and service line repairs at various residential locations.
- 2) To adopt the attached resolutions to continue a Special Assessment District in the City of Harper Woods.
- 3) To adopt the resolution on Condemnation of Dwelling and Abatement of Public Nuisance recommended by the City Attorney to proceed with condemnation of the property at 20902 Lancaster.
- 4) To adopt the resolution on Condemnation of Dwelling and Abatement of Public Nuisance recommended by the City Attorney to proceed with condemnation of the property at 20903 Beaufait.
- 5) To adopt the resolution on Condemnation of Dwelling and Abatement of Public Nuisance recommended by the City Attorney to proceed with condemnation of the property at 19454 Old Homestead.
- 6) To approve the purchase of three (3) 2017 Ford Taurus police vehicles for the Detective Bureau from Signature Ford in the amount of \$77,826.00 to be paid in three annual lease payments of \$27,534.16, and further that competitive bidding be waived as these are being purchased through the Macomb County Contract bid under the government leasing program.
- 7) That the request from the Quilt Guild of Metro Detroit, asking that they be recognized as a non profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses, be considered for approval.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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on a daily basis," said Pierce Principal Chris Clark. "Pat organizes the clinic help and becomes the 'clinic mom' when no one else is available. She does the hourly accounting of students and works with parents to arrange absences and early dismissals. She helps triage students who are in daily crisis or have discipline issues. She communicates with staff regarding academic needs of students with absences or discipline concerns and she operates as part of an office team to cover all other duties assigned. She cares deeply about the students and staff at Pierce and she works every day to keep them

safe and accounted for in the best possible learning environment. We will miss Pat very much when she retires in June, but we will always appreciate her service and commitment to Pierce."

Trombly Principal Walt Fitzpatrick had praise for Goodwin as well.

"When someone is in need, she rallies the troops to create sunshine in that someone's life," he said. This includes getting staff to sign a get-well card for an ill colleague, collecting money to get gift cards for a family in need, providing a meal for staff during parent-teacher conferences and creating a meal delivery schedule for staff

members dealing with a major life event.

From creating personalized name tags placed in each child's birthday book, playing the role of "nurse and mom in comforting students who have a rough time on the playground or having a bad day" or monitoring the diabetic levels of students and providing snacks or insulin accordingly, "there isn't anything Diane wouldn't do to make the Trombly experience special for students, staff and parents," said Fitzpatrick. "That begins the moment she comes to school in August and continues to the day she leaves in June."

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South can't stop the beat with 'Hairspray'

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe South High School's production of "Hairspray," coming to the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center Thursday, April 27, to Sunday, April 30, is "joyous," according to drama director Meaghan Dunham.

It also is fast-paced, moving "from song to song to song," said music director and producer Christopher Pratt.

"It's a lot of singing and dancing, whereas some musicals you have a number and then there's dialog and then a longer scene. This moves."

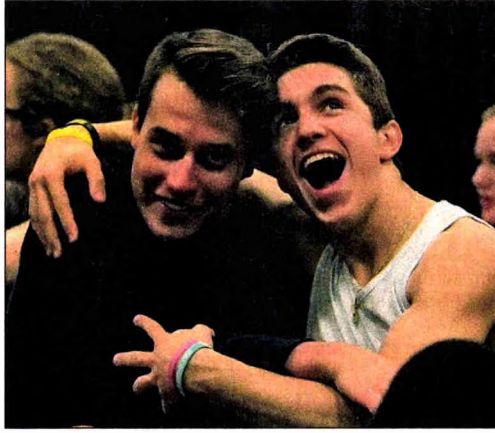
The musical also plays to the talents of the students.

"We have a lot of fantastic talent at South and this show really features a wide variety of students," said Pratt. "It gives a lot of opportunity for performances."

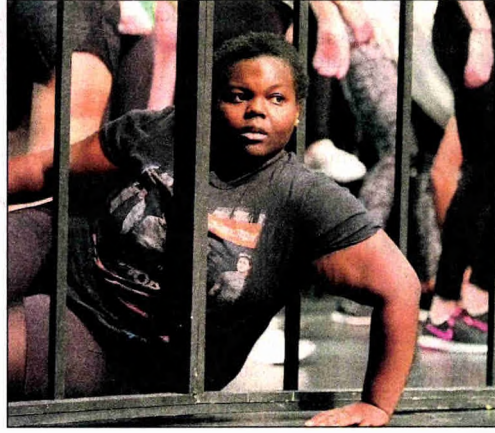
Dunham and Pratt said the main reason they selected the show was its message.

"We chose 'Hairspray' primarily because we wanted to find a show that would feature the diversity Grosse Pointe has become in the last decade or so," Pratt said. "We really wanted to try and include the face of what our school looks like and is — our student population. We found that in the performing arts and the arts in general we'd love to see a more diverse student population involved in the arts."

