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Garden

variety

Jim Garlough gets help putting up a tomato fence from Will Ritchie. a summer intern for Full Circle, during Full Circle's sixth annual

community-wide plant-

Garden May 13. In the

ing day at its Edible

background is Larry

Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

There's a knocking at the door

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A real estate agent wants permission to solicit business door-todoor and isn't taking no Adoption Society and for an answer.

on the door to advise people we're here to be of service," the man told for any reason, even if it members of the Grosse were between 9 (a.m.) Pointe Farms city council and 6 (p.m.)." Monday, May 8.

open session, he's not being named in case the held by many others, stunt

His initiative is shunned

PAATS;

SOC to run

needs drivers

as an intrusion by a resident attending the meet-

ing I've lived here almost 30 years," said Corrine Martin, executive director of Grosse Pointe Animal president of its board. "I "Sometimes we'll knock love my privacy. I would not want a Realtor coming to my door and knocking

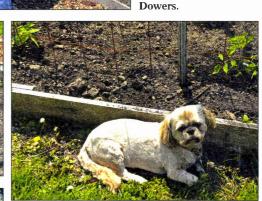
"Good point," said Although he spoke in Mayor James Farquhar. "I'm sure that thought is request was a publicity added Councilman Louis

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Above, Cody, the mascot for Full Circle, guards the tomatoes during planting. Cody can be seen every Saturday at the Full Circle store in Grosse Pointe Park. Above left, Nancy Knuth and Full Circle founder Mary Fodell plant yellow beans. Left, Anthony Allemon, assistant to the garden coordinator, cultivates the soil to get the garden bed ready for planting. Allemon also carried 19 yards of log mulch and moved 17.5 yards of topsoil and Indian Summer compost to ready the garden.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

THE GROSSE POINTES for the service." The more things change, the more they stay the same and, in the to-curb service for case of Services for Older Citizens' pending oversight of a transit system for the elderly and disabled, there's no effect on riders

By Brad Lindberg

Staff Writer

Of greater concern is a shortage of bus drivers.

anybody with a chauf- sense that they should feur's license, please contact SOC," said Derrick Kozicki, board change anything for the chairman of Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services. "They're des-

perate for drivers. That's a good thing because (it shows) there's a demand

PAATS is a connector bus system offering curbseniors and the disabled in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

We're transferring oversight from the PAATS board to SOC," Kozicki said. "Since the majority of customers "If anybody knows are seniors, it makes also oversee PAATS."

"It's not going to delivery of services," said

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Susan Knopf, program coordinator at SOC; Patricia Allemon, Full Circle garden coordinator: and Sue Banner, administrative coordinator at Full Circle are excited about the partnership between Full Circle and Services for Older Citizens, through which SOC will have a mini farmer's market for its clients. Full Circle also received a grant from Beaumont to build three more raised garden beds.



Mayor and one of two councilmen to exchange seats

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE whence he came, a seat on the city council.

His election is guaran-FARMS - Mayor James teed, extraneous of the Farquhar steps down at unexpected or unimagithe end of his term in nable, because, as during

He's filed to run for successful campaigns for cilmen Louis Theros, an sought appointment by has no competition.

"I'm running unopposed as a council member," Farquhar said.

Seeking to succeed

dealer.

In preparation for less time-consuming munici- lic safety pension board pal service after Election and general employee November, but only so far. five of six consecutive him as mayor are coun- Day Nov. 7, Farquhar retirement system board.

reelection to mayor, he attorney, and Joe Ricci, a the council Monday, May retired automobile 8, to fill the vacancy of former Councilman Martin West on the pub-

"There's two retirement systems, general employee and public safety," said Shane Reeside, city manager. "Each system consists of

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2A | BUSINESS

St. John Guild Dinner a night of art, music and big honors

By Jody McVeigh Editor

The 57th annual St. John Guild Dinner — the second hosted at the MGM Grand Detroit welcomed hundreds to an evening that honored four guild members for their outstanding service.

The May 12 event, which concluded with entertainment by Dueling Pianos International was emceed by Detroit Red Wings announcer Ken Kal.

Speed painter Dave Santia entertained during dinner by creating three paintings on the spot, which then were auctioned.

Since its inception, the guild has raised \$17 million for St. John Hospital & Medical Center. This year's proceeds benefit the renovation of the hospital's center hub, including its coffee shop and surrounding areas.

Honored during the event were guild mem- gery and robotic prosta-



PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

Hundreds of St. John supporters attended the 57th annual St. John Guild Dinner May 12 at the MGM Grand. Detroit.

M.D., Sister Jacqueline prostate cancer, among Wetherholt. James Nicholson and Karlest Ford

Physician of the Year. Since the start of his mittee. practice, Schervish has initiated numerous programs at St. John, including radioactive seed implantation, cryosur-

bers Edward Schervish tectomy in treating others. He has chaired several committees and currently is chairman of Schervish was named the minimally invasive and robotic surgery com-

> Schervish also has chaired the St. John Guild/Medical Staff Golf Outing the past 12 years with his wife, and. Rhonda, received the

Volunteer of the Year Award from the Association of Fund Raising Professionals.

He and his wife have three daughters and two grandchildren. "I'd like to thank the St.

John Guild, who has honored me with the Physician of the Year Award," he said. "I'm humbled to stand amongst the other distinguished recipients this year. The guild organization is a remarkable organization that's been around for more than 50 years. The organization has garnered national attention in the way they raise funds for a hospital system. Ultimately their efforts benefit the surrounding community."

Wetherholt, who has been involved with the guild more than 30 years, was given the Lifetime Achievement Award. She became director of fundraising at St. John in 1987 and administrator

2016 Distinguished of the Fontbonne McGregor Fund, Detroit 1989. A member of the Advisory Council and a Lifetime Member, Wetherholt said she is ees.

"I want to thank the St. John Guild President Paul Treder, the board and the members for Lifetime Achievement St. John Guild is a magnificent organization.

thanking the sisters of St. Joseph - my family who built the hospital and the sisters who have ministered here over the be the recipient of the years.

Nicholson, given the Philanthropic Services honorees are a distin-Award, is chairman and past president and CEO of PVS Chemicals Inc. He also is chairman emeritus of the boards of the list as they are. Detroit Symphony Orchestra, **Business** Leaders of Michigan,

Auxiliary and the guild in Public Television, YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Detroit Public Safety Foundation, as well as chairman of the humbled to be named State of Michigan among the other honor- Investment Advisory Committee, The Futures Foundation and **Community Foundation** Southeastern for Michigan. He serves on honoring me with the several boards and was named Michiganian of Award," she said. "The the Year in 2004. He also received the Neal Shine Award for Exemplary "I cannot end without Regional Leadership in 2016. He and his wife of 51 years, Anne, have four sons.

> "It is my great honor to guild's philanthropy award," he said. "My coguished group. Their stories are impressive and it is especially an honor to be on the same

"Every community

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Original Pancake House honored on 55th anniversary .

GROSSE POINTE WOODS - It's been a community institution 55 years, easily recognizable any weekend morning by the long line of customers waiting for a stack of pancakes and a side of bacon or a delicious omelet.

While everyone knows the Original Pancake House, few may know it is original in other ways, with the popular restaurant still operated by its original owners, the Hamilton family, and still operating in its original location,

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NEWS | 3A

Boettcher leaves it at four terms | Irby appointed

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE - Councilman Christopher Boettcher was never afraid to ask questions during four, two-year terms representing residents of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Likewise, he left little doubt for questions when explaining his decision not to run for another term.

OLIVIA FERGUSON

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years," Boettcher said. 'I'm going to leave it at that

His announcement at the close of the Monday, May 15, council meeting leaves ample time for prospective replacements to contend for a seat in the Nov. 8 election

"There's a lot of residents out there," Boettcher said, certain time, friendship and

"I've done my eight choice of candidates. His conduct in office was consistent with the reason he gave for first seeking office in 2009:

"As a lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe, I feel it is very, very important to preserve the integrity, history and safety of the community and to make it the perfect place to work, live and relax."

"Thank you for your voters will have a good everything," said Mayor

Dale Scrace.

"I thank everyone," Boettcher said. "It was an honor serving. I will diligently finish my last five months."

Boettcher is the second member of the council's modern old guard to retire without flourish.

In July, four-term councilwoman Jean Weipert left office to move to Chicago with her family.

-Brad Lindberg

Record

release

Olivia Ferguson,

formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms, reto GPPSS post

By Kathy Ryan Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Former Former Grosse Pointe Woods City Treasurer Dee Ann Irby has been appointed director of business operations for the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Her appointment was approved by the school board at its Monday, May 8, meeting.

Irby resigned as Woods treasurer/comptroller in September 2016 to accept a position with Schools in St. Clair not been determined.

Shores. Prior to her position in the Woods, Irby had served as treasurer and finance director in Bloomfield Hills. She also held positions in the City of Grosse Pointe and Hazel Park.

Irby holds a bachelor's degree in public administration and a master's degree in business from Central Michigan University. She is a resident of St. Clair Shores.

According to the school board's human resources report, Irby's salary will be \$107,000, the Lakeview Public but a starting date has





Ferguson's EP may be purchased on iTunes, Google Play and Amazon, and hard copies are available on her website, oliviaferguson.com.

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20273 Mack Ave. Howard and Janet Hamilton, 1962, passed the restaurant to

Hamilton and his wife, Anneke, are now joined in the business by their children, Jamie and Jennifer. The family was presented with an official proclamation at the May 15 city council meeting for who opened the restaurant in their years of "keeping the breakfast-only menu consistent with their son, Frank, in 1980. Frank dishes that are made from scratch

daily, containing simple and highquality ingredients to create an award-winning taste that brings families back year after year.'

Ferguson, who earned a bachelor's degree in vocal music from Michigan State University and a mas-

ter's degree in the same area from the University of

Wisconsin-Madison, performed for guests during

Mayor Robert Novitke congratulated the Hamiltons and wished them continued success.

- Kathy Ryan

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needs a great hospital McQuade Distinguished 10 years. and we have one." he Service Award. He is a continued. "It's impor- member, deacon and Gardener and enjoys time, anywhere at the tant to my family and all elder at St. John building birdhouses and drop of a hat."

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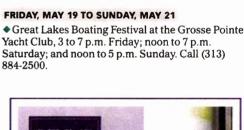
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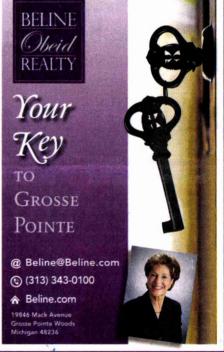
her EP release party.

A united council reappointed Ricci to both commissions Terms are two years.

charming and devoted cheerleader," Ford said. "She was the bridge between community and the hospital and would Ford also is a Master give an Irish prayer any-



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Growing in faith Young Life leader a role model for youth

By Jody McVeigh Edito

was in middle school, he joined a club that would forever change his life.

When I was in middle school, I went from trying to fit in to following the crowd," he said. "In eighth grade, I started participating in Young Life.

"I was really involved with my church, Grace Community Church," he continued. "I saw my friends being impacted by coming to Young Life, so I got more involved. Through the young adults who helped mentor me, I got to a place where I found my own identity, who I was and who I was in Christ."

Young Life, a nondenominational Christian organization that introduces youth to Christ and helps them grow in their

faith, is open to all stu- have fun. dents in the community.

Mollison continued the When Patrick Mollison program through Grosse Pointe South High School and even into Wayne State University, growing in faith while earning a bachelor's degree in psychology.

"I ended up on the staff," he said. "It's been four and a half years."

Mollison, the area director for Young Life Grosse Pointe, manages volunteer leaders, coordinates programs and works with students.

"I meet with and mentor students and help them grow in faith, among a lot of other things," he said.

He described club meetings, which meet 7:30 p.m. Sundays during the school year at his Grosse Pointe Farms home - the Young Life house - as a place for students to hang out and

"They come in, hang out, we play songs and play games," he said. "It's a relaxed, safe atmosphere for kids to have fun and be who they are. It's a break from the pressure of studying and the pressure of sports. Then we have a short message of faith, focusing on reallife issues. High school can be tough. We try to show how faith can help them through the tough times.

Young Life sees 40 to 50 kids a year, on average. Mollison said he's blessed to have been one of them. "For me, my faith is the most important thing in my life," he said. "It's so much fun, so fulfilling to be able to work with and the kids in this com-young people. It's my munity," he said. "It's young people. It's my dream job in a lot of ways. So many young adults, when I was growing up, mentored me and helped me. It's fun to be able to do that with others."

Mollison sang praises of his volunteer leaders continue to grow," he — college age and young continued, "and be a professionals, many of

students, who take where they breaks from their busy weeks to mentor students.

"Our volunteer leaders are really great people for them grow these students to look up to," he said. "They're the most fantastic people I know. They're involved in their faith and want to share that with young people. They're my heroes. They pour so much of themselves into the lives of students."

Mollison, who with his wife Carrie, has two sons Jude, 2, and Theodore, 4 months - recently earned a master's degree in social work. He has no plans, however, to move on.

"I love this community really great to be a part of their lives. I hope to continue to do this for a while. I love doing this. I'm just open to what God has in store for me.

"I would love to see this thing available for stu-

can come and have a safe place that's fun and helps and focus on things that matter."

As area director, Mollison also for Wyld Life,

school students which high school. It has a meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays during the school year at The War Memorial.

an awkward, weird time in kids' lives," he said. "We run around and have fun. It's chaotic and crazy - it's a good time.'

During summer, Young Life students attend camp, which this year takes place at Frontier Ranch in Colorado.

"I never went to camp in high school," Mollison said. "I went as a leader and it was amazing. A lot of times kids will tell me Young Life camp is one of the most important them former Young Life dents in the community impactful things they pointe.younglife.org.



is responsible Patrick Mollison

a program for middle were involved with in pretty big effect on people."

When he's not mentor-"Middle school is such ing, Mollison enjoys spending time with his family, coaching football, fishing and reading. And while Young Life is an important part of his faith life, he said it's not meant to replace church.

"We want students to continue to go to church, he said. "This is in addition to church, somewhere to go where they can grow with their friends."

For more information about Young Life Grosse Pointe, visit grosse

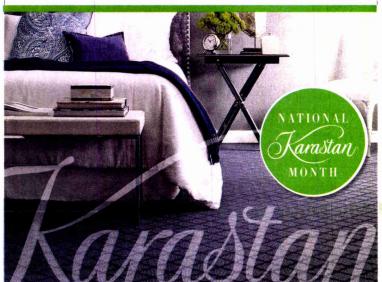


Water rate up 3.5 percent

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE - During a budget preview earlier this month, municipal finance director Kimberly

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Kleinow forecast a "slight \$27.66 per year. increase" in City of Grosse Pointe water rates starting the new fiscal vear July 1.

be psychic.

Citing cost increases from water and sewage treatment suppliers plus a need to fund capital improvements, city officials this week approved a 3.5 percent rate boost effective July 1.

"For the average homeowner, this will increase their bill \$4.61 per billing over last year," Kleinow said.

Water billing in the city is bimonthly, meaning the average residential customer's bill goes up mated the (new) rate will charge.'

The City buys drinking water from Grosse Pointe Farms, which raised rates 3.1 percent this month.

In the words of Moe Sewage is treated by Howard, lady, you must the Great Lakes Water Authority in southwest Detroit at a cost going up 6.45 percent next fiscal year.

The municipal \$12.8 million budget for fiscal year 2017-18, adopted Monday, May 15, features \$2,597,225 for water and sewer expenditures.

"To continue the same level of service to our residents and fund anticipated capital improvements, a rate increase is necessary," Kleinow said. "It is esti-

provide the additional revenues needed in the water and sewer fund to cover the anticipated water service and sewage disposal charge increases, and also provide funding for the system's capital outlay requirements.'

Water bills have multiple components.

There are minor increases in some categories of water charges, but there also is one decrease the readiness to serve charge would go down approximately 5 percent," Kleinow said. "Debt service will increase, mostly because of the new (water) main bond we incorporated into our debt service

2017-18 budget OK'd

year's city budget, previewed at last week's city council meeting and

CITY OF GROSSE May 11, was adopted by for road improvements. POINTE - Next fiscal unanimous vote at this week's council session, taxable values generates Monday, May 15.

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16.7836 mils includes a and fees at \$14,820,770. voter-approved 2.5 mils — Brad Lindberg

PAATS:

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Mark Wollenweber, SOC chairman. "For the ridership, it's not going to change anything."

"Instead of the PAATS board overseeing PAATS, Services for Older Citizens' board will oversee PAATS," Kozicki said. "Riders will not notice any difference. Nothing operationally is changing."

The switch is effective at the start of SOC's next fiscal year Oct. 1, both said.

Rationale for new oversight includes having SOC officials fold senior transportation into the rest of their operations. "They have a dual org.

vision in providing independence and dignity to seniors," said Shane Reeside, Farms manager. "We think it goes handin-hand with their mission."

Kozicki also is Farms city clerk and assistant city manager of the Farms. Wollenweber manages Grosse Pointe Shores.

"Our city attorney is helping draft bylaws for the PAATS board to help merge SOC general operations," Wollenweber said.

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6A NEWS

Officers honored for exceptional services

By Kathy Ryan Staff Write

PARK "Our residents are well-served by our the subject's waistband highly dedicated, well- and immediately trained public safety offi-removed the handgun cers," said Mayor Robert Denner before presenting handcuffs. Officer Kolar several Park officers with departmental commendations and distinguished been severely beaten service awards at the April 10 city council meeting. "We value what you do for us."

That respect and regard for public safety officers was evident not only by the appreciation of residents shown Monday night, but by the large turnout of their fellow officers as seven of their own were honored.