"Our population is changing," said Dunham. "We are becoming more diverse, but our musical



From left, Luke Bove and Gino Calisi.



Zaria Aikens as Motormouth Maybelle.

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and some of our programs at South aren't as diverse as we would like. So we figured if we do it, they will come."

Based on the number of students participating, they have succeeded. While a typical cast would be between 40 and 50, according to Pratt, more than 90 students are involved with the spring musical as actors, crew members and pit musicians — the largest number he has directed since he joined South's staff five years ago. The pit features a combination of professional musicians and students. Andy Haines, who has worked on numerous South productions, serves as choreographer.

"Hairspray's" central focus is on race relations in the '60s and how tough integration was, particularly during the bandstand shows," Dunham said. "This is kind of an homage to those sort of events and activities. By the end of the musical, integration has worked in this little Baltimore community."

In the final scene, "the

white kids and the black kids and everybody (is) dancing together," she continued. "The last number is 'You Can't Stop the Beat' and it's so upbeat and crazy positive that we're hoping the message comes through."

The show, based on the 1988 John Waters film and set in 1962, tackles issues beyond race.

"It's ageism, sexism, racism, religious animosity," said Dunham. "In any area of life, it deals with that. Also, (lead character) Tracy and her mother are very zaftig. The lead women are very large and that's part of it too because the kids make fun. Tracy can't dance on the show because she's overweight and that's baloney. That's also one of the pieces (the play) brings out. It's not how you look, it's what's inside that counts."

In addition to performing on stage, students play a strong role in leadership behind the scenes as well, with Abbey Schuetze as the student director, Tony Attard as

stage manager and Dani Dulworth and Sam Hermon as assistant stage managers.

This is Schuetze's second year as student director. She also directed a one-act for the Pointe Players February festival.

"I have an interest in directing and taking things off the page and making them come to life in front of you," she said, adding Dunham "let me take over the actual director position at times to help me get what it's like to corral and instruct a very large group of people."

Also behind the scenes are parent volunteers helping with costumes, props, hair and makeup and Amy Moncivais is parent producer. Staff members from the performing arts center assist students with sound and lights.

The show features two casts. Performing Thursday and Saturday in the Blue Cast are Mary Reinman as Tracy Turnblad, Catherine Christinidis as Edna Turnblad, Adam Fox as Wilbur Turnblad, Audrey Leo as Penny Pingleton,

Iyla O'Conner as Prudy Pingleton, Eion Meldrum as Corny Collins, Noah Bellovich as Harriman F. Spritzer, Lanie Maynard as Amber von Tussle, Calyx Turco as Velma von Tussle, Peter Lianos as Link Larkin and Jai-Lauryn Dearing as Little Inez.

Performing Friday and Sunday in the Gold Cast are Cinderella Ksebati as Tracy Turnblad, Emilio Garcia as Edna Turnblad, Sean Gates as Wilbur Turnblad, Claire Yonkus as Penny Pingleton, Ashley Nihem as Prudy Pingleton, Noah Bellovich as Corny Collins, Eion Meldrum as Harriman F. Spritzer, Maya Petropoulos as Amber von Tussle, Kaiya Sutton as Velma von Tussle, Tommy Thams as Link Larkin and Jordyn Watkins-Ozier as Little Inez.

Single-cast as leads are Jerome Manning as Seaweed J. Stubbs and Zaria Aikens as Motormouth Maybelle.

Aikens said Motormouth "is very much of a mother to those who want to integrate TV and for those who have a plan and a vision, but they just don't have the right mind set yet or the right focus. She speaks for them."

In a twist, Bellovich and Meldrum alternate performances as talk show host Corny Collins and his boss, Mr. Spritzer, appearing on stage opposite one another.

Bellovich describes his Corny Collins character as "a very energetic and sassy guy and throughout the show when social barriers are broken through, he's right there supporting it."

As for the show's celebration of diversity Bellovich said, "I think it's really nice to promote coming together and unifying as a community."

Performance times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday to Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets, available at gpsouthchoir.org or at Posterity Gallery in the Village, are \$15 for all lower level seats. Balcony seats are \$12 or \$9 for students or seniors.

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Liggett literary magazine recognized

Liggett's "Lambrequin" literary magazine was recognized with two honors recently.

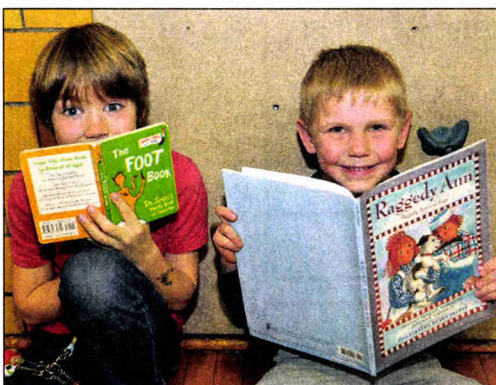
The magazine received

a Gold Medalist Magazine honor from Columbia University, earning 967 out of a possible 1,000 points.

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Maire hosts book swap



Liam Reeves reads "The Foot Book" and Connor Sharp reads "Raggedy Ann."



Sloane McGuire and Ava Mohammed play Rock, Paper, Scissors to determine who gets to keep a coveted book.

In what organizers hope will be an annual event, Maire Elementary School held its first reading book swap Friday, March 31.

Fourth- and fifth-graders lined the gym holding their donated book and one by one kindergartners through third-graders came through to make a selection. Fourth- and fifth-graders then accompanied the younger students to the hallway to read the book together.

Said Principal Sonja Franchett, "This is a great way to make a new friend and the person you read a book with is now a familiar face on the playground and in the building."

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City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

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84 Vendome Road

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president of the Grosse Pointe - Harper Woods NAACP chapter; Barry Checkoway, professor of social work and urban planning at the University of Michigan and lead member of a team working on diversity with Grosse Pointe North and South high school students; Anthony Lewis, director of business and community affairs for the Michigan Department of Civil Rights; and Mark McInerney, attorney with Clark Hill PLC. Bur filled in for Ginni Winters, consultant with Wayne County RESA Intermediate School District, who was unable to attend.

Arbulu opened the discussion by saying 55 percent of recent incidents of hate and bias took place in K to 12 settings. "That gave us a lot of concern," he said, adding, "We have been very proactive in asking schools to review their policies, revise as necessary and address issues of harassment, bullying and bias."

"I was very impressed listening to the diversity plan you have developed," he continued. "All those elements address what we consider as bias ... What we face are the realities of disparities in educational outcome and that is something we must not forget."

Checkoway addressed the work he and his team are engaging with student representatives, in particular the survey to be administered to all North and South high school students.

"The work we are doing in Grosse Pointe is largely about youth



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Raising Global Leaders panel members, from left, Anthony Lewis, Maureen Bur, Agustin Arbulu, Barry Checkoway, Gary Niehaus, Greg Bowens and Mark McInerney.

voice," he said. "We assume young people should participate in the policy decisions that affect their lives. We assume that young people are experts in being young people."

Checkoway said the survey gives students an opportunity to respond to whether they know how to react when someone says something hurtful; whether their teachers know how to respond; and whether their teachers can handle sensitive discussions about race and racism in the classroom.

Students are not taught how to respond, nor are teachers trained in intergroup dialog, he said.

Lewis addressed a question on how districts across the state are handling discrimination.

"Not very well," he said. "Or clumsily, I should say. Unfortunately, we have a lot of our teachers and administrators who are not equipped to handle these kinds of concerns. If you want to ask me about complicit bias or how your internal bias affects

"The main thing you want to do is educate your students, educate your parents and educate your community and provide them with tools."

ANTHONY LEWIS
Director of business and community affairs, Michigan Department of Civil Rights

a student and their learning, we need to address that type of programming so we are better equipped to understand the impact they have.

"Our teachers are our first-line staff," he continued. "They are our first line of defense and first line of interaction. They have the most impact on our students."

As part of best practices, Lewis recommended providing a safe space for students and staff to express their concerns.

"It's not a matter of if there's an incident that occurs, it's a matter of when," he said. "Incidents are going to occur. These are young people and they are still developing their own identities. And when these incidents

occur, you need to make sure you have a balance ... The main thing you want to do is educate your students, educate your parents and educate your community and provide them with tools."

For the final portion of the forum, Grosse Pointe League of Women Voters moderator Tom Wells presented questions fielded by panelists.

Regarding what motivated the forum, Niehaus said it was driven by the strategic plan, with 42 community members coming "together in a consensus." The strategic plan also received unanimous support from the Board of Education.

"When we got to the point of understanding that we had 'embrace

community' and 'embrace diversity' in there, we realized we really didn't have an action plan," Niehaus said.

He also addressed a question on cost, saying total expenditures, including the contract with the U of M team, cost "well under \$12,000."

"It's important to note that money is budgeted not through general fund dollars, but through grants received through the state called Title II funding that is for professional development," said Bur.

A longer discussion ensued on how to engage those in the community opposed to a diversity plan.

"Make things less scary for people," said Bowens. "People have in their mind when they hear the word 'diversity' a bunch of things in relation to this. Usually it has something to do with somebody losing something. Nobody has to lose in order for everybody to succeed. The idea of diversity is not really a scary thing. It's what we live right now."

Arbulu said, "We see a lot of difficult things out there. But the fact this community has developed a diversity plan is really a tribute to you ... I can't emphasize enough that we have a difficulty sitting across the aisle and having those very tough discussions."

"We talk about it in different ways and we need to put it out there in front of us and have those discussions," he continued. "I commend you and I commend this community and your school board for taking this forward. We don't see that often in the Michigan Department of Civil Rights."