Public Safety Officer Daniel Kolar was honored with the Distinguished Service Award for his actions March 23, 2016, that resulted in saving the life of a woman being held captive and tortured by a suspect who presented himself as a police officer. While working under-

cover while assigned to the ACTION Task Force, he was in the area of Lyford and Gilbo in Detroit following up on an arson investigation. He observed a truck parked in a vacant field with its hood up and driver's door open. Upon approaching the vehicle, he was met by a male subject who presented a gold badge and identified himself as a police officer. Based on the subject's demeanor, the position of the truck and the desolate area PSO Kolar was sus-

information and identification. PSO Kolar GROSSE POINTE observed a semi-automatic weapon tucked in and placed the subject in approached the truck and found a female who had with extensive trauma to her head. She also had stab wounds to both hands. He called for EMS and upon arrival the EMS crew discovered that the victim had been shot in both legs. Based on evidence it was clear that the suspect had been torturing the victim and intended on killing her. The suspect was later convicted and is serving a

> 40-year sentence." In addition to his departmental citation, Kolar also was named Police Officer of the Year by the Police Officers Association of Michigan and will be recognized by the organization at its annual dinner Thursday, May 25.

Kolar joined the department Feb. 8, 1995.

Sgt. James Vogler was awarded the Monsignor Kohler Community Service Award. Named for the late pastor of Holy Trinity Detroit's Church in Corktown neighborhood, the award is presented to a law enforcement officer currently part of the Auto Theft Prevention Authority team who is involved in crime prevention initiatives in his community and who has demonstrated significant picious and began to personal and profes- theft as well as insurance



PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

Members of the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department were recognized by the city council at its April 10 meeting for outstanding service.

sional commitment to the fraud." investigation of motor vehicle thefts

'Sgt. Vogler was assigned to the ACTION task force in April 2008 and became the commanding officer in October 2009. ACTION is a joint task force comprised of officers from Grosse Pointe Park, Harper Woods, Detroit the National and Insurance Crime Bureau. Under the leadership of Sgt. Vogler, Harper Woods has experienced a 60 percent reduction in auto theft and the Grosse Pointes have experienced a 70 percent reduction. Sgt. Vogler and his team has developed partnerships with the private sector including insurance companies (special investigators), vehicle GPS tracking services, Lojack and vehicle financing institutions including repossession services in an effort to combat auto

In addition to Vogler receiving the award, the Park Department of

Public Safety received a \$1,500 grant to be used for training, supplies and equipment.

Voglar joined the department Sept. 20, 1991 Safety Public

Dispatcher Jill Mazzara was honored with a Department Commendation for her actions in an incident that occurred June 8, 2016.

"Dispatcher Mazzara received a call from Detroit dispatch regarding a call received from the Veterans of America crisis line on a subject who was intent on hanging himself. The address given was not in Grosse Pointe Park, however, the cellphone used to make the call had pinged on Wayburn near Mack. Dispatcher Mazzara requested the name of the caller and searched the CLEMIS databank with negative results, however recalling a similar name to the one given, she again searched CLEMIS. The reults this time showed the name of a resident in the 1400 block of Wayburn, which was where the cellphone had pinged. She immediately dispatched officers to check on the welfare at that address. Officers were successful in determining that the caller had planned to commit suicide and was able to get him to St. John Hospital for treatment. PSD Mazzara's persistence and recollection of a name that sounded like the one given is a testament to the dedication that Jill gives to the department daily."

department Feb. 1, 1993, gate a strong-arm rob-

and was appointed chief dispatcher Feb. 24, 1997. Public Safety Officer Thomas Lazarski received a Department Commendation for his actions related to the same incident.

Officer Lazarski was dispatched to a run to check on the welfare of a resident who had threatened to commit suicide. When PSO Lazarski encountered the subject, he was reluctant to disclose any information and attempted to dismiss the officer. PSO Lazarski persisted and began to build a rapport with the resident. After some time, he admitted he had called the VA and had mentioned wanting to hang himself. Officer Lazarsk continued the dialogue until he was able to enter the home and observed a rope fashioned like a noose hanging from a door frame with a chair directly underneath. At this time, he was confronted about the rope and finally agreed to go to St. John Hospital for a psychological evaluation. PSO Lazarski through his diligence continued his investigation after efforts by the subject to deflect and dismiss concern for his well-being. It is with professionalism and attention to detail that PSO Lazarski helped prevent any self-harm from occurring.

Lazarski joined the department May 27, 1994

Public Safety Officer Paul Pionk received a Department Commendation for his actions relating to an incident that occurred Sept. 6, 2016.

'PSO Pionk responded to a call in the 1200 block Mazzara joined the of Maryland to investi-

bery by two suspects driving a newer model Chevrolet Malibu. Officers began to search the immediate area. PSO Pionk located a vehicle matching the description, occupied by the suspects Kercheval at and Lakepointe. The suspects refused to stop and a brief pursuit began and the subjects crashed into an abandoned field at Marlborough and Charlevoix. Officer Pionk quickly exited his vehicle and pursued the driver on foot while relaying the direction of the second suspect. Officer Pionk caught and tackled the suspect, who continued to fight and resist the officer. After administering three to five stuns from his taser, Officer Pionk was able to gain control of the suspect. It was learned that the vehicle being driven by the two suspects were stolen and that they were wanted by ACTION for several other stolen vehicles. Two felons were arrested safely and stolen property was recovered due to this officer's exceptional actions."

Officer Pionk has been a member of the department since July 21, 2003.

Public Safety Officer Brady Baetens received a Department Commendation for his actions relating to the same incident.

"Officer Baetens responded to a call in the 1200 block of Maryland to investigate a strongarmed robbery by two suspects driving a newer model Chevrolet Malibu. Officers began to search the immediate area. PSO Pionk located a vehicle matching the description occupied by the suspects Kercheval and at Officer Lakepointe. Baetens assisted Officer Pionk in securing the driver into the vehicle and then began searching for the second suspect. After 30 minutes Officer Baetens located the suspect in an abandoned garage on Philip. Officer Baetens gave several commands for the suspect to come out and as the suspect attempted to flee, Officer Baetens entered the garage and with other officers assisting at that time apprehended the suspect. It was learned that the vehicle being driven by the two suspects was stolen and that they were

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Over the edge

Detroit, nearly backed a 2016 Chevrolet Traverse containing one infant, two toddlers and an open fifth a hedge, cross open lawn of Hennessy cognac into Lake St. Clair behind the Grosse Pointe Club Wednesday night, May 10, according to police.

"(She) drove half onto the seawall, balancing the rear half of the vehicle over reported Grosse water," Pointe Farms Officer tioned about any other

A drunken woman, 24, of Matthew Hurner, among others on scene starting at 10:47 p.m.

> The woman had to avoid and miss lakeside trees to do it.

Officers removed her 1-year-old son plus two male children, 6 months and 2 years, of a 23-yearold Malcolm Township woman.

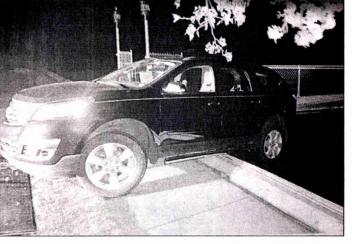
"(The suspect) was ques-

occupants and was uncoop-erative and confused," reported Hurner.

Police said the woman smelled of intoxicants, staggered, slurred, had glassy eyes and a .18 percent blood alcohol level.

"She was uncooperative and originally claimed she was asleep in the car and 'Dum Dum' was driving," Hurner said. "She frequently changed her date of birth and could not or would not provide her middle name. She later stated she would 'take the blame.'"

— Brad Lindberg



Sure sign of spring



Emma Deldin holds a flat of various herbs she helped her aunt pick out



Three-year-old Lucy Klimczuk helps her mom Katy pick out some gerbera daisies.

The Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission hosted its annual flower sale May 12 and 13 on the front lawn of city hall. Numerous flats of flowers, hanging plants, flowers and herbs were on sale. The Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe Unit held its annual herb sale in the community center





Above, 5-year-old J.D. Rutherford holds a lobelia plant he picked out for his mom. Left, Phil Hage, Grosse Pointe

Save the dates for After 6

Staff Writer

POINTE GROSSE PARK - The popular After 6 on Kercheval events are back this summer and scheduled Saturdays, June 24, July 22, and Aug. 26.

The family-friendly block party begins at 6 p.m. with entertainment provided by the Adam Allen Band, Nick Kuhl and the Gang and Soul Provider. Carnival rides, a climbing wall, magicians, dancers, skaters and BMX bike riders will keep young and old entertained. Food trucks and a beer and wine tent ensure a special evening for all. Kercheval will be

By Kathy Ryan nights from Nottingham to Alter Road. After 6 on Kercheval

is a community-wide event sponsored by Allemon's Landscape, APCOR Construction LLC, Atwater Brewery, Belding Cleaners, Corp., Cintas Clearwater Pools & Service of Ann Arbor, Cornwall Bakery, Duffey & Co., Fairfax Quality Market, Grosse Pointe Sail Club, Harvey Animal Hospital, Marshall Landscaping, Park Pharmacy, Michael Bojalad - Century 21 Town & Country, Pointe Pointe Alarm, Hardware, Ray Laethem Motor Village, Red Crown, Rustic Cabins, Sweeties, TradeFirst. closed to traffic those com and Zealous Root.



Woods Beautification Commission member, holds a mix of flowers planted in a colander. PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



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you," Theros told the agent, "then everybody else can come in. We want to make sure we do it instance of someone at right before the slippery slope.

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Realtors in Michigan.

There are 27,500

Some 900 belong to the

Grosse Pointe Board of

Realtors. although the one

making the request isn't

agents work out of Grosse

Pointe offices," said Board

President Mario Como. "Once we say yes to

"About 300 to 400

guy and the next guy," said Councilman Joe Ricci

sides of the issue.

grass-roots marketing that goes from the sole proprietor up to some of the biggest corporations we own stock in," Como said. "But as an individual who lives in a single-family home, I find it, unfortunately, alarming when someone comes to the door these days. When a stranger comes knocking, it gets your heart racing a little." Farms ordinance bans uninvited solicitors from private property. "Our ordinance requires the 'express consent of the owner to be invited onto the property," Councilman Peter Waldmeir told the agent. "The burden shifts to you to establish that (property owners) have given you consent to be on the property." "I'm losing your point," the agent said. "You're not allowed on the property without the specific request or invitation of the owner of said

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property," Waldmeir said. "OK, but this process here is ... "That ordinance,"

Waldmeir repeated, "says solicitors are not permitted on the property absent the express consent and invitation of the owner."

"Other cities are doing something similar," the agent said.

"Here's the thing," Waldmeir said. "I just read you the ordinance. The ordinance doesn't permit what you want to do.

was the latest It city hall advising him no.

That was laid down "It's the case of the next through ranks," the agent Hopefully, it will be the uy and the next guy," said. "From the initial next meeting." inquiry, that was defiicci. nitely conveyed down Como understands both through the ranks. From the initial inquiry on, it "It's a great form of was 'We don't allow it."

"Prior to this meeting, I

Councilman Lev Wood. "The feeling was that modern methods of communication - internet. email, telephone solicitation, whatever - are a perfectly good approach in the Farms. So, I'm not in favor of this suggestion. I support the ordinance as written. The council offered to

research the matter from a more detailed legal perspective.

"I want our attorney to look at our ordinance and see how your request falls in that," Theros said. City administration will tell you when we're ready have you back



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Flowers show their colors near the entrance to Grosse Pointe Shores city hall.

Garden sponsorships open

By Brad Lindberg Staff Write

POINTE GROSSE SHORES - A pair of municipal gardens in prime locations are up for grabs in this year's Sponsor a Garden program.

"One is at the park. The other is across from Vernier Circle," said Helen Bai, a master gardener and chairwoman of the Grosse Pointe Shores **Beautification Advisory** Committee.

Committee members this year are coordinating

annual sponsorships of up to 70 gardens on public property in the city.

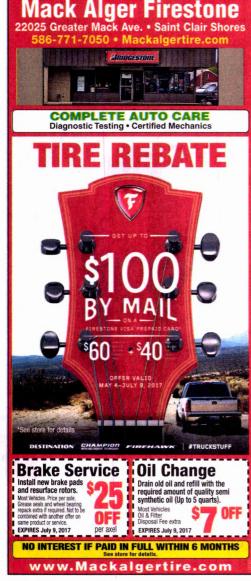
Tax-deductible sponsorships cost \$100, \$125, \$150 and \$200 based on garden size. The money is used to buy flowers.

Sponsor names are posted in their respective plots during the growing season. Some gardens are sponsored in memory or honor of another person Volunteers do the plant-

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county, community col-Tax rate cut .1 mi

By Brad Lindberg aff Write

GROSSE POINTE FARMS - Members of the finance committee meant what they said and said what they meant. They were right about a property tax cut 100 percent

rate is a reduction of .1 mils from last year at 14.35 mils. said Councilman Louis said. Theros, chairman of the Grosse Pointe Farms finance committee. "We continue to have the lowest millage rate in the Grosse Pointes. It's lower than Birmingham and

Plymouth as well." Committee members also are Mayor James Farquhar and Mayor Pro Tem Councilman Lev Wood.

reduction in April, a month before a united city council during a public hearing Monday, May 8, passed the budget for fiscal year 2017-18 starting July 1.

The \$14 228 400 budget is \$212.060 more than last year, a 1.5 percent difference

in taxable property values offsets the millage rate taxable value. We've reduction to yield a \$6 increase in property taxes next year for the average Farms homeowner, according to John Lamerato, city controller and treasurer.

"The market value of "The overall millage homes increased 6.9 percent, which marks the fifth year in a row we had an increase," Lamerato

> Property tax receipts next year are projected to be \$10,355,000. The figure represents 72.8 percent of general fund revenue.

The next highest sources are service fees, 11.7 percent (\$1,671,150) and state shared revenue, 5.7 percent (\$811,500).

"Once again, we're way below what we used to get They foreshadowed the from the state," Lamerato said. Aggregate cuts in

shared revenue over the last decade approach \$2 million, he said. "The city had to make up that loss," Lamerato said. "Not only was the

state reducing state shared revenue, that's when the

A 1.5 percent increase crunched and we had to make up a reduction in streamlined.'

> Farms' \$4,729,130, or 33.2 percent of total.

Major expenditures planned for the coming year include, but are not limited to:

• \$220,000 for public safety vehicles,

 city hall renovations totaling \$100,000.

 \$113,000 in municipal park improvements,

 putting aside another \$100,000 for a new fire truck.

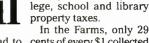
• \$5,000 for sidewalk repairs and

 more than \$1.3 million worth of road resurfacing.

"We have a lot of projects coming up," Theros said.

Although state law limits a property tax increase next year to .9 percent, the rate of inflation, the Farms overall 1.5 percent increase in taxable value results from new construction and property sales, on which the state cap is lifted.

Municipalities serve as market collecting agencies for



cents of every \$1 collected by the city is for city services.

"So, 71 cents goes else-Public safety is the where," Theros said. arms' top cost, "This year, we got a big millage increase from the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency school millage. For every \$5 Grosse Pointers pay, we get about \$3 back.'

Next fiscal year's unassigned fund balance, colloquially known as a rainv day fund, is projected at \$4 million. The figure represents 28 percent of the annual general fund.

"(It's) well over the target we set forth to our auditors and recommended by the state," Theros said.

Personnel costs are under control, according to Lamerato.

"Our personnel services are 64.4 percent of general fund expenditures,' he said. "We're well below the Southeast Michigan average of 73 percent of general fund for personnel services.'

"For the sixth year in a row, we've reduced the percentage of personnel costs to our budget,' Theros said.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUY Grosse Pointe Woods held its 35th annual Memorial Tree Dedication Ceremony Wednesday, April 5. Family members of the person for whom the tree is dedicated were inmemory vited to attend and speak about the family member who died. A red crimson maple, tulip tree or callery pear were planted in memory at locations around Grosse Pointe Woods. Family members of Joan Buccinna, Robert "Mick" Hellrung and Albert Keatts gathered for a photo with Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Bob Novitke, several council members and members of the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Tree Commission.

OFFICERS:

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several other stolen vehi- newest member of the cles. Two felons were Public

arrested safely and stolen property was recovered due to this officer's exceptional actions." Officer Baetens is the

Safety

Department, joining March 1, 2016. Public Safety Officer

Erik Davis received the department's Life Saving Award

"While off duty and on



vacation in Ludington, he was alerted by a family member that her husband was in bed and not breathing. The victim was a healthy 52-year-old with no history of cardiac issues. PSO Davis ran to the cottage where the subject was and immediately began CPR protocols. PSO Davis began CPR and continued for approximately 20 minutes until a Fire Department Rescue vehicle arrived. PSO Davis assisted by inserting an oral airway and continued to administer breaths using a bag mask. An AED was placed on the patient and it administered a total of six shocks. The patient was eventually stabilized at the hospital and air lifted to Rapids Grand Butterworth Hospital where an internal defibrillator was implanted. The patient was released a few days after the surgery. Surgeons stated that the patient had 'zero' chance of survival if not for the quick and professional action taken by PSO Davis.³

Officer Davis has been a member of the department since Dec. 2, 1995.

Public Safety Director Stephen Poloni praised his officers.

"I am honored to work with these officers," he said. "Our residents are well served by their professionalism and dedication.'

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Wrong way

PUBLIC SAFETY **9**A

City of Grosse Pointe Slow learner Public Safety Reports

A man being taken into custody last weekend for disregarding the state's suspension of his driver's license knew the routine.

"(He has) had six arrests for driving while suspended," reported a patrolman.

the man, 23, of Detroit, for driving a 2009 Chevrolet Impala through a red light on eastbound Jefferson at Fisher shortly after 1:30 a.m. Sunday, May 14.

He's also named in five outstanding warrants, including one from Livonia for violating probation on an address and an office in unspecified charge, Detroit. according to police.

Officers also arrested Drunken a 24-year-old female passenger from Redford on a misdemeanor warrant from Livonia.