"Without having a vehicle for conversation about diversity, equity, inclusion, prejudice, discrimination, power, privilege, not much is going to happen," Checkoway said. "This is the problem with democracy. Our democracy is based on being able to communicate with others and then being able to move toward making decisions, but if we can't talk with others, including those living in the house next to us, not much is likely to happen."

The final question was how to ensure straight white people are not left out of the program. Niehaus pointed out with a student body that is 85 percent white, responses to the survey will reflect that population.

"We have to move away from everything being a zero-sum game," said Lewis. "In essence, that means if I gain, you have to lose something ... I have faith in the leadership here. Nobody's going to be left behind. What we need to do is shift our paradigm. We want to show that everyone has a place. Everyone should be celebrated. That doesn't mean anyone is going to be celebrated more than anyone else."

Grosse Pointe Park resident Michelle Roberts attended the forum to understand how GPPSS interprets diversity.

"Every single panel member brought a different, important perspective and I walked away feeling very comfortable that I know what this plan is, why it's happening and how the outcomes will be achieved," she said, adding, "I consider this forum just the beginning of the dialog."

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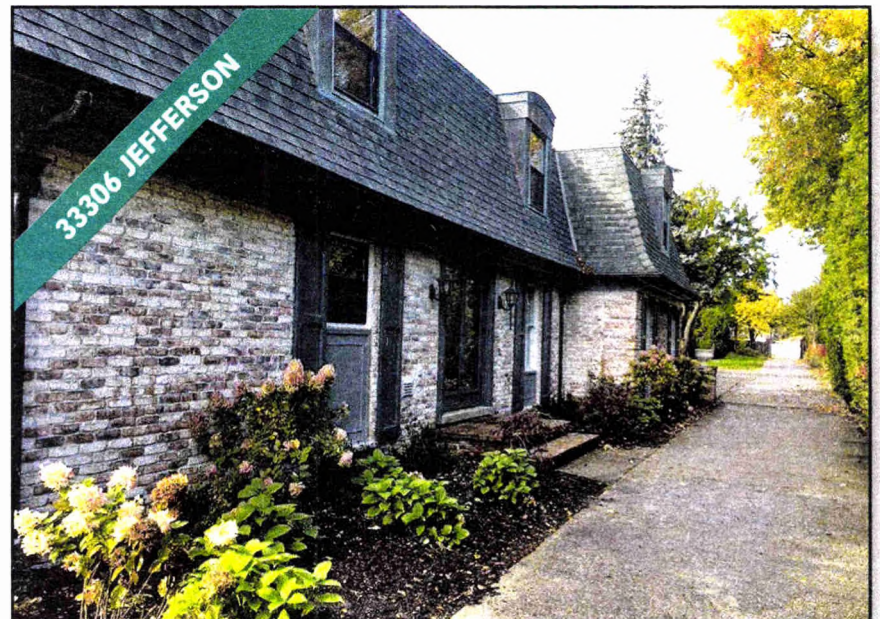
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By Mario Como

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Mario Como

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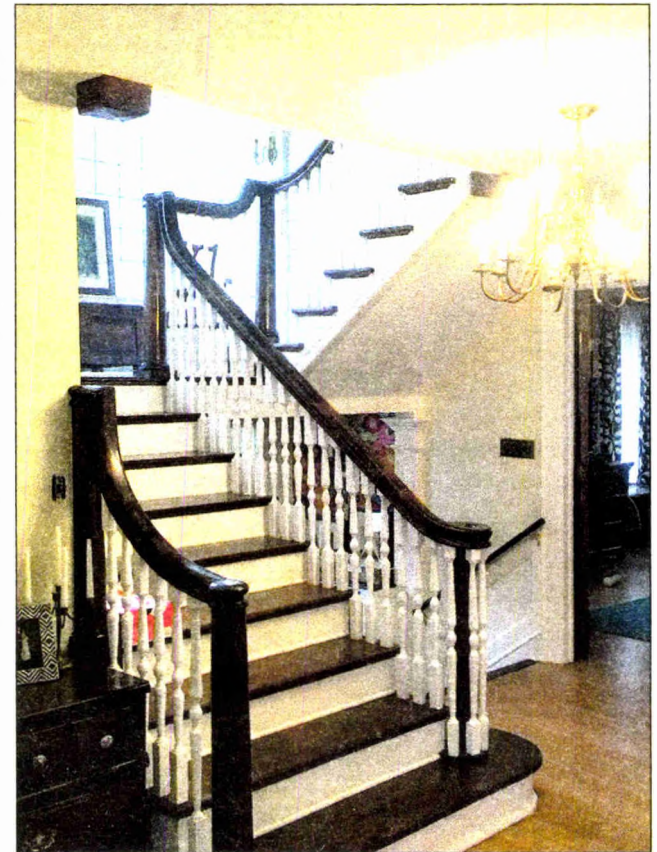
Craig said it's important owners of classic and historic homes seek

the right contractor for their project. Many homes in the Pointes feature vintage elements that are worth preserving, including 1940s bungalows, Craig said.

At Renaissance Restorations, the staff understands the difference between preservation and ripping something out and starting over.

"Our focus is not how fast and cheap we can get a project done, but how to maintain and preserve the character of the home," Craig said. Craig has worked on numerous restorations during the past 20 years and is proud of all his work. A project he completed last year, however, stands out. The home is located in the Joseph Barry subdivision in Detroit, near the mayor's Manoogian Mansion. It was in rough shape, he said.

"The floors were not level, plaster was falling down," he said. "We did



a complete rehab of the house. We redid the kitchen and that kitchen won the best kitchen in Detroit Home Magazine for 2017."

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Creative gardening tips for the spring season

(State Point) Gardeners often focus on the science of their hobby: how much water and sunlight their plants need and how to improve soil quality and keep pests at bay. But there can be a lot of artistry behind the craft as well — from how you harvest and enjoy flowers to how you convert unused spaces of your home into viable indoor edible gardens.

Put your creativity to good use this spring by gardening with style.

Indoor Gardening

For those who don't have an outdoor garden

or yard, the dream of enjoying your own freshly picked fruits and vegetables may seem out of reach. However, the nooks and crannies of your home can be creatively rendered into productive growing zones. Experts say nearly all homes can support indoor gardening.

"Whatever the size of your home, there will be a selection of edible plants you can grow indoors, as long as you have some natural daylight filtering in," said Zia Allaway, author of "Indoor Edible Garden: Creative Ways to Grow

Herbs, Fruit and Vegetables in Your Home." "The areas where plants will grow can be windowsills, beneath a skylight or even in a dark, unlit area if you install grow lights."

In "Indoor Edible Garden," a visual guide of practical tips and stylish ideas, Allaway offers step-by-step directions for everything from creating suspended shelves and hanging jars for growing herbs to mounting edible orchids onto bark and displaying them on walls. She

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Be careful how you conduct spring cleaning

The start of spring, with its fresh air and sunshine, is an exciting time for many Michiganders. It's welcomed with open arms and windows. Spring cleaning — inside and outdoors — is on the to-do list of many in the community.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Sean Lane, owner of Clean Up Clear Out and Your Home Valet, offers some spring cleaning advice to Grosse Pointers.

"I've been to three houses in the Pointes with rat problems," Lane said. "Right now, if people are focusing on their flowers and landscaping, they need to look at all the things

that are attracting vermin to their homes. There's a severe issue with rats."

Lane said he's noticed more and more homeowners putting trash to the curb well in advance of designated trash pick-up days. Not only does trash attract vermin, but it's open game for garbage pickers, too, he said.

"If you're going to get into spring cleaning, you're going to start seeing evidence of vermin if you're not doing it correctly," he said. "It's important to get all the debris away from the home and garage, but you need to use garbage cans, not just put out bags. Garbage cans

should be elevated and they should have lids."

Lane said dog waste, uncanned garbage, rotting wood, "anything they can nest or burrow in" or that can serve as a food source attracts vermin.

"A little common sense can go a long way."

Lane said those who need help with yard cleanup should hire a landscaper, whereas his area of expertise is heavy removal of garbage.

Which brings him to his next point.

"Whoever you hire to come out, always get an estimate in writing," he said. "That estimate should have everything

they're going to do or you want to do.

"And expect the cost to go up if work is added," he continued. "If you hire someone to clear the yard and get rid of leaves, they should give you an estimate for that work. But if you decide you want them to clean the gutters, too, don't assume something added will be included in the original price."

People looking to save a few bucks by doing the work themselves may find hassle and a big loss of time, Lane said.

"How much is your time worth?" he said. "The same project I'll get done in a day will take you three, four, five

months. You're going to incur the cost of rentals, utilities, time, driving."

Not to mention disposal of unwanted items.

"People don't realize garbage disposal is expensive," Lane said. "It's costly to get rid of and back breaking."

When clearing out a house, Lane said he first offers to place items at the curb. It's convenient and affordable for all involved. However, there are specific items cities won't collect curbside and it's up to the homeowner to know what is and isn't accepted.

The next option is renting a Dumpster, which Lane said isn't a

popular option for some.

"People don't like Dumpsters on their property, partly because of the stigma," he said. "Someone might think they're a hoarder. But also, if it's there too long, everyone on the block dumps stuff in there. Or they'll pick through it."

"When we use a Dumpster, we drop it off the night before and pick it up immediately after we're done."

A third option for disposal is taking items to a dump, but there are certain items dumps won't accept either, Lane said.

"If something gets

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Survey shows people's poor home maintenance habits

(StatePoint) Proper home maintenance can preserve your home, while saving you money and headaches in the future. However, a new survey from Erie Insurance conducted by Harris Poll reveals Americans have alarmingly poor upkeep habits.