Car theft

Thieves zeroed in on a 2016 Dodge Charger Hellcat parked overnight Friday, May 12, in the driveway of a house in the 400 block of Lakeland.

The only remnant of the car the next morning was shattered automotive glass on the pavement.

Secret income

It's time for an accused embezzler to pay the piper.

The suspect, a 30-yearold woman from Plymouth, is accused of stealing money from her employer, an investment

of Grosse Pointe man.

"(He) said (she) takes checks with the business' name on them. addresses them to herself in dollar amounts ranging from \$800 to \$5,729, forges (his) sig-The officer pulled over nature and cashes (or) deposits them to her personal bank account, the man reportedly told police Friday, May 5. "(He) stated this has been going on since July 2016 amounting to \$111,629."

The company is based Subscription in Florida, has a City Grosse Pointe of

speeder

A City patrolman, alerted by Grosse Pointe Farms dispatchers shortly before midnight Sunday, May 7, of a suspected drunken driver on eastbound Lakeshore, stopped the suspect on Jefferson near the intersection of Lakeland for speeding 13 mph over the limit and hitting the right curb.

The driver, a 29-yearold man, lives in Detroit. (He) was slurring badly," reported the offi-

cer. The man allegedly registered a .244 percent blood alcohol level, three times the maximum to legally operate a motor vehicle in Michigan.

It was his second arrest for drunken driving, police said.

Officers searching his group owned by a City 2007 Chevrolet Uplander

bottle and fifth of vodka, having dropped the both empty.

history includes being of the house," said the wanted in Reno, Nev., for violating probation regarding burglary. Extradition terms don't about these and other reach Michigan.

He's also wanted in Detroit, Highland Park and St. Clair Shores for various traffic and contempt of court violations, Grosse Pointe Farms police said.

canceled

Police arrested a man delivering magazines door-to-door in the 600 block of Washington at 2:11 p.m. Saturday, May 6, on outstanding warrants.

He's named in a 2016 Madison Heights felony have been damaged by a warrant for carrying a concealed weapon and for two traffic violations within the jurisdiction of 36th District Court, according to police.

A City officer investigated him because a resident of the 800 block reported him in a backyard

"(The suspect) denied parking deck.

said they found a beer being in the backyard, magazine on the side Police said his criminal due to the configuration officer.

> – Brad Lindberg Report information crimes to City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety, (313) 886-3200.

Car damaged

It's unknown who damaged the driver-side front window of a vehicle parked overnight Friday, May 12, on Warner.

Evidence indicates possible motives ranging from vandalism to attempted auto theft.

"The window could BB gun or window punch," said a patrolman investigating the scene.

Plate taken

Someone stole the license plate off a silver 2017

Lincoln MXL parked 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 12, in the Hill

Cuts off officer

At 7:49 p.m. Friday, May 12, the driver of a 1994 Lincoln Towncar was investigated for entering westbound Mack between Moross and Kerby in the path of a patrolman's cruiser. (I) was forced to

change lanes to the left," reported the officer.

The Towncar's license plate was expired. "Secretary of State

(records) show the plate belonged to a 2000 Buick that was junked April 24," said the officer.

Records listed the driver, a 66-year-old Detroit man, as having 40 suspensions of his operator's license.

"He mumbled and slurred (and) admitted drinking whiskey while his sister was in the emergency room at St. John (Hospital & Medical Center) for a nose bleed," said the officer.

Police logged his .17 level, found a half-pint of Canadian Club whiskey in his car and drove home two passengers.

A 33-year-old Detroit woman, investigated at

12:33 a.m. Tuesday, May 9, for driving a blue 2002 Chevrolet Town & Country eastbound in westbound lanes of Mack at Moross, was arrested for drunken driving.

She had a .18 percent blood alcohol level, according to police.

Pit bull attack

Two women saying they were attacked by a pit bull in the 300 block of Mount Vernon want something done about it, but nothing to assure the threat will end.

"Both (women) were torn because neither wants the pit bull put down, but neither wants anyone else, especially a child, injured by the dog in the future," reported a public safety officer.

One woman, 51. told police at 6:59 p.m. Monday, May 8, the alleged attack happened 12 hours earlier while walking her. West Highland terrier on the sidewalk in front of a house.

"(A) pit bull ran from percent blood alcohol the rear yard toward her dog and began to attack,' reported the officer, sum-

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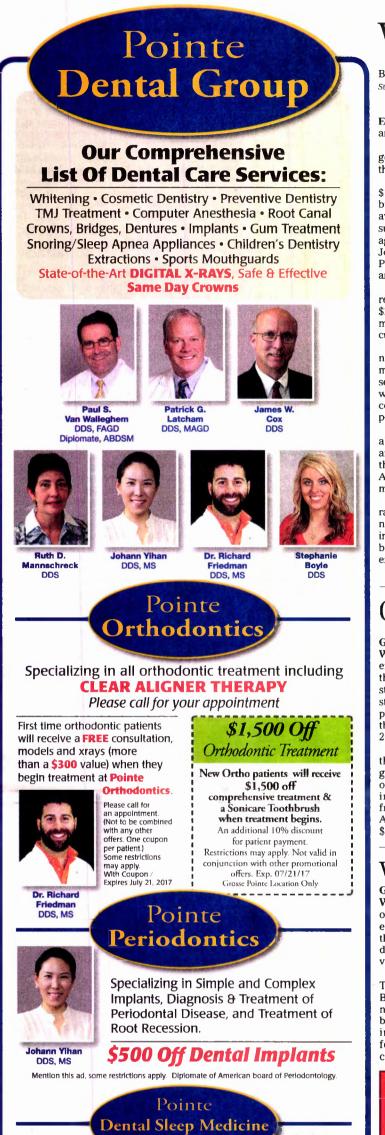
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Water fees go up, down

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Water rates ebb and flow starting July 1. In one respect, rates are

going down. In another they're going up.

The net impact is a \$7.97, or 3.1 percent, bimonthly increase to the average residential consumer of water and sewage services, according to John Lamerato, Grosse Pointe Farms controller and treasurer.

The basic, bimonthly residential bill becomes \$263.05 based on minimum consumption of 700 cubic feet of water.

"Our flat rate is going up nearly \$8 every two months," he said. "To offset some of that increase, we've lowered the water consumption rate by \$2 per 1,000 cubic feet.

The Farms' new fee absorbs a 3.2 percent annual rate increase from the Great Lakes Water Authority for sewage treatment.

Restructured water rates, effective starting the new fiscal year July 1, are intended to shore-up the budget with a steadier revenue stream.

Fixed rates generate

revenue independent of consumption, which fluctuates by random influence of weather, particularly the impact of

rain and temperature on lawn irrigation. "An increased flat rate allows communities to bet-

ter fund fixed costs to run our water purification plant and pumping station," said Councilman Louis Theros, chairman of the finance committee. "This allows us to have better budget consistency, not depend so much on usage. People who use more water will pay more because they're using more."

Rates for the coming year are based on a forecast of Farms customers buying 61.5 million cubic feet of water. The projection is based on average consumption the prior six years, according to Lamerato.

"Even though this fiscal year started off great (meaning dry and warm weather), the last several months have been wet," Lamerato said

Water consumption during the first quarter of the year exceeded estimates by 400,000 cubic feet Then the weather

changed.

"The last month, water consumption was over 1 million cubic feet less than last year," Lamerato said.

Conservation efforts also are reducing water consumption, from people being mindful not to squander water to manufacturers of water-stingy appliances.

"I have a new washing machine that doesn't use hardly any water," said Mayor James Farquhar.

Water usage has trended downward since a recent peak in 2005. Sales of about 83 million cubic feet that year are more than 30 mcf greater than projected for the coming fiscal year.

"Water consumption is not going to be as good as it was years ago because people are replacing old appliances with water-sav-ing utilities," Farquhar said

"My washer went from 36 gallons per wash to 15," Theros said.

A higher flat rate helps even-out residential water bills, according to Shane Reeside, city manager.

'You raise the flat charge a little (and) bills go up a little during winter months," he said. "But in summer, you see a decrease because of the reduction in water rates."

Council approves 2017-18 budget

GROSSE WOODS - Rising property values have allowed the city to loosen the strings a bit on fiscal restraint in the budget approved Monday night by the city council for the 2017-18 fiscal year.

By a unanimous vote, the council approved a general operating fund \$12,862,994, an increase of \$164,774 from the previous year. Allocations include

POINTE government; \$5,884,288 per \$1,000 of taxable for public safety; \$1,799,487 for public works; \$420,376 for technology; and \$1,800,637 for parks and recreation.

> Capital improvement projects scheduled for the next year include \$3,453,046 for roads and \$2,215,140 for projects including a new roof on the city hall complex.

The council set a millage rate of 17.4983, \$2,958,206 for general which equates to \$17.50

value.

Residents will see a slight increase in water bills beginning July 1, with the council approving a 4 percent increase in the commodity rate.

We were able to hold the line on an increase even after we received a 9 percent increase in rates from Detroit,' Freasurer Cathrene Behrens told the council.

-Kathy Ryan

Water bills now available via email

POINTE GROSSE WOODS — There can be one less envelope delivered to Woods' homes as the city now offers residents the opportunity to view water bills online.

According to city reasurer Cathrene Treasurer Behrens, residents may now receive their water bill in a PDF by completcity's website, gpwmi.us. email account.

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"Residents can download their bill, print it form asks for the resipayment," Behrens explained. "We intro-Behrens duced this in another city where I previously worked and it was very easy and worked well."

A resident authorizing e-billing no longer will receive a paper bill in the ing an authorization mail, but rather via a form available on the PDF delivered to their change.

The authorization and mail it in with their dent's name, mailing address, phone number and email address. If a problem develops, the resident will be called. If a resident cannot be reached, a paper copy of the bill will be mailed to them.

There is no charge to residents to make the

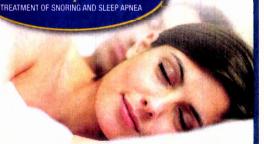




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Gas main work is everywhere

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS - Nine connatural gas transmission lines in the city have one thing in common.

"They're doing a great job so far," said Terry Brennan, Grosse Pointe Farms public service director. "Very few complaints. No follow-up complaints."

DTE Energy and subcontractor Infrasource are swapping 45 miles of iron gas mains, some nearly a centuryold, in the Farms as part of regional installation of plastic ones.

"Crews are spread all over the city," Brennan said. "Residents know what's going on and the scale of the project."

"People realize it's needed," said Shane Reeside, city manager. "It was get to Moran, they'll come up to Fair not uncommon when taking a walk to smell natural gas because the infrastructure was leaking.

The swap is intended to improve service and capacity.

"People couldn't install in-home gas generators because there wasn't and Hillcrest," Brennan said. "Service enough gas supply," Reeside said. "This guys are on Kerby."

should make it able to do that.' Work is progressing in stages

First, mains are installed. Then household leads. Concrete repairs struction crews replacing underground thereafter. Restoration of damaged property, such as lawns, follows.

'There are two concrete contractors working behind the service lead guys doing concrete repairs," Brennan said. "I haven't seen restoration crews yet, but I imagine they're going to let the installation crews have lead time. They don't want to be working on top of each other.'

Crews are moving around so much it's hard to pinpoint locations.

"They're in the Belanger-Chalfonte area now, kind of snaking across town between Mack and Grosse Pointe Boulevard," Brennan said. "Once they Acres and work down between Grosse Pointe Boulevard and Lakeshore to Moran.

Moran, Higbie Court and Orchard Lane are finished.

"Concrete crews are on Ridgemont

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"We're off to a great start with Sponsor a Garden," Bai said. "All our plants are ordered."

New this year are two trial gardens of impatiens

impatiens in 2013 due to downy mildew, a spore deadly to impatiens that lingers in the soil of contaminated plants for seasons to come.

Since then, researchers

fungicides, according to "MSU research brings healthy impatiens back to home gardeners," posted Feb. 26, 2016, at msue. anr.msu.edu.

'The trouble is spores are still in the ground, Bai stopped planting our grower believes," Bai said. "But, she recommended people try a garden or two. We have backup plants, so in July if these plants develop downy mildew it will be on a small basis."

at Michigan State "Data has shown information, call c University found risk is (treated) impatiens can at (313) 881-6565.

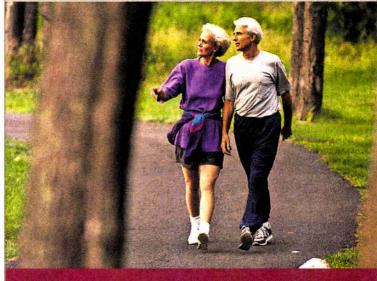
reduced significantly to be successfully grown in impatiens treated at landscape beds even greenhouses with certain when the planting bed has a history of impatiens infected with downy mildew," according to the MSU report.

One trial garden, located in front of city hall, hosted impatiens five years ago. The other, serving as a control, never had any. It's near the municipal parking lot.

"We're going to see if there's a difference," Bai said.

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I SAY By Bob St. John

Hard work and dedication pays dividends

Last week I had the opportunity to watch my older daughter, Emma St. John, strike out the 1,000th batter of her illustrious high school softball career. She accomplished the feat as a member of University Liggett School's girls' softball team.

The All-State First Team pitcher and two-time league most valuable player has worked hard to get to this point.

I remember watching her first high school strikeout her freshman year when she was a player for Grosse Pointe South in its season opener against Roseville. It was a cool afternoon and she finished with 14 strikeouts that afternoon as the Blue Devils rolled to the victory.

Strikeout No. 250 came in a home game against Grosse Minine North her sophomore season and strikeout No. 500 came later her sophomore season in a district championship game against Detroit Cass Tech.

Emma's 750th strikeout came against Edwardsburg last May and the milestone No. 1,000 came against Sterling Heights Parkway Christian. It made it more memorable when she threw a no-hitter against Parkway Christian.

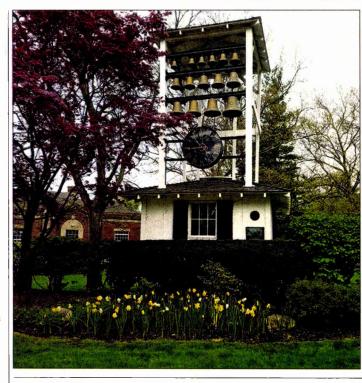
My wife, Heather, and Emma's younger sister, Addison, were also watching, as were my mom and dad, Flo and Joe St. John. They had beaming smiles on their faces after the hitter took a called third strike.

Emma's Liggett teammates played a great game and were congratulatory after that magical strikeout. The girls played one of their better games of the season in a 10-0 triumph.

The pitching prowess is a product of years of perfecting her craft, lifting weights and throwing thousands of hours of practice with her pitching coach, Adam Kirkpatrick.

Liggett's assistant coach Pam Savich also has played an integral role helping Emma better herself before taking on the biggest challenge of her young athletic career, pitching at University of Detroit Mercy, an NCAA Division 1 program. Her head coach is John Conway.

Emma will get the opportunity to pitch against



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See no need

I'm writing about the Grosse Pointe school board's answer to a dwindling student population. I see no need to import students to increase enrollment. Why not let some person-nel go? You don't have the students, why have the teachers?

SALLY BERNARD **Grosse Pointe Farms**

Republicans will lose the House in 2018

The Republicans have finally found a way to render themselves

unelectable. In their passion to repeal Obamacare, they jammed through the House of Representatives, without hearings or financial analysis, a new bill which contained the following offensive provisions:

1. A tax gift to the "top 1 percent" of \$1 billion per year. 2. Elimination of insur-

ance coverage for 24 milof our fellow lion Americans 3. Greatly diminished

protection for patients with pre-existing conditions Healthcare is critically

important and voters have been watching the Republican charade, which has been designed to please their real constituents: very wealthy people and the lobbyists who fund their campaigns. Let's recruit superior

Democratic candidates who can challenge and defeat these Republican extremists. Our country will be far better off.

WILLIAM D. HODGMAN Grosse Pointe Park

Many thanks

On behalf of the Grosse Pointe Village DDA, I wish to thank all those involved in the 2017 "Paint the Window Contest." Each year the Village comes alive with color and creativity as Grosse Pointe elementary school children paint wonderful pictures throughout our shopping district. One hundred sixty young, creative artists came to brighten up the Village on a picture perfect day and the

Pure Grosse Pointe

This Bell House, formerly located at Fair Acres, the Grosse Pointe estate of Mrs. Henry B. Joy, was first erected there in 1929. Presented to the city in her memory by her son, Henry, it was moved to its current location, at the corner of Moross and Grosse Pointe Boulevard, in April 1959. According to local folklore, Mrs. Joy rang the bells to call her husband in from his yacht for dinner. The Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation restored the bells, which ring as they did a century ago.

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results were outstanding. We congratulate all the participants and winners. A great big thank you goes out to our major sponsor: The City of Pointe Grosse Foundation. Thank you also to our loyal sponsors: Beaumont Hospital, El's Boutique, Print Xpress, Mr. Bill Rands, Ms. Hala Besmar and the City of Grosse Pointe. We could not produce such a great event without their generous support. As always, our dedicated volunteers also deserve a big thank vou: Terri Berschback. the staff of El's Boutique, Danielle Harris, Wendy Jennings, Melissa Bunker, Robert Durand, Priscilla McCarthy, Meghan Ecclestone, Mary Lou Lee, Jaqueline Listman, Christos Roustemis and Harris Bunker. Finally, I wish to thank the entire Grosse Pointe community as you continue to support our Village events with such loyal enthusiasm and heart.