“By overlooking common DIY projects, homeowners are not only putting themselves at risk for major financial loss, but also are exposing their families to dangerous hazards,” said Joe Vahey, vice president and product

manager at Erie Insurance.

In an effort to help people become more aware of what they can do to protect themselves, the experts at Erie Insurance list five commonly overlooked areas of the home that should be regularly

inspected and maintained:

Inspect Your Roof

Replacing or repairing a roof is one of the biggest expenses a homeowner may have and the need to do it often comes without warning. Nationally, the average homeowner spends about \$6,600 to install a new roof, according to HomeAdvisor, but prices can soar upwards of \$20,000 depending on certain factors.

But the Erie Insurance survey found nearly one in four homeowners, or 23 percent, admits they never inspect their roof

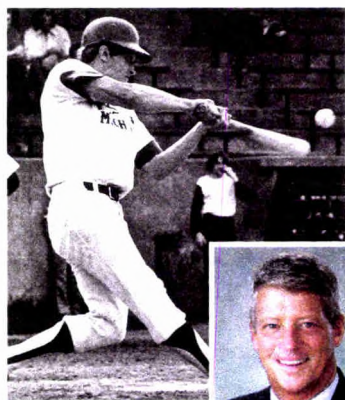


or have it inspected only if there is a problem. Even scarier, nearly a third, or 27 percent, of those who own a house either mistakenly believe their insurance will pay for damage that occurs to their roof over time, such as normal wear and tear, or have

no idea how their insurance works regarding this type of damage. Insurance generally only covers things like roof damage from unexpected storms.

Unclog Gutters

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dumped they don't want, I get fined and, in turn, I'm going to fine you," he said. "The same with donations. Items can't be cracked or broken if you're going to donate them."

There are other ways to trim costs when it

comes to cleaning up a home or yard. Timeliness is one of them.

"If you know you're going to have projects coming on, waiting until the last minute will not help you or the vendor. I guarantee the price will go up," Lane said.

"There are some misconceptions with the business I'm in," he continued. "I don't think

people believe there's an additional incurred cost after hours or on the weekend. People just have this idea of waiting until the last minute, whether it's a standard home project, a hoarding situation or an estate. 'Mom's been gone since September, but we need this done now.' Can it be done? Yes. Will it cost more? You bet."

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points out those embarking on indoor gardening should first evaluate the level of time they can commit.

“Just remember that unlike other projects in the home, such as decorating and cooking, all gardening projects require some aftercare. So, if you have a busy schedule, choose crops that will tolerate less watering and feeding.”

Flower Arranging

While your flower garden is likely a beautiful work of art in and of itself, you can spread the joy by harvesting your flora and bringing the beauty indoors. Floral arrangements add vitality to any interior space.

“For me, every arrangement starts with the container. Think about what

mood or style you want to evoke and, remember, anything can be a container as long as it can be made watertight,” said Rachel Siegfried, author of “The Flower Book: Natural Flower Arrangements for Your Home,” which explores 60 flowers, bloom-by-bloom in portraiture, including quick-reference profiles and tips.

Siegfried recommends when selecting flowers for your arrangement, pay attention to shapes, textures and colors to achieve good balance. Start with a primary focal flower and build out with a couple of secondary focals, a final flourish and foliage.

For her part, she relies on instinct. “I get a buzz when I find a good combination,” she said.

From flowering bouquets to spicy pepper plants, apply creativity to your gardening this spring.

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and Downspouts

Nearly one out of four homeowners, or 24 percent, say they never care for their gutters and downspouts. Clogged gutters can cause water to flow down the sides of a home and pool around its foundation, often leading to major issues like uneven floors, cracks in walls and interior water damage. This type of claim, also known as seepage, often is not covered under a home insurance policy.

Clean Out Dryer Exhaust

One in five homeowners, or 21 percent, admit they never clean their clothes dryer ducts, unless they have a problem. Unfortunately, the most common cause of dryer fires is failure to do a thorough cleaning. According to National Fire Protection Association, dryers cause roughly 15,500 home structure fires, 29 deaths, 400 injuries and \$192 million in direct property loss each year.

Check the Furnace

Only 36 percent of homeowners have their furnaces inspected and serviced at least once a year. According to NFPA, U.S. fire departments respond to an average of 56,000 home fires involving heating equipment. These fires result in annual losses of 470 civilian deaths, 1,490 civilian injuries and \$1 billion in direct property damage per year.

Clean Sump Pump and Pit

Sump pumps are used to remove excess water from homes, but 44 percent of those who own one admit to never cleaning it or the pit, unless they have a problem. Water damage due to sewage and drain backups generally requires additional insurance coverage beyond a standard policy. Without that coverage, it could end up costing, on average, \$2,156, according to Home Advisor.

Protect your family and your investment with proper maintenance and, if you're unsure what your policy covers, contact your insurance agent. They'll work with you to determine what you need to be protected.