ELLEN R. DURAND Paint the Window Chairman

GUEST OPINION By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Hooray for less taxes — we hope

taxes. President Trump's idea to eliminate four of the seven tax brackets is an excellent idea. Most Americans are sick and tired of paying everything they make in taxes. If you enjoy paying taxes and disagree with what I am writing, simply write the Internal Revenue Service a check every month and mail them more money. Let's consider some of the big

money people first. A single person making \$415,051 is in the upper tax bracket and pays 39.6 percent of their wages. To make our math simple, we might as well say 40 percent or about \$166,000 This would leave the affluent single person with about \$249,000. For all the Americans making minimum wage or living on disabled Social Security, they may wag their heads, point their fingers and say, "That's a heck of a lot of money and those dang people should be paying a lot more tax than that." The single person paying this much money, on the other hand, probably calculates they are probably carrying seven or eight non-working Americans and could feel a bit irritated by how much tax they are paying. Let's stay in the upper bracket and consider two married people working, filing jointly and making \$466,951. They also will pay 39.6 percent of their income, or let's say 40 percent. For a round figure they will pay about \$186,780 in taxes. This would leave them with about \$280,177. This is a lot of

Americans pay too much in ine handing the government exes. President Trump's idea to almost \$187,000.

The old adage is if you make it, then you should pay it. My contention is who wants to work longer hours and harder and then pay most of it in taxes? We have our Congress people to keep up their lifestyles. We have roads and bridges to maintain. However, everywhere I go I see tolls for roads and bridges. What about our tax dollars?

Let's go to the low bracket people. A single person making \$9,276 is in the 15 percent tax bracket, or \$1,391 roughly in taxes, which is a lot of money. This leaves the single person with only \$7,885. I realize there are other considerations and possible deductions, but this is simply for analysis and thought. The main point is no one can do much on \$9,276 and much less on \$7,885. If this person is placed in the 10 percent tax bracket, they pay \$927 and this is a gain of \$464. This is a lot of gasoline money for someone on such a meager income.

plan.

The standard deduction for single filers is \$6,350 and \$12,700 for married couples filing jointly for 2017.

Too many Americans have an attitude that it's OK for the wealthy to pay 39.6 percent and even more, but realistically every American gets tax weary. We want a strong military and a strong country along with Medicare and Social Security, but more and more tax dollars is not appealing to anyone

some of the best hitters in the nation during her four years as a Titan. She will need to be at her best to face this daunting task, but I know she will be physically, as well as mentally, ready.

When Liggett's season is complete, Emma will be in the state softball record book for career strikeouts, career no-hitters and strikeouts in a six-inning game. She whiffed all 18 batters in a six-inning win over

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However, the standard deduction would nearly double under Trump's proposal.

We are going to double the standard deduction so a married couple wouldn't pay any taxes on the first \$24,000 income they earn. So in essence, we are creating a zero tax rate - ves, a zero tax rate - for the first \$24,000 that a couple earns," said Gary Cohn, head of Trump's National Economic Council, during the news confer- columnist and author. Contact him money to live on. However, imag- ence which introduced the new at gmollette@aol.com.

who has to shell it out.

President Trump's idea will bring some relief to all Americans. Will our country suffer? No. More people will feel like working a little more knowing they can bring more of their paycheck home. His idea of only three tax levels of 10, 25 and 35 percent will encourage the current workforce and stimulate the economy with more working people. Less people working cannot carry this country even if they were paying 50 percent in taxes. A smaller percentage of money from millions more employed people going to work will generate more money for our government and overall economy

in the long run. Trump's proposed corporate tax rate of 15 percent also will help us keep some jobs and bring some jobs back home.

Regardless of your tax bracket. let out a big "hooray for less taxes!" We can only hope.

Glenn Mollette is a syndicated

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Roadwork yields to gas main replacement

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS - Municipal officials are dodging logistical potholes to schedule roadwork this summer.

They're staging resurfacing projects around DTE Energy's city-wide replacement of underground gas delivery lines.

"With the extent of work DTE is doing, it was hard to come up with a good plan," said Terry Brennan, Grosse Pointe Farms public services director. "We didn't want to be in their way. We didn't want them to be in our way."

He also doesn't want to tend a road before utility crews excavate portions of it during gas main work.

"We picked locations we knew they would be clear of by the time our projects start in July," Brennan said.

The budget for fiscal vear 2017-18, effective July 1, includes a capital Nagle Paving of Novi for

projects fund totaling \$1,359,130.

Some \$561,830. or 42 percent, of the total is designated for roadwork projects start in July." and joint sealing.

On this summer's resurfacing schedule are east-west roads:

to Warner,

Pointe Grosse Boulevard from Kerby to Moross,

 Kercheval from Touraine Muir and from eligible road," Brennan the Country Club of Detroit to the north limit grant money, but didn't and including Preston Place.

◆ upper Ridge from Kerby to Moross and patching the Mack al-

ley between Touraine and Calvin.

North-south roads slated for work are: Kerby from Beaupre already done.

to Piche and Moran Lakeshore to Grosse Pointe Boulevard, including Higbie Court and Scherer Place.

Work is contracted to

'We picked locations we knew they would be clear of by the time our

TERRY BRENNAN

Farms Public Services Director

◆ Jefferson from Fisher \$697,364, including engineering costs. Further Kerby rehabilitation is delayed until

funding is secured. "Kerby is a federal aidsaid. "We applied for get any yet. We'd rather get federal aid dollars to do it, so we're going to Band-Aid it along in a smart way. We'll fix curbs, repair gutters and prepare everything so when we do a mill and overlay, some of that prep work is

As the construction from industry regenerates from the recession, pentup demand for services translates into higher costs for customers. "Material costs are well

over 10 percent (higher) ing engineers.

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from two years ago," Brennan said. "Concrete, especially. The economy was bad for so long. Now that the economy's chug-

ging along, it's being related to me they're making up for the eight to 10 years of lost wages."

The majority of construction projects in the last couple of years have been coming in between 10 and 20 percent over estimate primarily due to the compounded effect of a substantial increase in the number of construction projects in 2017 and the decrease in the number of contractors in Michigan since the recession," said Edward Zmich, project engineer with Hubbell, Roth & Clark, the Farms consult-

Nagle, the Farms resurfacing contractor from the 2015-16 construction season, extended last year's pricing to this year.

"There were minor (3 percent) inflationary increases," Brennan said. We compared prices and felt overall we're at a far lower increase than if we went out to bid."

"If the city were to bid the 2017 road rehabilitation program separately in lieu of appending to the 2015-2016 program, you would likely receive higher unit prices, in particular because we are already into the construction season," Zmich said.

"The majority of contractors are booked for the rest of the year.'

Water mains

Water main work also continues.

"We have major improvements in the budget for water main replacement on the Hill and also Moselle Place," said John Lamerato, city controller and treasurer. We've built up our fund and would like to do some of these improvements without issuing bonds and rely on our water system to provide revenue for those improvements."



Fire cart serves up marina safety

By Brad Lindberg Staff Write

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE - City leaders are on board with a portable fire fighting apparatus for the municipal harbor.

The equipment, marketed by EMP Industries as Marina Fast Attack III, is about the size and configuration of a hot dog vending cart but powerful enough to pump firesnuffing foam or 100 gallons of water per minute up to 100 feet.

"Marina fires spread quickly and burn hot,' said Stephen Poloni, City of Grosse Pointe public safety director. "This equipment allows instant foam capabilities, which reduce the potential spread of fire as well as extinguishment."

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Center Line her freshman season. I will call the state softball representative and ask how to get her name in the record

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My wife and I, and Addie, too, can't be more proud of Emma's accomplishment and we're excited to see her pitch at UDM next year. It's great that my mom and dad. and my sisters' families. will get a chance to watch Emma play in college.

Way to go Emma and keep mowing down the hitters.



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River work won't spill over

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

GROSSE SHORES — Nearly \$40 million worth of improvements to Milk River storm and sanitary water facilities are a case of so near and vet so far.

enough to Grosse Pointe Shores to generate worries about construction inconveniences, but far enough outside its bor-

negative impact on the community.

"This is a \$38.8 million POINTE project to improve the storm water facility serving Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores," said Brett Smith, Grosse Pointe nd yet so far. Shores public works Work is scheduled near director. "Most work will be done in Grosse Pointe Woods next to their DPW. They have a large pumping facility."

Related work concerns ders to have little if any a recirculation station

next to the river bridge in the 1100 block of Lakeshore between the Edsel and Eleanor Ford Estate and Woods municipal park located on property owned by St. Clair Shores.

"A small addition will be put on (the) station," Smith said. "That little building has a pump in the basement that recirculates water from the lake to keep it clean."

The construction site is accessed from St. Clair Shores.

Trucks are going to go through Grosse Pointe Woods," Smith said. "This winter is when they do the work. It has to be when it's cold and they don't have storm water flows going through. And the DEQ wants ice to be in the river.'

An increase in 2016 burglaries

By Kathy Ryan Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE by one, from six to five. WOODS - A sharp spike in burglaries and larcenies made for a 20 percent increase in the 2016 crime statistics according to the annual public safety report presented by Director John Kosanke to the city tive bureau in closing council at its May 15 meeting

from 141 to 179, while burglaries nearly doubled, from 18 in 2015 to 35 were marked in damage to property cases, from 42 to 58 and in narcotics cases, from three to 12.

"The narcotics cases are due to the opiate epidemic we are experiencing,' Kosanke said, while also noting larcenies can be prevented by making sure doors are locked and valuables stored out of sight. Crimes showing a

decline were car thefts, down from 19 to 11 and robbery, which was down

While the rise in crime was not welcome news, Kosanke said his department is being proactive in its attempt to combat the rise. He also cited the work of the city's deteccriminal cases, with 688 cases - 96 percent of Larcenies increased criminal cases turned over to detectives - being closed in 2016.

We have added two in 2016. Increases also new officers and have increased training for our officers," Kosanke said, noting training will focus on advancements in technology. He also said officers are receiving new equipment, including new breathing apparatus, to be used in fire fighting.

While fire runs were down, from 214 in 2015 to 199 in 2016, actual fires were up from 20 to 25, which included 10 dwelling fires, five commercial building fires, six vehicle fires, one Dumpster fire and three outside fires. Actual property damage declined from \$388,500 to \$330,787.

Ambulance runs were up from 1,034 to 1,077, including 536 requiring advanced life support equipment.

Drivers appear to be getting better about keeping parking meter change on hand, with meter violations declining from 6,938 to 6,821 and obeying traffic regulations, with a drop in moving violations noted from 1,652 to 1,541 over the previous year.

In all, Kosanke said his department received 10,964 calls for service, an average of 30 per day.

Mayor Bob Novitke thanked Kosanke and the entire public safety department for their service to the residents.

"We thank you for your commitment and the commitment of your officers to the residents of Grosse Pointe Woods," Novitke said.

that was passively resis-

tant, belligerent, argu-

mentative, disregarding

verbal commands and

made several implied

racial accusations," Schulte said. "The arrest

was handled properly.

The officer sustained a

conviction and was not

required to put hands on

"My parents always

told me to kill 'em with

kindness," said Rengert,

a 16-year veteran of the

department and former

medic. "I've been belit-

tled and called just about

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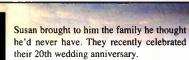
recognize my efforts," Rohr said. "It's nice to work for someone who went the extra mile to make sure his staff is recognized, because it feels that efforts put in are appreciated."

PSO Jason Rengert

Officer Jason Rengert, also a paramedic, received a letter of commendation recommended by Rohr for keeping cool last July with a hot-headed drunken driving suspect. ing for me to react to "The merits of this (award) are the officer's

fund," Poloni said. "I also equipment Poloni had in anticipate being under budget in the police his prior job as chief of Grosse Pointe Shores. department.

Members of the city council approved the under wraps on a dock "The balance would be purchase Monday, May



son.

Bill is survived by his wife; loving stepdaughters, Sarah Miller Smith (Matthew) and Stacey Glowczewski (Mark); and cherished grandchildren, Sophia, Maraina, Jorja Smith and Tyler and Teagan Glowczewski. He was the beloved son-in-law of Gene Clem and the late Virginia Clem. He also is survived



POINTE GROSSE SHORES - Three of the community's finest received awards this month for achieving their best during trying times.

"It makes us very proud to have such a fine public safety department," said Ted Kedzierski, mayor of Grosse Pointe Shores. 'We're proud to have the officers we have. It makes us feel safe and secure

PSOs go above and beyond living here." Detective Lt. Scott of him taking the time to

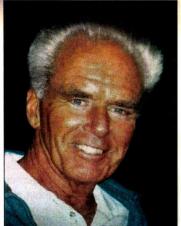
Lt. Scott Rohr Rohr, a paramedic, 21-year veteran of the department and head of the investigation unit,

earned a director's award from Chief John Schulte for overall excel-"The director's award is new this year and rec-

ognizes the officer that consistently exceeds expectations of the job description under which they work," Schulte said. "Lt. Rohr is a highly productive asset to our department, capable and willing to manage a

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unit, which cost \$9,727



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William R. Goulette August 2, 1941 - May 13, 2017

Bill was born August 2, 1941 to Ruth (Bundy) and Walter Goulette. He was a lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe Woods. As a child he and his siblings played in the Ribbon Farms along Lakeshore where their grandparents lived and worked. He attended St. Joan of Arc grade school and Notre Dame High School. Upon graduation, he was called to serve his country in the U.S. Marine Corps. After four years of traveling around the world, he started working for Oglebay Norton Shipping Company. With hard work and dedication he rose through the ranks and became chief engineer and spent 30 years sailing the Great Lakes as a merchant marine. He had many Great Lakes stories to tell and even sailed on the Edmund Fitzgerald before its fatal sinking. After retiring at age 55, a confirmed bachelor, he met and married the love of his life.

by his loving sister, Barbara Bender (Howard) of Reston, Virginia and brother, John Goulette (Kim) of Fort Gratiot, and fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

At age 73 he was diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer. Bill's positive attitude and otherwise excellent health allowed him two years of quality time with family and friends.

Bill loved working in the garden and feeding his backyard friends. An avid reader he would often have three books going at the same time. Car racing and any movie with John Wayne made his day

But his greatest joy came from his grandchildren. From driving to school, softball, dance and all the events in between, he was so proud to be involved in their lives. Bill always had a quip or a joke for anyone who would listen and made his wife laugh every day. He was the greatest example of kindness, patience, honesty and fortitude. Recently, when asked what he hoped to be remembered for he answered, "I was always available to help others." In honoring Bill's wishes, cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will take place at a future date.

His presence may be gone but his memory shall live forever.







Roar for reading

Above, Don Carey, a **Detroit Lions safety**, reads the Dr. Seuss book "Horton Hatches the Egg" to children during a visit to Central Library April 29. Left, Carey poses with Avery Keyser.

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that, to escalate that." **PSO Tony Spina**

Officer and paramedic Tony Spina earned a department commendation.

In February last year, Spina stopped a drunken driving suspect armed with a 12-inch fishing filet knife stolen a few hours earlier during a home invasion in Taylor.

"Spina removed a drunk driver from the roadway and a known felon with an extensive criminal history from the street," Schulte said. "Spina's experience and training prepared him to recognize and safely handle these subjects.

The traffic stop started like most others.

"There's nothing routine about routine," Spina said. "He was trying to pull the knife out of his coat pocket as he was coming out of the car."

The man later admitted taking the knife from his girlfriend's house in Taylor.

"He admitted he broke into the house while she was sleeping and was going back to do more harm to her," Spina said. Spina may have saved her life.

"Possibly," he said.

Spina, hired by the Shores 13 years ago, is senior officer in the 13-member Eastern Wayne County Special Response Team.

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her right hand when she reached down to break them up.' A vet treated the

Westie. The woman received

three stitches at Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage on the Hill.

'(She) was informed her finger was broken Grosse Pointe Park and may require surgery," reported the offi- Lego my lego cer.

She claimed a female neighbor experienced a similar attack at the same location Monday, May 1.

The patrolman went to the suspect's house, but no one appeared home. 'There was a fence on

both sides of the rear yard and back, but no fence or gate across the driveway," he said. The officer referred to

more than one pit bull. "All parties involved are unsure if the pit bulls were restrained before

leaving the yard, but regardless, there was nothing in place to keep the dogs secured within the backyard," he reported.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Admits it

A Mount Clemens man, 35, made a case for being pulled over and arrested o n southbound Lakeshore near Vernier at 8:31 a.m. Wednesday,

May 10. "(He) gave (me) an expired vehicle registration and stated he was marizing the woman's suspended and didn't account. "The pit bull bit think there was insursuspended and didn't ance for the vehicle," reported a patrolman. Brad Lindberg

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

At 1:20 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, surveillance cameras captured two juveniles stealing items from the Robot Garage. Police continue to investigate.

MDP

Police are searching for an 18-year-old white male who was witnessed throwing a chunk of concrete at a vehicle parked in the 900 block of Nottingham at 1:45 a.m. Saturday, May 13.

Porch theft

A package containing a sterling silver pendant valued at more than \$100 was taken from a porch in the 1100 block of Beaconsfield sometime Friday, May 12.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Seven years bad luck

An employee at the Big Boy restaurant on Mack called police at 3:45 p.m. Friday, May 12, after seeing two young men break the traffic mirror in the parking lot. The suspects appeared to be middle school students. Police continue to investigate.

If you're missing a bike

A resident in the 1900 block of Lochmoor heard a noise outside at 10:15 p.m. Friday, May 12, and when he investigated, he found the side mirror broken off his car parked in the street. He noticed a group of kids on bikes, called police and began following them. He followed the kids to Lennon and Jackson, where they abandoned their bikes and fled on foot. Police picked up the bikes. Anyone missing a bike can claim it at public safety headquarters.