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Pear Trellis Rust

A recent discovery is trellis rust, a European fungus that attacks pear trees. Pear trellis rust is caused by the fungus *Gymnosporangium fuscum*. The fungus requires two alternate hosts to complete its life cycle. It overwinters on the twigs of juniper species and in early spring it infects newly developed leaves of pear tree species. The pear trellis rust fungus has been introduced to southern Ontario in recent years.

Hosts and Damage

All species of pear are susceptible to the disease. There is no resistance observed on any ornamental pear species or varieties. In May and June during warm, humid and rainy weather, the fungal spores spread from juniper to pear by wind. At the early stages of the disease, the infected pear leaves show small orange spots. In early summer, the spots enlarge and become bright orange and later red lesions. In late summer, the underside of these lesions begin to swell and form a number of blisters. Spores released from these blisters are carried by wind back to juniper.



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proper maintenance,” said Brett Marshall, owner of Marshall Landscape and a Grosse Pointe resident.

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Symptoms of the disease include spots on the backsides of the leaves. As the disease progresses, the spots develop into spores. If left untreated, the disease will kill the tree.

“If we don’t get a hold of it soon, it will wipe out all of our pears,” Marshall said.

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Tips to get organized, set priorities and be more efficient

(StatePoint) No matter your work or family circumstances, your days likely are a juggling act.

You need to adopt personal strategies for making sure everything gets done — whether running a business or keeping the household organized. To help, Staples has teamed with entrepreneurs and bloggers as part of its #makemorehappen campaign, to share tips and tricks from these experts.

Start Smart

Consider making it a habit to perform some of your morning tasks the evening before. This will help you avoid getting burned out early and help you get the day started on the right foot.

“Mompreneur On Fire” Ashleigh Blatt recommended doing the following at night: “Pack the kids’ lunches, lay out their clothes and have them shower. You can also decide what to make for

breakfast and pack purses and backpacks and place them by the door so you can grab them on the way out. The importance of a light morning is that you start your work with energy and in a good mood.”

Streamline Shopping

Whether you are shopping for your business or your household, you may find all

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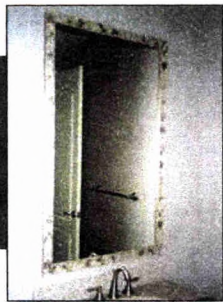
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the stuff life throws at you leaves little time and energy to shop for necessities.

“You need as much time as possible to focus on work and life, not going down every aisle in a store.” said Kristina Cappetta, a blogger at Project Eve, which provides news and resources to women.

Cappetta pointed out many retailers aim to give customers a more convenient experience these days and taking advantage of new shopping options can save time and hassle. For example, Staples has a shop online and pick up in-store option, with many items available in an hour, which “can make life simpler, while giving you more time to focus on your business.”

Be Thoughtful

“Be thoughtful about how you spend your money,” advised Lucy Ross, editor-in-chief of “Like a Boss Girls,” a digital space for millennial

women. Ross, who recently executed a branded shipment to give customers a better sense of her company’s personality, said using business-friendly retailers helped her coordinate her effort strategically.

Resources that offer price-match guarantees, UPS and USPS mailing services, same-day pick-up and online coupons can help save time and money.

Take Time to Celebrate

It may sound counterintuitive when you’re pressed for time, but time-outs are crucial, especially when you’ve reached a goal.

“It’s important to celebrate small wins,” said Blatt, who acknowledges success in an effort to stay motivated.

Consider smart strategies from the experts to help you get more done with more time and resources to spare.

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I don’t want to pay condo fees. Most single-family homeowners already do. What I mean is, drive down any street in Grosse Pointe — especially now and in coming months — and without fail you will see landscapers and more landscapers. If you pay a landscaper \$100 a month, which is on the low side, you just paid about 50 percent of a monthly condo fee. People say, ‘I don’t pay the landscaper all year.’ Sort of true, but if my landscaper comes one more week later this year, I may have to wish him merry Christmas!

Also, many homeowners hire their landscape company for snow removal, so the cost is year round. Typical condo maintenance covers landscape, snow removal, building insurance, water or at least outside watering and amenities such as pool and/or clubhouse. When you own a condo you should have insurance and most lenders, if a mortgage is involved, require an owner to obtain a policy. The big difference is an insurance policy for a condo

owner will be a 60 to 65 percent savings over a single-family property policy. The association obtains a policy that protects the building structure. The individual owner needs to cover their contents, similar to a renter’s policy, but additionally the owners’ coverage in a condo protects the owner from the walls in. The owner needs protection for carpeting, floor coverings, kitchen cabinets, etc., inside the unit. What this means from a budget standpoint is someone paying \$1,200 for an annual insurance policy on their house will pay only \$300 to \$500 protecting their condo, saving them \$60 monthly.

With water, even if the association pays just outside water, an owner will see a \$10 to \$20 reduction in their individual bill. When you break it down, the monthly cost of homeownership is very much equal or greater than a condo maintenance fee, unless you do your own exterior maintenance.