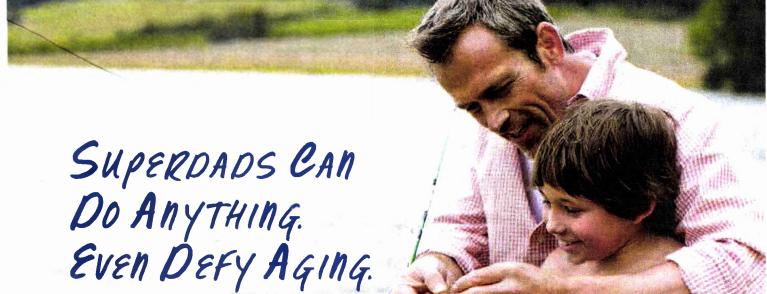
Tools taken

A handyman doing work in the 900 block of Hampton left tools overnight in the garage. When he returned Sunday, May 14, his tools and a lawn mower were missing.

Rest room vandalized

As the restrooms in Ghesquire Park were being locked up for the night at 12:45 a.m. Saturday, May 13, police discovered a soap dishad been penser removed from a wall and smashed.

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





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LICCETT Knight St. John reaches 1,000 Ks

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Senior Emma St. John etched her name in the state record books last week, joining the 1,000-strikeout club.

She struck out Sidney Kraus on a called third strike in the fifth inning to lead the University Liggett girls' softball team over Sterling Parkway Heights Christian 10-0.

"It's taken a lot of hard work and dedication to improving to get to this level," St. John said. "I couldn't have done it without my coaches and teammates.

"It was nice to have my family watching this title before she moves on

wonderful moment and now we can, as a team, focus on winning a division title and playing great in the state playoffs."

"I'm so proud of Emma and her advances this year," Liggett coach Pam Savich said. "As a pitching coach first, I was excited to work with someone so eager and easy to mold. She already was fantastic, with speed and pitches.

"During the off-season, she was eager to get her pitches to bite more, and we were quite successful. I think she is ready to finish this season strong, and hopefully pack away a state

SCHOOL	ONFERENCE RECORD	OVERALI
1. Liggett	5-0	12-1
2. Lutheran Northwest	6-1	10-3
3. Inter-City Baptist	2-1	2-3
4. Parkway Christian	2-5	2-6
5. Southfield Christian	1-3	7-4
6. Oakland Christian	0-2	0-3



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Liggett senior Emma St. John delivers the pitch which was a called third strike for career strikeout No. 1,000.

to U-D Mercy.

"I'm positive she will do big things for coach (John) Conway's program.'

St. John finished the game with 14 strikeouts to move her total to 1,001. She also threw a no-hitter in the fiveinning mercy game.

Offensively, freshman Jenna Hummel led the way with a 3-for-3 performance, scoring two runs, hitting two doubles, and driving in three runs. Junior Maddie Hamilton was 2-for-3 with a home run, two

runs scored and two RBIs, and senior Emily Miserendino was 2-for-4 with three runs scored and two doubles.

Others with hits were freshman Evie Bournias. junior Sabrina Malkoun and sophomore Emily Switchulis, Freshman Annette Meraw walked twice and scored a run.

Two days later Liggett traveled to Southfield Christian and won 10-0, improving to 5-0 in the division and 12-1 overall. St. John led the way

with a three-hit shutout, striking out 16.

boys' golf team won its matches against Utica Eisenhower last week at Gowanie.

The teams played 18 holes instead of the traditional nine due to a rainout earlier in the season.

The Blue Devils won both as Evan Theros shot a 69, followed by David Scupholm with 75 and Coalter Smith with 77.

The guys shot some great scores and now we have a busy week of golf," head coach Rob McIntyre said. "We are getting prepared for what will be a challenging field in the regional tournament."

In other action, South competed in a tournament and two players broke 80. Scupholm had 75 and Theros posted a 79.

North results

Grosse Pointe North ran its Macomb Area Conference Red Division mark to 3-1 last week. beating Romeo at Greystone 164-171. Ben Zacharias was medalist with 37, Matt Beach and Luke Muschong had 41s and Jimmy Shanley rounded out the scoring with 45.

In other action last week, the Norsemen

Grosse Pointe South beat No. 9 ranked Utica Ford 154-167 at Rammler Golf Club. Zacharias led the way with 39, fol-lowed by Muschong with 41, Beach with 42, Shanley and Justin Rheaume with 45.

Golf

Playoff prep

In their final match of the week, the Norsemen finished in second place out of 18 teams with 313 to Ford's 309 in the Shorian Invitational at St. Clair Shores Golf Club.

Beach finished in the top 5 with 76, while Zacharias had 78, Muschong 79, Shanley 80 and Rheaume 87.

"The boys are staying competitive and keep improving their mental game preparations which are helping them turn in more consistent performances," head coach Peter Kingsley said.

Liggett results

Liggett competed in the third Michigan Independent Athletic Conference tournament last weekend at Brae Burn Golf Club.

Head coach Dan Sullivan had only three golfers available and the Knights couldn't post a team score.

> - Bob St. John Sports Editor



Notre Dame Prep 6-1 and Detroit Western 5-4.

"The boys played well and we had some solid pitching," head coach Dan Griesbaum said. "It's nice to put together a good week of games."

With the three wins, the Blue Devils climbed to the .500 mark at 14-14.

Against Franklin, Nate Budziak went the dis-tance, striking out nine and giving up only two hits to get the win. Michael Lanzon was 2-for-3 with both RBIs to lead the Blue Devils in the low scoring contest.

In the middle game, Brad Thompson had a bases clearing double and Rob Martinez drove in two runs with a single. Alex Martinez drove in the other run, while it was Rob Martinez getting the win, striking out four.

Against Western, Alex Martinez had a two-run

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PHOTO COURTESY OF MATTHEW BRAUER

South coaches and players pose for a photo after winning its invitational with victories over Detroit Western, Livonia Franklin and Notre Dame Prep.

single, while Jack Doerer
drove in a run with a
double. Rob Martinez
also drove in a run.

Chris Cassidy started and went the first three innings, while Joey Ambrozy picked up the win with his 1 2/3 innings, striking out three. Nate Wiles had the save, pitching the final 1 1/3 innings.

In division play, South won a makeup game with Chippewa Valley 5-4 in eight innings. Doerer picked up the win with his 2/3 innings pitched.

Offensively, Lanzon and Rob Martinez were each 2-for-3. Driving in runs were Rob Martinez, Giovanni Lufty and Logan Mico.

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	MAC Re	d
SCHOOL	CONFERENCE RECORD	OVERALL
1. Stevenson	11-1	20-6
2. Eisenhower	9-3	19-5
Dakota	8-4	16-7
4. Grosse Pointe Sout	th 5-7	14-14
5. Chippewa Valley	2-10	9-17
6. Anchor Bay	1-11	4-14
Standings as of Monday, May	15, 2017	

South also won 1 of 3 with division-leading Heights Sterling Stevenson to stand 5-7 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

They lost the opener 5-4 as Jacob Brauer and Joe Naporano had two hits apiece. David Toth pitched well, striking out seven in six innings.

The Blue Devils won

13-10.

Goalie Sophie O'Hara had 17 saves to help the Lady Norsemen stay in the lead.

Leading the way offensively was Katie Snow, who had six goals and one assist.

Kate Bessert had three goals, while Meaghan McSkimming had one.

Other goal scorers were Montana Paton, Grace Howard and Sofia Mihaylova with one goal apiece.

Earlier in the week, the middle game 13-3 as North lost a home tilt Brauer had a first-inning 17-12 to Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

two-run homer to get the The Norsemen led visitors going. Lanzon was 4-for-5 with one RBI early in the first half before falling behind 8-7 and collecting two hits apiece were Naporano, at the intermission.

A quick scoring burst early in the second half helped Prep take control of the game.

Snow led the Norsemen with nine goals, followed by

Liggett results

University Liggett lost 15-9 to Rochester last week.

Katie Fruehauf and Elise Buhl led the way with three goals apiece. Maria Thanasas. Emma Wujek and Ava Cipriano had a goal apiece.

Allie Quint had nine saves as the Knights stand 4-4-1 overall.

South results

Troy spoiled senior night for the Grosse Pointe South girls' lacrosse team Monday evening, winning 18-8.

Carson Dennis led the way with three goals, followed by Elise Whitney with two, Margaret Reilly with one, Kate Satterfield with one and Alex Estes with one.

The Blue Devils trailed 9-3 at the half.

South also lost to Hartland in recent action to drop to 4-14 overall.

Lufty and Budziak. Cam Shook was the winning pitcher In the series finale, the Blue Devils lost 9-3 and Budziak and Naporano

had two hits apiece.

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Rivals 😹 📴 **go** 8 By Bob St. John

Sports Editor

Sophmore Mekelle Pace scored the winning run on an errant pickoff attempt in the bottom of the eighth inning as host Grosse Pointe North beat archrival Grosse Pointe South 7-6 last week.

"We played a pretty decent game outside of one bad inning and I'll take the win even though we let a lead slip away,' North head coach Ron Smith said.

The win gave the Norsemen a regular season series sweep of the Blue Devils. However, they are likely to be matched up again in a Division 1 district championship game Saturday, June 3, at South.

Brenna Marsin led off the bottom of the eighth with a double and pinch runner Pace moved to third on a wild pitch. Caitlyn Knorp walked and with Kayla Kettler at the plate, Pace scored on the errant pick-off attempt.

out to a 5-1 lead, scoring three runs in the first and single runs in the second and third.

coach Bill of the inning. Head Fleming and his Blue Devils battled back, using two-run singles by Chloe Lobert and Jyen-Ai Jones in the top of the fifth to grab a 6-5 lead.

the bottom of the fifth innings. and neither team mounted a scoring threat Marsin and Knorp each in the sixth or seventh had two hits to lead the innings.

The Blue Devils had a lead-off single from



Softball

PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

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North's Rebecca Alway blasts one of her two hits in the Norsemen's eight-inning win over rival Grosse Pointe South.

	MAC Blue	e 🤯
SCHOOL	CONFERENCE RECORD	OVERALL
1. L'Anse Creuse	6-0	15-6
2. Grosse Pointe Nor	th 4-2	9-12
Marine City	3-3	4-8
4. Fraser	3-4	10-13
5. Port Huron Northe	rn 2-5	7-9
6. Grosse Pointe Sou	th 1-5	8-12
Standings as of Monday, May	/ 15, 2017	

The Norsemen jumped of the eighth, but a pop loss, giving up eight hits, out to the catcher, a pop out to second base and a come-backer to the mound ended the top half

Rebecca Alway earned the win on the mound, giving up eight hits, two walks and striking out six. She gave up six hits in the fifth inning and The Norsemen tied it in only two the other seven

Offensively, Alway, way. The trio combined to drive in five runs.

Grace Foster in their half Adriana Agosta took the 1-5 in the MAC Blue.

six walks and striking out two. Only four runs were earned.

Offensively, Jones had two hits, scored one run, drove in two runs and stole two bases. Mackenzie Ford also had two hits and seven of the nine players had at least one hit for Fleming's squad.

In other league action last week, North lost 11-7 to Port Huron Northern to sit at 4-2 in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division, and South lost For the Blue Devils, 11-8 to Fraser to slip to

GPS Blue Devils Playing tough foes

GIRLS Tennis

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Head coach Mark Sobieralski puts together a schedule which challenges his players to dig deep and improve with the goal to play well in regionals to make the state finals.

Last week, the Blue Devils started the week facing the No. 1 team in Division 3, Detroit Country Day. They tied 4-4 with several close matches.

Winners were Maddie Paolucci at No. 1 singles; Gigi Bonnell at No. 3 singles; Jade Shepherd and Kate Gavagan at No. 2 doubles; and Rachel Harris and Kaitlin Ifkovits at No. 3 doubles. The following day, South crushed the No. 9 ranked team in Division 1, Novi, 7-1.

Laurel Paolucci. Sullivan and Bonnell won their singles matches, while the four doubles flights won. Audrey Doherty and Lauren Summerville at No. 1 doubles; Shepherd and Gavagan at No. 2; Harris and Ifkovits at No. 3; and Maddie Hurley and Sarah Ashkar at No. 4.

South also demolished the No. 10 ranked team in Division 1, Farmington Hills Mercy, 7-1.

Alex Walz won at No. 4 singles. Also winning singles matches were Paolucci, Sullivan and Bonnell.

The Blue Devils won 3 of 4 doubles matches with Doherty and Summerville winning, Harris and Ifkovits winning, and Hurley and Ashkar winning. Last weekend, South

Soccer

finished third in the Holly Invitational. Each of the four teams were ranked in the top 10 in either Division 1 or Division 2.

Midland Dow won with 20 points, followed by Bloomfield Hills with 18, South with 17 and Holly with 13.

Sullivan won the No. 2 ingles flight and Paolucci lost in the finals at No. 1 singles.

Grosse Pointe South is 13-0-2 and ranked No. 4 in Division 1.

North results

Grosse Pointe North followed South's plan of attack as head coach John Van Alst scheduled one of the top teams in **Division 2**, Birmingham Groves.

The Norsemen lost 8-0, but the coach said his players did a good job.

Month Huge home wins

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North girls' soccer team rebounded from a 2-0 loss to Romeo last week to beat visiting Utica 3-1

their home grass field, the Norsemen came out sluggish and played a 1-1 tie to the intermission.

the first goal and the Chieftains tied it.

Bessert scored the gamewinning goal midway through and Ava Stander added an insurance goal.

Goalkeeper Katherine Link made the big saves when called upon and the defense did the rest, limiting the Chieftains' scoring opportunities.

Grosse Pointe North is 5-2 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 10-3-1 overall. They trailed L'Anse Creuse North (5-1-1) by one point in the stand-

Liggett results University Liggett girls' soccer team put three wins on the board last week, beating Plymouth Christian on the road 4-0, Oakland Christian at home 8-0 and Parkway Christian

at home 6-1. With the wins, the Knights improved to 5-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 8-5 overall.

Head coach David Dwaihy noted sophomore Izzy Brusilow scored a hat trick in

Lacrosse

three consecutive games. Against Plymouth Christian, Brusilow had a hat trick and Olivia Yates scored one goal.

Kelly Solak had two assists, while Alexis Wenger and Rebecca Lohman each had one assist in the road game.

In the Oakland Christian contest, Brusilow recorded another hat trick, while Eva Papista and Solak had two goals apiece.

Wenger also scored a goal and recording assists were Lohman, Maddie Wu, Solak and Teagan Cornell.

The scoring was spread out against Parkway Christian as Wenger led the way with two goals, while Brusilow, Solak, Papista and Mary Weiermiller each had one.

Baseball The Morile & Liggett Fime for showdowns enth inning. Romeo innings. By Bob St. John

Sports Editor

boys' baseball team took a gigantic step toward repeating as Macomb mium and the Norsemen Area Conference White scored twice in the fourth Novi 7-2 and Novi Division champs last inning when Sam Cross weekend, beating visit- scored on a wild pitch

reached on a one-out error, but Levick got the Grosse Pointe North next two hitters to end the game.

Runs were at a preand Hill drove

Alex Vandoorne and Wesley Peters each had two hits.

Last weekend, North won the Novi Tournament, beating Catholic Central 4-1.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 21-5



Greta DeLoach scored

In the second half, Zoe

ing Romeo 3-0.

The game was a with a single. makeup from the previous week when rain postponed it. A loss would have created a first-place tie between North and Romeo, but the win gave the Norsemen a twogame lead in the division with three games left.

Yes this was a huge win and put us in good position in the standings," head coach Frank Sumbera said.

Tyler Hill earned the win, pitching six innings and giving up only two hits while striking out four. He was in total command as the Bulldogs never mounted a rally.

"Tyler threw strikes today and pitched a good game," Sumbera said. He would have finished if it wasn't for his pitch the seventh inning. count. Steve (Levick) game."

solo homer in the sixth inning to give the Norseman a three-run his Knights won their cushion.

North played a three- one semifinal and 5-0 game series against L'Anse Creuse North. They won 2-of-3 to stand 9-3 in the MAC White Division.

The Norsemen won the opener 10-2 as Hill earned the win and Ryan Mazzola pitched the final Mazzola also drove in two runs apiece.

Lorkowski had the big bat, hitting a grand slam

and driving in five runs. They lost the middle game 4-3 in eight innings as they blew a 3-0 lead in

The Norsemen came came in and finished the back to win the rubber game 5-1 as Cross was

Levick earned the save, the winning pitcher, pitching a flawless sev- striking out seven in six Conference.

Chad Lorkowski hit a Liggett results Last weekend, head coach Dan Cimini and own invitational, winning Earlier in the week 3-2 over Schoolcraft in

over Bishop Foley in the title game.

"The guys played two great games," Cimini said.

Alec Azar had a solid two games, earning the win in both. He pitched in relief against three innings. Hill and Schoolcraft and picked up the win when Noah Miller drove in the winning run in the ninth inning.

Miller was 3-for-4 with two RBIs and Morrison was 2-for-3

In the title game, Azar threw a two-hit shutout, striking out three.

Liggett is 20-1 overall and is 8-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic

tting defensive

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' lacrosse team improved to 2-3 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division last week, beating visiting Utica Eisenhower 6-3

The defensive-dominated game was scoreless after the first quarter and only a goal by Michael French prevented a scoreless half. The Blue Devils led 1-0 on the French goal, assisted by John Schulte. The Eagles grabbed a 2-1 lead early in the third quarter, but South head coach Don Wolford's crew tied it 2-2 on a William Buhl tally. Schulte had another assist.

The Blue Devils took Seppala's crew held off improved to 10-2 overall.

the lead for good with the Bulldogs in the final back-to-back goals by Schulte and Jay Ulbrich in the fourth quarter.

Eisenhower closed to 4-3, but Buhl and William Kay scored later in the final quarter.

Two nights later, the Blue Devils lost another defensive game, 7-6 in double-overtime, to Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

Grosse Pointe South is 3-10 overall.

North results

With one more win, Grosse Pointe North boys' lacrosse team will claim its first Macomb Area Conference Red Division title.

The Norsemen edged visiting Romeo 10-8 last week.

Head coach Mark

quarter to win and improve to 5-0 in the division.