The real perk for most condo owners comes in the form of amenities. Take the Berkshires on Vernier Road or Woodbridge in St. Clair Shores with their built-

in pools. You don’t have to swim to enjoy sitting around a pool on a summer afternoon. Looking at developments to the north, how does a private boat well you can walk down at Harbor Place in St. Clair Shores or 400 on the Lake in Harrison Township sound? Maybe it’s just a properly functioning treadmill in a condo fitness center that you don’t have to make space for in your home that motivates you to improve your health and lifestyle. Maybe you want to walk to the store regularly. Look how affordable it is to own and be in the heart of the Village at the townhouses in the 700 block of St. Clair in the City. Maybe it’s just the heightened sense of community and security a person desires living on their own.

For the record, I live in a single-family home, but I may be convincing myself condo living sounds pretty darn appealing — maybe sooner than later. If you’re thinking of buying a condo for your next home, reach out to one of our 900 Realtor members via gptr.com.

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5 helpful hints for a clean and clutter-free home

(StatePoint) Papers piling up? Toys taking over? If your home is more cluttered than clean, you're not alone. Eighty-five percent of homeowners say organization and storage is the most desired feature in a home, according to OrganizedLiving.com.

Your clean-home dreams can come true. In fact, simply getting rid of clutter alone can eliminate 40 percent of housework in the average home, according to the National Soap and Detergent Association. With a few helpful hints your home can get organized — and stay that way.

Conquer a Clutter-free Kitchen

With a wealth of gadgets, it's no wonder the kitchen is a clutter culprit. To start your cleanse, remove everything from drawers and cupboards. If you haven't used an item in the last month — unless it's a holiday necessity — purge it. Next, clean and line drawer and shelf surfaces with a quality shelf liner. Not only will it pro-



tect from dirt and grime, but it also offers a good gauge: If you can't see the shelf liner, it's time to purge again.

Get a New Spin on the Laundry Room

Sometimes the laundry room needs

a bit of cleaning itself. Detergents and other build-up can cause washing machine odors. Run white vinegar through a cycle to sanitize it with ease. Next, improve efficiency and reduce fire hazards by thoroughly cleaning lint from dryer vents — both inside and out. Finally, use labeled baskets to ensure everything has its place. And, since the laundry room often is a catch-all location, label one as a "put away" basket and be sure to empty it daily, putting its contents back in their proper places.

Control Bathroom Chaos

From towels to toiletries, bathrooms hold a lot of "stuff," which can make organizing feel like a losing battle. Create a de-cluttering schedule. Since many toiletries, such as toothbrushes and makeup, should be replaced quarterly, this is the perfect time to purge. Empty drawers and linen cabinets and toss out items that

are old or aren't being used. Shelf liner once again can be a useful addition before putting items back.

Gear-Up Garage Organization

From toys to tools to seasonal gear, the garage has it all. Unfortunately, 25 percent of two-car garages are so cluttered there isn't room to park a car, reports the U.S. Department of Energy. Annually, remove everything and categorize items into "keep," "sell/donate" and "trash" piles. Next, designate sections of the garage for "work" (hardware and gardening tools) and "play" (toys, bikes and balls). Create vertical storage by adding hooks and floor-to-ceiling shelves. Finally, label bins, boxes and shelves to encourage everyone to maintain organization.

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Humans aren't the only ones accumulating clutter or making messes. In fact, trupanion.com discovered the average number of pet toys in a home was 34. Start each season by tossing out tattered pet toys and thoroughly disinfecting the keepers — along with leashes, boxes and bedding. To keep areas neat and clean, place non-adhesive shelf liner under food and water bowls to keep them in place and spills contained. A piece under the litter box also can reduce litter scatter across floors and the grip surface helps pull litter from dirty paws.

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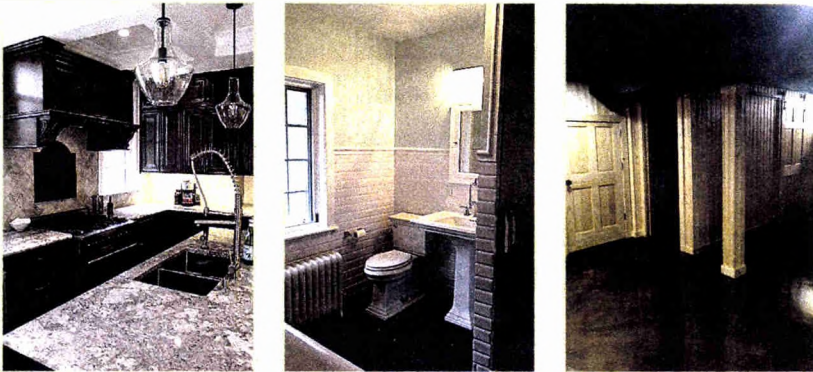
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