Max Payton led the way with five goals and one assist, while Brendan Bergeron had two goals and one assist.

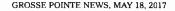
Marco McMann also had a three-point game with one goal and two assists.

Mikey Carron and Ryan Heimberger scored the other goals.

Last weekend, North hosted Warren DeLaSalle and won a wild 14-13 game.

McMann had six goals and one assist and Payton added five goals and three assists. Heimberger had two goals and Mark Filippelli had one goal.

Grosse Pointe North





By Bob St. John Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls' track and field team crushed Sterling Heights Stevenson 108-25 last week to finish its season 1-4 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

Head coach Diane Montgomery watched her Norsemen win nearly every event.

In the field events, Abby Kanakry won the long jump with a mark of 15-feet, 5-inches, and the discus with a throw of 92-feet, 10-inches, while Alina Einfeldt won the shot put with a mark of 23-feet, 10-inches.

Meredith Kraus was first in the high jump at 5-feet and Abigail Gretkierewiez won the pole vault, clearing 7-feet.

In individual running events, Mikah Sherrill won the high hurdles and Zoe Madden won the 100-dash with times of 17.7 and 13.3, while Julia McLellan was first in the 1,600-run with a time of 5:47.91.

In the 100-hurdles. with a time of 54.5 and Erinne Lubienski was first in the 800-run with a time of 53.2.

relays, including the 3,200 as Lubienski, Katherine Wozniak, Stephanie Schaefer and McLellan posted a time of 10:57.

The squad of Asia Simmons, Madden, Kiyla Jones and Saquari Jeter won the 800-relay with a time of 1:53, and the team of Simmons, Jones, Tiffany Williams and Jeter won the 400-relay at 53.2

In the final event of the meet, Lubienski, Sarah Seagram, Laila Logan and Jeter won the 1.600relay with a time of 10:11.14. 4:42.6.

victory, winning 100-36, to finish 1-3-1 in the MAC Red Division.

Dan Leone was one of the stars of the meet, winning the pole vault with a mark of 10-feet, the 100-dash with a time of 11.3, the 200-dash with a time of 23.3 and was a member of the winning 800-relay, along with Phil Robie, Andrew Saffore 102-35 last weekend to and Kelvin Leverette. 1:34.1

In the 400-relay, Dave Jacqueline Albo was first Leone, Robie, Saffore the Blue Devils swept the and Leverette won with a time of 44.1 and the 1,600-relay squad of Nathan Truss, Garrett The Norsemen also Schreck, Ryan Race and

3:40. The Norsemen also

won the 3,200-relay as Shane Gafa, Race, Michael Burns and Jacob Fischer won with a time formance in the 3,200 of 8:50.

Zion Golden won the discus with a throw of 121-feet, 10-inches, and Zac Ozormoor won the long jump with a mark of 17-feet, 9-inches.

Kuvin Satyadev won the 1.600-run with a time of 5:00 and Will Hofmann took care of business in the 3,200-run, posting a first-place time of

Ozormoor also won the The boys also tasted 300-intermediate hurdles with a time of 43.1.

South results

The Grosse Pointe South girls' track and field team finished at 3-2 in the MAC Red Division a with an 89-54 victory over Utica Eisenhower last week.

They also defeated Farmington Hills Mercy end the dual meet porwhich won with a time of tion of the season 5-2 overall.

> Against Eisenhower, pole vault with Natalia Szura, Kate Duncan and Hadley Griffin giving South the 1-2-3 finish. In addition, Duncan won Hafner in the pole vault, Holliday and Maddie

took the top spot in the Robie won with a time of the high jump, Gen Boyle Matt Calcaterra in the took the long jump and Kristina Rogers placed first in the shot.

South led off the meet with a season best perrelay with a time of 10:03 and the Blue Devils took the 800 relay with another season-best time of 1:51 as Audrey Boles, Helen Dodge, Bobbi Barrett and Elizabeth Calcaterra teamed up for the win.

The same four came back to win the 400 relay with a 52.4, edging out Ike by two seconds. In the final relay of the day, the 1,600 relay, South also won by a two-second margin as Boyle, Lily Sarah Mackrell, Bellovich and Sarah Rabaut raced to victory.

Other wins came from distance runners Devon Krasner in the 800 and 1,600, as well as Calcaterra in the 200dash.

fortunate, losing 70-64 to a breakthrough evening finish its dual meet slate 1-3-1 in the MAC Red Division.

For head coach Werner Schienke, Pat Nauert won the discus with a personal-best throw of 156-feet, 9-inches.

Other winners for the Blue Devils were Adam

300-intermediate hurdles and Sasha Szura in the 800-run.

The Blue Devils were on the Eagles' heels thanks to winning the four relays.

The 3,200-relay was won by Blake Weaver, Ethan Vick, Joe Cornell and Isaac Kado, and Eric Leavy, Justin Hunter, Hank Wilson and Oronde Branch took first in the 800-relay.

The 400-relay squad of Leavy, Wilson, Branch and Jhordan Rush won with a season-best time and the foursome of Nate Barbish, Branch, Weaver and Szura won the 1,600relay.

Last weekend at the Dakota Invitational, Nauert broke the school record in the discus with throw of 166-feet, 9-inches.

Liggett results

The University Liggett The boys weren't as track and field team had early last week at Lutheran Westland High School.

The girls earned 87 points to finish fourth behind Southfield Christian, 139; Lutheran Westland, 119; and Lutheran Northwest, 91. Throwers Lauryn

Baltimore (second place) got things started with PR marks in the shot put with throws of 23-feet, 7-inches, and 28-feet, 11-inches, respectively.

Alex Diggs joined Annelies Ondersma, Sadie Ancona and Karina Minanov to win the 3.200-meter relay with a time of 11:10.9.

In the 1.600, Ondersma was second in 5:53 and the 400-meter relay team of Abby Hung, McKenzie, Maria Fields and Naomi Yoshida set a season best 58.63 with all girls under 15-seconds.

The boys also finished fourth with 63 points. Lutheran Westland won with 170 points, followed by Lutheran Northwest at 110 and Southfield Christian at 102.

The 3,200-meter relay team of Nick Brusilow, Michael Ellis, Andrew Loner and T.J. Dulac combined for a 40-second, season best in the event.

Brusilow made a quick turnaround to win the 110-high hurdles in 16.4.

Ellis ran a season-best 5:02 for second place in the 1.600-run.

Brusilow was second in the 300-intermediate hurdles with a time of 42.1 and Dulac was fourth in the 3,200-run with a time of 11:30.

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Grade: Junior Sport: Lacrosse Coach: Mark Seppala

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Stats: In two games last week he had 10 goals and 4 assists. He had five



Max Payton

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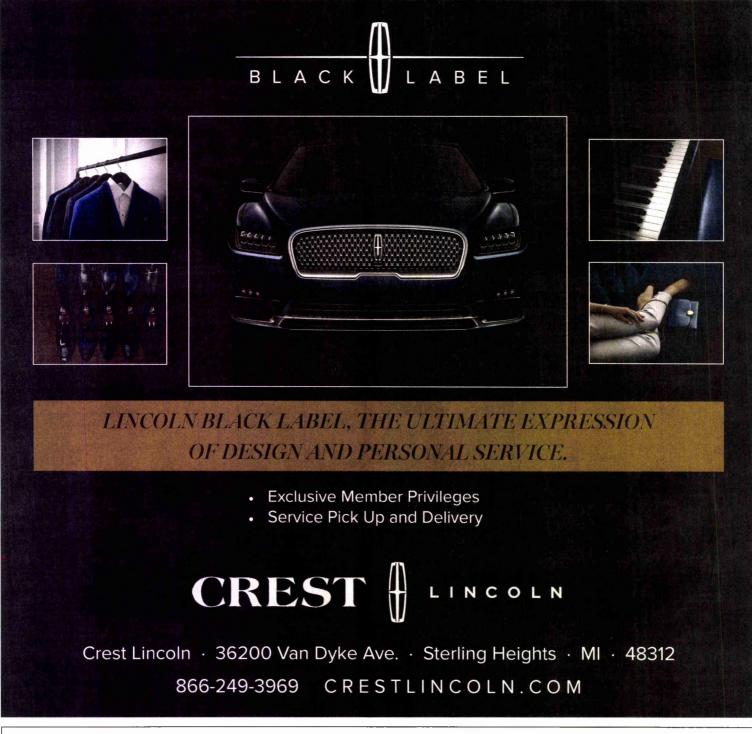




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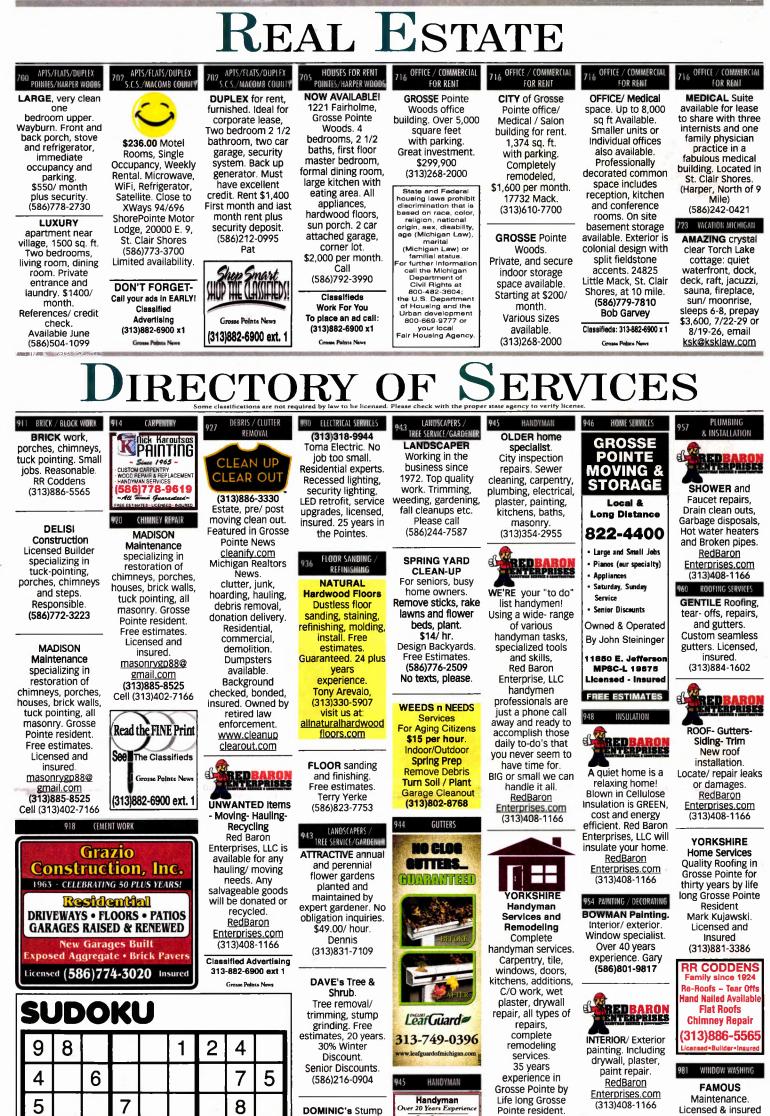
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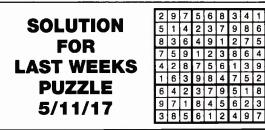
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By Jody McVeigh Editor

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Sponsored by Wins for Warriors Foundation, the week includes three events that pay tribute to veterans, military service members and their families, kicking off Tuesday, May 23, with Our Community Salutes.

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During the event, Maj. Gen. Clark W. LeMasters Jr. administers the oath of office to high school students enlisting in the armed services after graduation. Retired Col. "Crickett" Mary LeMasters also provides remarks. Motor City Brass Band performs as well.

The War Memorial can serve a leadership role to honor young people who made a commitment to serve and protect our ever endeavored," Burke nation," said Charles said. "It will be a celebra-



CEO of The War "It's one of Memorial. the happiest days of the year when we can stand with families and young men and women as they

The festivities continue at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 25, with "An Evening of Red, White and Blue," also presented by Wins for Warriors Foundation. This gala event raises funds in support of The War Memorial's Patriot Initiative, which provides financial gifts to organizations focused on hon-"We're delighted that oring and serving veteran causes.

"This is going to be one of the most special events The War Memorial has Burke, president and tory evening capped off Cracchiolo, over Lake St.



with fireworks. We've Clair. designed fun, excitement and uniqueness into this event."

"An Evening of Red, White and Blue," features music by Detroit Party Marching Band, cocktails in the courtyard, dining in the ballroom and fireworks, sponsored by Director and CEO of and Carol Tom Wins for

Also included is the presentation of two wards. U.S. Sen. Gary Peters will receive the Spirit of Service Award and Justin Verlander and May 29, Memorial Day. Wins for Warriors "This is the most Foundation will receive the Spirit of Community Award. Executive

said, "and honor the legacy of those who've served. Everything we do as this institution ultimately comes back to the names on the walls."

The service includes an address by Maj. Gen. David G. Bassett, U.S. Army program executive officer for Ground Combat Systems. The Grosse Pointe Veterans Club, local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts troops, the Ritual Firing Team of the VFW Bruce Post 1146, Knights of Columbus, Grosse Pointe Veterans Garden and Grosse Pointe American Legion also participate. as well as an honor guard and the Motor City Brass Band. A fly-over from Selfridge Air National Guard Base also is featured.

The Memorial Day service is free and open to the public.

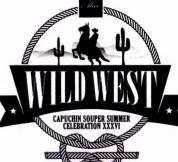
For more information or to purchase tickets for the fireworks afterglow Thursday, May 25, visit warmemorial.org or call (313) 332-4075.

The names of veterans who have served and those who've given their lives for their country be found at may warmememorial.org/ Warriors lowed hallways," Burke veterans.

HAN Wild West the theme of this year's Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration

By Jody McVeigh Editor

36th The annual Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at Comerica Park — promises a rip-roarin' time with its Wild West-themed



now the 36th annual Capuchin Souper ummer Celebration. And since the event's founding in 1981, we are grateful to have been supported by our community who have assisted in raising over \$6 million to directly help feed the hungry. The event was started



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"This year's Wild West theme promises to Ahee. The grand prize is deliver some incredible a ladies' Rolex Datejust entertainment, including Fifty Amp Fuse, The Sun Messengers, Bill Bynum & Co. Bluegrass band, DJ Prevu with live percussionist Jared Sykes, along with western characters and additional surprizes throughout the park," said Anthony Ahee. "And the highly anticipated jewelry raffle, with over \$30,000 in jewelry raffle prizes will be accompanied by a spectacular firework display. And best part of all, it's free to attend. It is open to several generations ---all 21 and up are welcome.'

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Ahee, instilled the values

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entire family," Ahee said.

"The importance of giv-

ing back to those in need

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event.

Raffle tickets cost \$1

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More than \$30,000 funds, however. My grandparents wanted to raise awareness of the soup kitchen and the work the friars humbly do day in and day out."

The Capuchins provide 300,000 pounds of food, 30,000 articles of clothing and thousands of hours of personalized support and services each month to the area's needy.

This year is particularly special for the Ahees as the soup kitchen's founder, Father Solanus Casey, has met the requirements for beatification and will be named "blessed," as approved by Pope Francis. The designation is the final step before sainthood. According to Ahee, Casey is only the second U.S.born citizen ever to be

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Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 7:45 a.m. Friday, May 19, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Joel Ortega Dopico, international pastoral visitor to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church,

speaks. Reservations are Business Network not required; all are welcome. Breakfast is \$7.

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Grosse Pointe Farms, offers the following programs:

◆ 12:45 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, Planning for the Second May 23. Half of Life. Reservations call (313) 882-9600. are required for this free program.

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Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 19, St. John Hospital & Medical Center, 22101 Moross, Detroit

◆ 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 21, St. Isaac St. Clair Shores.

◆ 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, Fine Art Exhibit," with an Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 2:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, Elementary Maire School, 740 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe.

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Saturday, May 20, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are \$25, \$22 for seniors and \$10 for students. Call (313) 882-0118.

Pelican Speaker Series

The new Pelican Speaker Series meets at the Detroit Yacht Club at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 21. Tom Lewand of Shinola speaks.

The series continues at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, with a talk by Dan Carmody of Eastern Market.

Lectures are free and open to the public.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets 7 p.m. Monday, May 22, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201

Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 23, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The club will recognize honor students from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools. Lunch is \$15. Jackets are suggested. Men retired or past age 55 are welcome. Call (313) 550-

Rotary

Ed Conlin of Youth Works Detroit is the featured speaker for the next Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Guests are welcome to attend the meeting, which costs \$10 and includes the speaker and appetizers; a cash bar will be available as well. No reservations are needed. For

sign copies. Registration takes place 7:30 p.m. more information, visit grossepointerotary.org or call John Mozena at (313) 530-6120.

Woods Community Center

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center presents a cruise down the Clinton River aboard the Clinton Friendship Wednesday, June 7. The trip includes lunch and a cash bar. Reservations are required by Wednesday, May 24. Cost is \$42 for Woods residents, \$47 for nonresidents. Call (313) 343-2408.

Women's Connection

The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe meets 6 p.m. Thursday, May 25, at the Village Grille & Bar, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. The meeting features actress and educator Kerri Dettmer, an English instructor at Macomb Community College. Women's Connection is a woman's networking and support organization dedicated to the enrichment and empowerment of women in their business and personal lives. For reservations or information, call Ann Faull at (586) 776-0775 or Ellie Kaye at (586) 463-2463.

Reunion

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

Lake House

The Lake House, 23500 Pare, St. Clair Shores, offers the following programs:

◆ 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, Celebrate Survivorship, with special guest Carmen Kennedy, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction for Avondale Schools and a breast cancer survivor. Registration is required.

 Drum Circle 2 to 3 the second p.m. . Wednesday of each month. Instruments are provided, but participants may bring their own percussion instruments as well.

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GPAA

Call (800) 272-3900. The GPAA also presents the following:

 A reception for the 79th annual Members' Show takes place 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Jogues, 21100 Madison, Farms. More than 60 pieces are displayed.

 "Cars and Trucks: A entry deadline of Tuesday, May 23. Intake is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 10. The show runs June 15 to July 20, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, and July 24 to Aug. 18, at Services for To register, visit red Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Prizes are Farms. awarded for best of show, second place and third place. Charles Maher is the juror.

• "New Trends in 7 to 8:45 p.m. Artmaking," with Steven Rost, chairman of the art and design department at Lawrence Technological University, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 25, at The War

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'An Evening with Friends' supports families

Honorary Chair Mrs. William Clay Ford to welcome guests to Family Center gala

"An Evening with • Friends" event provides Nahra an opportunity for guests Specializing to welcome summer, in fine dining cuisine, Nahra make friends and give back to the community 6 is an accomto 9 p.m. Friday, June 9, plished resin the distinctive home taurateur, and gardens of Mr. and caterer and Mrs. Robert G. Riney. event-plan-The event raises funds to ning professional with continue the center's extensive mission of serving the community through proexperience in grams and resources social and corvital to today's families.

"I'm pleased to be associated with an organization that has worked I are really tirelessly for the last 16 looking foryears to help individuals and families in need," said Mrs. William Clay important gathering and right here at home." Ford, honorary chair- we thank Mrs. Ford for woman of the event. participating as honorary This unique event promises to be very successful and memorable and I'm looking forward to seeing my fellow residents cer with Henry Ford come together to help Health System. "This make a difference."

Guests may tour the home and its gardens while enjoying conversation, live entertainment, cocktails and a strolling terrific organization that gourmet dinner created really impacts families





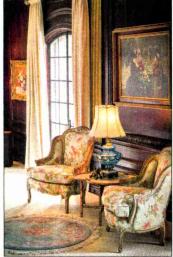


Tickets are limited and may be reserved by calling (313) 432-3832 or visiting familycenterweb. org

Individual tickets are \$175; Partner tickets, \$250 for one attendee; Benefactor tickets, \$500 for two attendees; Patron tickets, \$1,500 for four attendees; Signature Sponsor, \$3,000 for six attendees; and Tribute Sponsor, \$5,000 for eight attendees.

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calendar year, not just in conjunction with "An Evening with Friends." matched by the camis a 501 (c)3 organization. Also at the event, new members of the Ambassadors Circle will be introduced. They include Mary Alice Annecharico and Bob

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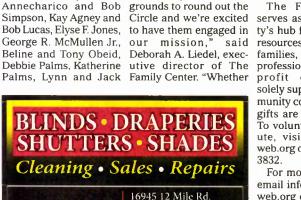
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Frank it's 'An Evening with The Ambassadors Circle, The Ambassadors matching gift-giving will be completely Circle was created to opportunities or a variety of professional and volunteer roles, there are so many important ways people can get involved with The Family Center and help support Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods."

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later at retirement? How does that feature work if she wants more income eventually?

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Here is how the rules work for divorced spouses. If the marriage lasted 10 years or longer, she can receive benefits on her ex-spouse's record even if he has remarried, if she is unmarried and 62 or older. As a divorced spouse, her benefit is equal to one-half of her ex-spouse's full retirement age amount or disability benefit if she starts receiving benefits at her full retirement age. In addition, if her ex-spouse has not applied for retirement benefits but can qualify for them, she can have in the way of sav- tion, it is completely supreceive benefits on his record if she has been divorced at least two years.

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spouse's work record or a combination of the two Also, subject to potential reductions due to filing early (since her full percent if she files at age 62). If she remarries, she generally cannot collect benefits on her former spouse's record unless her later marriage ends, whether by death, divorce or annulment. The rules changed last year, so she will not be able to file for spousal first and change to her own later.

If her ex-spouse dies, she could get benefits just the same as a widow, again provided her marriage lasted 10 years or more - even if her ex had remarried. Her benefits would not affect his benefits or that of his spouse.

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Members of the Ahee family at last year's '80s themed event.

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bestowed the honor.

'Father Solanus was the humble voice behind the Capuchin Soup Kitchen of Detroit and really is what inspired our family to be so involved with the work that the Capuchins do in our community," he said. Dressy summer attire is suggested. Admission is free; valet and compli-

mentary self-parking are available. "The event is not only fun, but it is a great way

to support the community," Ahee said. "What better way to get a chance at wandering through Comerica Park on a lovely summer night.'

For more information. visit ahee.com or csk detroit.org.

SAVE the DATE

Social Security seminar 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 8, at Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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For more information, call Killeen's office at (313) 224-0920 or email tkilleen@waynecounty. com.

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Jessica Lahey is an English and writing teacher, correspondent for the Atlantic, commentator for Vermont Public Radio, and she writes the "Parent-Teacher Conference" column for the New York Times. She is the author of the New York Times bestselling book, The Gift of Failure: How the Best Parents Learn to Let Go So Their Children Can Succeed.

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COMMUNITY 6B

Rotarians, Northeast **Guidance Center host** community playground build

Rotary of Grosse of Grosse Pointe will pro- 501(c)3 organization Pointe volunteers invite vide volunteers 8 a.m. to committed to the health friends and neighbors to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 20. join them and the Northeast Guidance is a partnership between Center in their efforts to the Northeast Guidance build a playground at the Center and Southwest John Community Center, 3783 Ashland, Detroit, in the from KaBOOM!, Dr. Mack-Ashland support- Pepper Snapple Group ive housing neighborhood.

Some 20 volunteers are needed each day of the three-day project. Rotary

The community project Van Camp Solutions and is made healthcare. possible with funding and the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

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of children, adults and families by providing innovative communitybased services through behavioral and primary

To volunteer for the community playground build, RSVP to the Northeast Guidance Center at (313) 308-1416 or email Rotarian Diane Northeast Strickler at dianestrick



Volunteers are needed to join Grosse Pointe Rotarians and the Northeast **Guidance Center** Saturday, May 20, to build a community playground at the John Van Camp Community Center, 3783 Ashland, in the Mack-Ashland supportive housing neighborhood.

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GPAA member show set

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association hosts a reception for its 79th annual Members Show 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 21, on the second floor of The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The public is welcome.

The show includes 64 pieces by 36 members. In keeping with its goal of merging creativity and community, the association has initiated two new programs this year: A Morning Out for dementia patients and their caregivers; and Promising Artists for high school students.

The exhibition is open every day through Monday, June 12, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at The War Memorial.



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our own Emmaus journey

During this season of Easter, we all have heard Luke's Gospel account of "The Road to Emmaus" (Luke 24:13-25). If we read the story slowly, listening to the words and emotions of the two disciples, we realize their hope was crushed, gone. What they were expecting was not to be. Verse 21 states, "But we were hoping that he was the one who would redeem Israel." It appears they are now hopeless

How many times have we been hopeless on our journey? How many times did we feel like the two disciples? We know after they go on to reiterate all that has taken place in the prior three days, and after Jesus relates how the scriptures were ful-

filled, they then recognize him in the breaking of to the presence of God on your journey? the bread and their eyes are opened.

Think about the hopeless events in your own journey, feeling like there was no place to turn. Maybe it was a death of a loved one, a tragic accident, a loss of a job, a loss of a relationship or some other event that led to that feeling of hopelessness. At the time it happened, maybe you felt like life would never get better, but then it did. And as you look back, how were your eyes opened? Think about how you did not recognize the Lord there with you, just as the disciples didn't. When was it you recognized he was right there with you on your journey? What was it that opened your eyes

So many times we are like the disciples. Their hopelessness clouded their visions and ability to experience God in the midst of the dark hours of their journey. We might even feel like them, like God has abandoned us.

The Emmaus story reminds us even though we might not recognize the Lord, He is always there walking with us through the presence of those who are with us to bring comfort. May we be grateful every day for all the ways in which the Lord reveals himself to us

Bartoszek is the chaplain at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

War Memorial welcomes new manager of media, television production

hire of Ryan Nichols, who is filling the post of manager of media and television production. Nichols began his new position April 20.

Nichols is a graduate of Western Michigan the Grand Princess. University, where he earned a degree in film, video and media studies. While at WMU, Nichols was the media manager for the Bronco Marching Band and originated video content for the athletic department with **Bronco Productions.**

His portfolio includes work with WWMT-TV Newschannel 3, which really excited about the provides local news, weather forecasts, notices of events and entertainment programming for and look forward to mak-Kalamazoo,

The War Memorial Rapids, Battle Creek, for all of our viewers and Harper Woods. Comcast recently announced the South Haven, Holland, hopefully many new Saugatuck, Grand Haven, Muskegon and surrounding areas. After leaving Kalamazoo, Nichols traveled with Princess Cruises, acting as senior video producer aboard

> "I've had the opportunity to make great documentaries and see amazing things from Alaska down to Mexico," Nichols said. "But now that I'm back on land, I'm very glad to make a home here in Grosse Pointe. I grew up in the area and cannot wait to be a part of this community. I'm opportunity that I have with the team at The War Memorial and WMTV

ones.'

Brandon Faber, director of community engagement at The War Memorial, added, "Ryan brings a wonderfully fresh perspective and clean approach to his work. We're very excited to see what creative projects he'll add to WMTV. He stands out in a fantastic way, adding great value to our team and to the style of WMTV's content. Our community producers are sure to have an excellent partner at the station as we move forward."

The War Memorial has offered community television for more than 20 years to cable subscribers throughout the Grand ing exceptional content Grosse Pointes and

subscribers can watch WMTV on channels 5 and 915; AT&T viewers should tune into channel 99: WOW customers will find WMTV on channel 10

Originally known as Community Television Services, the station was rebranded in 2000, becoming known as WMTV.

WMTV broadcasts 24 hours daily, featuring a variety of programming. Hosts volunteer their time and talent. In a continuing effort to provide cutting-edge content to the community at large, WMTV soon will feature an enhanced presence on digital media, including YouTube and Vimeo, among other social networking platforms.

HURCH EVEN

Redeemer

Methodist Church, 20572 Vernier, Harper Woods, hosts a flea market 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 20. Call (313) 881-7251

The church hosts "Urban Farming Update" Redeemer United 9:45 a.m. Sunday, May 28, with Gary Wozniak, CEO of the Detroit farming effort Recovery Park discussing urban agriculture in Detroit.

Call (313) 822-2814.

Memorial

St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose Catholic Church presents "Detroit's Newest Developments" 9:45 a.m. Sunday, May 21. John Gallagher, Detroit Free Press journalist and author, updates Detroit's recovery through recent projects.

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, welcomes the Rev. Joel Ortega Dopico, who preaches at the 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. services Sunday, May 21.

First English summer schedule

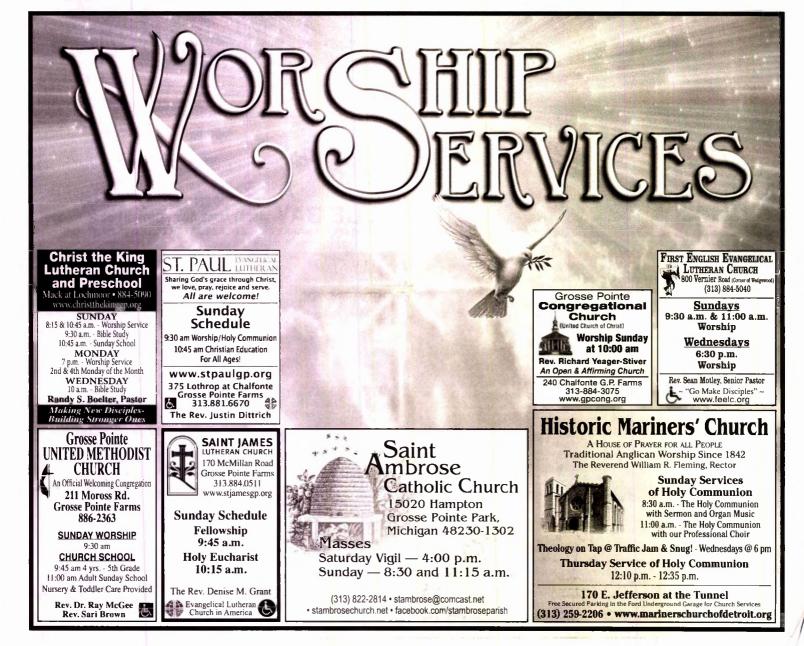
Summer worship hours at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, begin Sunday, May 28.

Services start at 10 a.m. and include Holy Communion every Sunday.

Worship with Holy Communion also takes place 7 p.m. Wednesdays, May 31 to Aug. 30, for those away on weekends during summer.

On Father's Day, Sunday, June 18, the community is invited to a barbecue with the congregation on the south lawn after worship at no charge.

The schedule continues through Labor Day; the community is welcome



COMMUNITY | 9B



Brenda Kaye Popek

accuracy, style and length.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Brenda Kaye Popek, 48, died Tuesday, May 9, 2017.

She was born Sept. 17, 1968, in Sayre, Okla., and formerly lived in Ohio. Brenda graduated from Hope College and Cooley Law School. She was the chief council for U.S. Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, Detroit office.

A member of the Michigan Bar Association, Brenda enjoyed baking, traveling, photography and spending time with her children. She was a Girl Scouts leader for her daughter's troop out of Trombly Elementary School

Brenda is survived by her husband, Jack G. Popek; daughter, Alice H. Popek; son, Jack H. Popek; mother, Gail Hensley; sister, Devon Hutson and brothers, Kyle Rueter and Ryan Rueter.

She was predeceased by her father, Dwayne Hutson.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Rita Marie Jarvis

Rita Marie Jarvis, 93, passed away Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at St. John Hospital & Medical Center in Detroit.

She was born Aug. 18, 1923, in Detroit, to Walter and Leona Mayday. She was the beloved wife of Walter, who predeceased her; loving mother of Walter (Victoria), Michael (Marie), Jennifer DeHayes (John), Mary Jane Shumaker (John), Luanne, and Teresa Champane (Dean); cherished grandmother of Julie Perry (Jeff), Stephen Jarvis, Jonathan Jarvis (Kimberly), Amy Turner (Aaron), Jay Michael Jarvis (Jill), Jacquelyn Borowski (Ron), the late Jamie Luch (Tom), Jill Dely (Steve), Jennifer Kitchen (Michael), John Shumaker Jr. (Jessica), Margaret Shumaker, Michelle Champane, Brooke Champane, James Champane, Bridgette Champane, Jacob Dietz, and great-grandmother of 20. She also was the sister of Natalie Fox and the late Richard Mayday. Rita was an active woman in her family and community. When not on the golf course playing her favorite game, Rita enjoyed spending time with all of her family. especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The family enjoyed Sunday dinners together with some of Rita's best meals. Chicken and dumplings, pot roast and desserts were some of her favorite dishes. While dinner was being prepared, the family almost always had their hands in the candy drawer. Rta's family described her awitty, funny and a She ful story teller. gardeneed walking, flowers. 5d arranging as fond of

animals and especially all of the family dogs. When Rita wasn't with her family she could be found running the gift shop at Beaumont Nursing Center, where she truly enjoyed the Christmas Fair and all its festivities. She enjoyed volunteering as the aquatic activity organizer for the pool at

Woodbridge as well. A funeral Mass was celebrated May 16 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the Anxiety and Depression Association of America at adaa.org. Share a memory at

ahpeters.com.

James Morrison

James "Jim" Morrison, of Rochester, passed away Tuesday, May 9, 2017, after a long battle with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Molly, and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Herman L. and Eugenia M. and brother, William.

of Arc Catholic grade school and graduated from Austin Catholic Preparatory High School She was 85. and Wayne State University. He served in the U.S. Army and retired as a captain.

Jim was an IT specialist working for General Motors Corp. and EDS for a combined 31 years. He was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, where he was recognized for his contributions to Autofact and annual conference on factory automation.

became a consultant working at Ford Motor Co., IRS, FDIC, Fidelity, New York University and University of Connecticut. In his local community, Jim served as a board member and longtime volunteer for the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library. Additionally, he was a past president of the Detroit Downtown children, Payton, Alli, Jay Young Republicans. In and Brady. Rochester Hills, he served Kora Dietz and Kelly Dietz on the Rochester Hills her brothers, Leo Stevens Planning Commission, and Bob Stevens. Zoning Board of Appeals, Bike Path Commission ents, she was predeand Paint Creek Trail ceased by her husband, Commission. A celebration of life

Dale Austin

Former longtime Grosse Pointe resident Rudale "Dale" Austin, Brenda Kaye Popek passed away Monday, May 8, 2017.

Dale is survived by her husband, Dr. Donald Austin; children, Don Jr. (Denise), Sheryl (Mitch), Jeff (Laurie) and April (Rich); sisters, Anna Rae (Edward) and Bonnie (Billy); brother, Morris and many in-laws, nieces, nephews and extended family.

Dale wished to be DaleAustin remembered privately for good times shared together. In lieu of flowers, she asked friends and family to send memorial donations to The Salvation Army, an organization whose good work she supported many years.

Donations may be made to The Salvation Army, 16130 Northland Dr., Southfield, MI 48075 or at salvationarmyusa. org

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Delores May Vandenbussche

Former Grosse Pointe Jim attended St. Joan Farms resident Delores May Vandenbussche, of St. Clair Shores, died Saturday, May 13, 2017.

> She was born May 18, 1931, in Detroit, to Ellsworth and Vera Stevens, and graduated from Southeastern High School. At various times throughout her life, she worked for Consumers Energy, St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church and the city of Grosse Pointe Farms. Delores enjoyed traveling, listening to books on tape and attending plays at the Fisher Theatre.

Delores is survived by Upon retirement, Jim her children, Craig ecame a consultant (Chris), Kevin (Debbie), Clay (Mark), Kelly Bryk (Michael) and Kim Bristol (Neil); grandchildren, Leah, Elysia Charles (Kelly), Ryan (Allison), Kyle (Brittney), Sean (Ashley), Chelsea Freiman (Joey), Eric, Gretchen, TJ, Brent, Grant, Laura, Stuart and Tatum and great-grand-

She also is survived by





Janet McQuade Jansen

Grosse Pointe Park resident Janet McQuade Jansen, 90, died Saturday, April 29, 2017, at Beaumont Hospital, Troy.

She was born May 22, 1926, in Woodhaven, N.Y., to Stuart A. and Eleanor R. McQuade, and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Maryland College for Women in Lutherville, Md. She worked as a manufacturers clothing representative for numerous firms in New York City until she married in 1955.

Janet enjoyed golf, tennis, genealogy, knitting, painting and traveling. She was a member of St. Columba Episcopal Church in Detroit and St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods. She also was a member of the Louisa St. Clair chapter of Daughters of the up in a small village in northern Greece. American Revolution. ily, fashion, glamour,

Janet was predeceased by her husband, the Rev. Frederick B. Jansen. She is survived by her sons, Christopher H. Jansen (Betsy), David S. Jansen (Christine) and Timothy B. Jansen and grandchildren, Carly, Hilary, Grace, Carleigh, Colin, Joi, Mya and Bromely.

A funeral service will be 10 a.m. Saturday, June 10, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to Heifer International at heifer.org.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.



Delores Vandenbussche

Catherine

Kaliardos

Longtime Grosse

"Kay

Pointe Farms resident

Kaliardos, 87, died

She was born in Detroit

to Jordan and Aspasia

Dasgalos. She graduated

in 1947 from Southeastern

High School in Detroit

and earned a cosmetol-

ogy license from the state

Catherine's parents

emigrated from Asia

Minor to the United

States, via Greece. She

was raised in a Turkish-

speaking Greek house-

hold and spoke Greek,

Turkish and English. In

1958, after a long courtship, Catherine married

Nicolas Kaliardos, a fel-

low Detroiter who grew

Catherine enjoyed fam-

music, cooking, nutri-

tion, crossword puzzles

and spelling bees. She was especially known for

raising two sets of frater-

becoming grandmother

Sunday, May 14, 2017.

Catherine

of Michigan.



James Morrison



Janet McQuade Jansen



Catherine Kaliardos

of fraternal twin boys.

Catherine is survived by her sons, William Kaliardos (Katharina) and James Kaliardos (Martin Solomon); daughters, Mary Kaliardos and Christine Ballman (Keith) and grandchildren, Konstantine and Lukas. She also is survived by her sister, Alethia Christopher and other loving family members.

She was predeceased by her husband, Nicolas Kaliardos; parents and sister, Mary Calder.

Visit ahpeters.com for nal twins - and then memorial gathering information.



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was held May 13 in Auburn Hills.

Donations may be made to the Rochester Farms. A memorial gath-Hills Public Library at ering begins at 9:30 a.m. rhpl.org, Austin Catholic at the church. High School at austin catholicacademy.org or St. John Fisher Chapel Public Library, 15175 E. University Parish at stjohnfisherparish.org Share a memory at modetzfuneralhomes. verheyden.org.

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In addition to her par-Robert Vandenbussche.

A funeral Mass is 10 a.m. Saturday, May 20, at St. Paul on the Lake, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe

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2000 Chevrolet Malibu 2003 Kia Sedonia 2003 Pontiac Grand Prix 2005 Chrysler Pacifica 1998 Ford F150 P/Up 1995 Pontiac Grand Am 2004 Pontiac Sun Fire 2005 Kia Sorento 2007 Dodge Ram P/Up 1998 Crown Vic 2003 Chevrolet Astro 1987 Honda Elite Moped 1999 Chrysler 300 M

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The above vehicles can be viewed 1/2 hour prior to the auction, at Woods Towing. Payment by cash or certified check only. Cars listed may be pulled or released prior to the auction by the Harper Woods Police Department.

Sgt. Thomas Teatsorth Traffic Safety Section

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A copy of this notice can be viewed on www.harperwoodscity.org under Public Notices.

COMMUNITY 10B

Volunteer honors son by giving back to patients, staff

friends, his cello — and to see him. wonderful things for his dogs. starting with "The therapy dogs him, including the ther-

the therapy dogs he con-2013. This connection and enjoy." inspired his mom, Michelle Peabody, to pectedly of respiratory become a therapy dog

you're bored. You're active life. scared. You feel powerless," the Grosse Pointe friends. He had a natural mother said. "The one curiosity for science,

years of life: family, therapy dogs who came

his pet Havanese, Carter. calmed him down and apy dog volunteers. I felt come to visit But he especially loved eased his fears," she it was time to give back." "When Ed continued. "Alex colnected with at a lected postcards from Eden, Peabody's poodle Pittsburgh hospital each one and kept them and European golden where he received heart on his nightstand at the retriever mix, received ing for loved ones, you and lung transplants in hospital to look through her certification from can feel the energy

After Alex died unexcomplications volunteer at Beaumont February 2015, Peabody now is on a volunteer Hospital, Grosse Pointe. spent a lot of time "When you spend a lot reflecting on her son's of time in the hospital, happy, generous and three times a month.

thing that comforted travel and music," she

COMMUNITY Focused

Community DRIVEN

Alex Peabody loved Alex and brought him said. "But, he was also Pointe Director many things in his 17 joy were visits with the fortunate to have a lot of Volunteer Services B people in his life who did wonderful things for

In September 2016, Therapy International.

In December, she visin ited her first patient and rotation that brings her into the hospital two to the nursing station for a three times a month. visit, too. She brings

"It's not just the "Alex was good to his patients who enjoy her companionship, Peabody said.

Beaumont, Grosse

Volunteer Services Betsy Schulte said, "the entire hospital comes alive when Michelle and Eden

When Eden makes her rounds throughout the waiting rooms and visits with families wait-Dogs change and stress levels drop," she continued. "When I call the units to ask for patients identified for visits, the staff ask if Eden can stop at therapeutic healing to everyone she meets

Peabody also benefits from keeping Alex's spirit alive by sharing his story and making a difference in the lives of other people in a way Alex would appreciate.

"Alex and I had talked about someday working with a pup to become a therapy dog," Peabody said. "I think Alex would love Eden and approve of how well she behaves with patients and the simple joy she brings. It's one way I can make a small difference in someone's day.

To learn about volunteer opportunities at Beaumont, visit beau mont.org/patients-fami lies/general-information/ volunteer.

Michelle Peabody and Eden.

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Eden visits a patient at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe as Peabody looks on.

An introduction to sailboat crewing

The Grosse Pointe Sail Club, sponsor Pointe Park, invites interested people to sail and become familiar with crewing on sailboats during a program at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at Windmill Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Park

The club has skippers looking for of the Tuesday night races at Windmill crew. Those new to sailing or experienced are welcome. Non-sailors also are welcome to observe a short race from the patrol boat.

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Gimme Shelter a success

The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society hosted its annual Gimme Shelter fundraiser April 20, at Assumption Cultural Center. The event included a silent auction, raffle, dinner and cash bar. Harper Woods K9 Kaiser and his handler, Officer Steve Johnson, made their debut, demonstrating Kaiser's skills. Grosse Pointe Farms K9 Officer Tim Harris with his K9 Duke, showcased Duke's skills. More than 200



people attended the run its facility, pay for care and shelter animals event. Funds help GPAAS veterinarian services and waiting for adoption.



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Martin, executive director of the Grosse Pointe **Animal Adoption** Society & Animal **Protection Facility**, stands with GPAAS board members Gail Jarvis, Marlene Joseph and Penny Sauve.

Lake House adds four board members Farms K9 The Lake House tant, interim CEO and industries such as recently added four new COO and holds vice human resources, canmembers to its board of president roles at Teleand Duke, directors Sarah Bannon, Jill Davenport, Woods K9 George McMullen and

ning and more.

House is honored to have such an amazing board that is crucial to our cause. We are always resident of Waterford. open to new board members, volunteers and more."

a management consul- held positions in various

funding oversight, input avid volunteer and also a in the programs offered, committee member for assistance in event plan- the greater Michigan chapter of the Director Madeline Alzheimer's Association. Bialecki said, "The Lake She has a Master of Social Work degree from State Michigan University. Bannon is a

 Davenport currently is a guidance counselor at Grosse Pointe North Club, Grosse Pointe • Bannon currently is High School. She has

cer research and others. health. She previously She has a bachelor's had leadership roles at degree in business The Guidance Center administration from Leslie Wagner. The and other health care Walsh College. board is responsible for companies. She's an Davenport has two sons College. and is a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods.

 McMullen is a member of the following boards: Grosse Pointe Woods Board of Review, Advisory Board of the Family Center, Grosse Pointe Woods Local Officers Compensation Commission, Grosse Pointe Rotary Interact

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From left, Corinne

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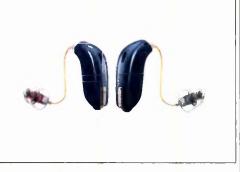
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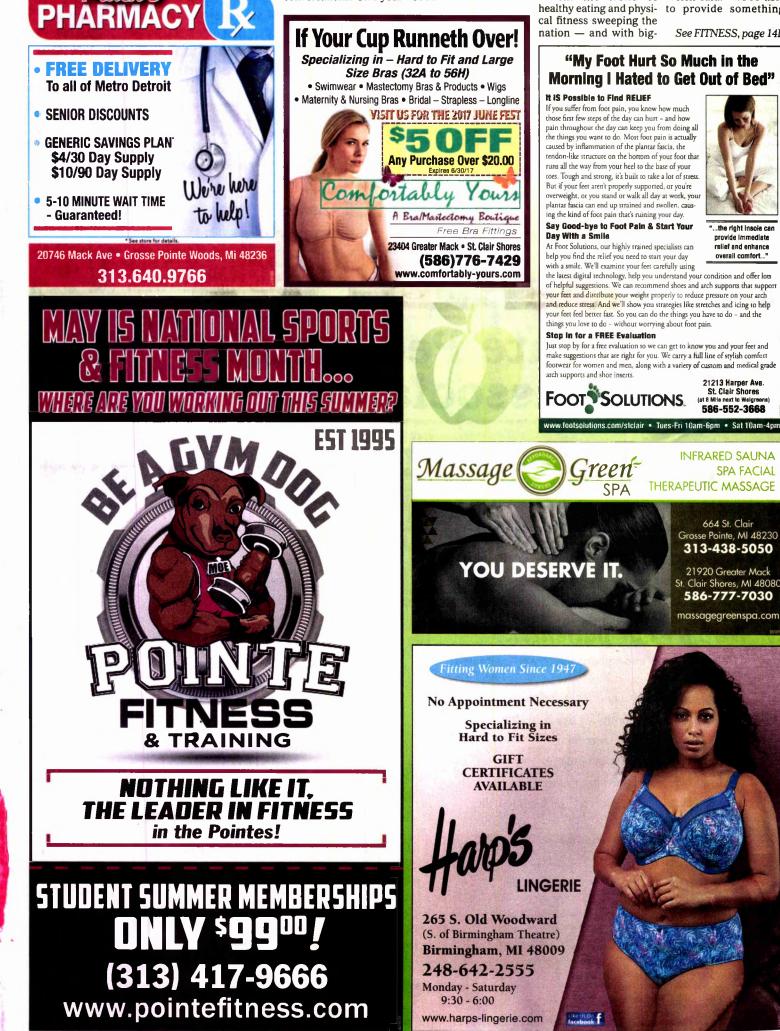
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14B COMMUNITY

Students run Rotary meeting Concert planned

An annual tradition, the Grosse Pointe South Interact Club, Rotary's high school organization, took charge of the May 3 evening meeting of Rotary of Grosse Pointe. Students running the meeting were President Frank Yenchick, Vice President Joseph, Julianna Secretary Cassie Valice and Treasurer Louise Brady. Assisting them were Interact liaison the Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver and Interact Committee member George R. McMullen Jr.

The students provided a PowerPoint presentation of all the Interact Club's volunteer activities this school year, embodying Rotary's slogan, "Service Above Self," and including a car wash fundraiser; Grosse Pointe Congregational Church Slip-N-Slide and kickball; Grosse Pointe Run; Book sale tear down (twice); North South Tailgate (recruiting for Interact); Run the Pointe: Arts & Scraps; Trombly School block



PHOTO BY JOHN MINNIS

Grosse Pointe South High School Interact Club members were, front from left, Treasurer Louise Brady, Secretary Cassie Valice, Vice President Julianna Joseph and President Frank Yenchick. In back with students were, from left, Rotary Interact liaison the Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver, club adviser Kevin Cox and Rotary Interact Committee member George R. McMullen Jr.

Project (twice); Gleaners Community Food Bank (twice); Grosse Pointe South Thanksgiving meal packing; Varsity Club coat drive partner; Grosse Pointe Santa

party; Moross Greenway Claus Parade; Services and CROP Walk. for Older Citizens holiday card making (twice); Walk for Peace; Forgotten Harvest; Kids Against Hunger; Earthworks senting. They also Urban Farm; Student thanked adviser Kevin Association food drive Cox for his efforts.

Yeager-Stiver and McMullen awarded Interact scholarships to the three seniors pre-They

Detroit presents its Young Artist of the Year concert, featuring 13-year-old prodigy Naomi Yamaguchi and the TMD Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Scott Hanoian. The event takes place 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Yamaguchi is the 2017 winner of the Ruth Laredo "An die Musik"

Tuesday Musicale of Award. She will play the works of Beethoven, Menotti, Chopin and Mozart.

Tickets are \$21 for adults and may be purchased online at warmemorial.org/arts or by calling (313) 881-7511.

Students younger than 25 who register at the door are admitted free of charge, courtesy of the Perlman Insurance Agency.

For more information, call (313) 885-7882.

Giant Garage Sale June 8-10

Spring cleaning has ture, gardening tools, brought treasures once bicycles, books and again to Assumption more. Food and baked Cultural Center, which is hosting its ninth annual Giant Garage Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, June 8, through Saturday, June 10.

Gently used merchandise for sale includes children's items such as clothing and toys, as well as adult clothing and accessories, sports equipment, home decor, furni-

the community outreach

FITNESS:

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good here in a safe environment for not a lot of money.

The fitness center is a stone's throw from the Harper Woods Police Department, an elementary school and its Grosse Pointe neighbors. It's a solid and secure location that's just around the corner

Another perk of membership at Pointe Fitness To do that, he makes sure is the staff, all dedicated his staff is knowledgeindividuals willing to able about fitness



during the course of someone's workout. If anyone needs help, anybody on staff can help."

Welch said his mission is to get as many people to work out as possible.

"We're here to answer questions," he said. "We've taken 20,000 square feet and made it feel intimate."

Pointe Fitness has a weight room, two cardio areas, a classroom, basketball court, quiet area for circuit training and open floor space. Welch said he picks equipment for its effectiveness.

Among its programs is Elite Training for Women, which Welch said teaches women the importance of lifting weights and how to lift weights to gain strength. "We want to see more

women strength train," he said. "Yoga and running are nice, but there's no reason why they shouldn't be lifting weight. We try to get them to understand they need to get stronger and they can get stronger by lifting.'

Lifting weights helps posture and with strength, as well as building a leaner physique.

Pointe Fitness also appeals to college students with its \$99 summer special.

"We want to appeal to the kid that really wants



From left, owner Ken Welch, personal trainer Kate Fodell and front desk clerk Celia Bourgeau.

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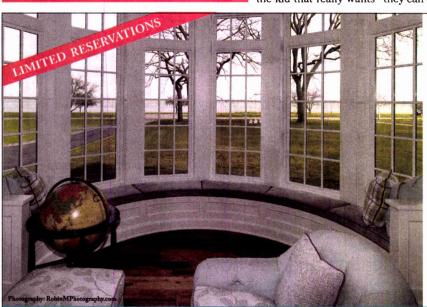
"An educated consumer is a better consumer," he continued. "An educated consumer can appreciate what we have here more. Training gave me a lot in the course of my life. This is not necessarily about giving back, but about knowing something and wanting other people to know it, too. I want to pass on information that's going to help you out

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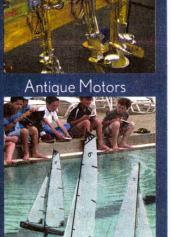


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Good News travels



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Pamela Kelly and her husband traveled to Vail, Colo., for a ski trip to celebrate their 28th wedding anniversary - their first time out West.

Grosse Pointe Grows seed library available

By Deborah Lynch

I don't know who first said, "Gardening is cheaper than therapy and you get tomatoes." However, it is absolutely true. Ask any gardener and they will agree. Whether a flower pot on the porch or a garden that overflows the whole backyard, it feeds the heart and soul to care for plants and watch them grow.

That's why many are visiting the Grosse Pointe Grows seed library at the Ewald branch and using their library card to check out seeds to plant in the coming season. An old library card catalog has found a new life housing a large variety of non-GMO, heirloom, vegetable, herb and flower seeds. Hopefully, some of our local gardeners will "check out" seeds to grow themselves, let some "go to 821-8830.

seed" and then return seeds to the library to share with other community members. This is not a requirement but a goal, that eventually the seed cabinet will be mostly filled with locally-contributed, regionallyadapted, heirloom seeds to share with the community.

However, the main purpose of Grosse Pointe Grows, as of most seed libraries, is to provide an alternative to genetically modified seeds, increase biodiversity and plant resilience and reconnect local people with their food systems ... and get tomatoes, too.

Lynch is a librarian at the Grosse Pointe Public Library. The Ewald branch is located at 15175 E. Jefferson. Grosse Pointe Park, For more information about the seed library, call (313)



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Members and friends of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Farms, took the Grosse Pointe News with them during their Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity home-build project north of Amman in Jordan in April. Using hand-mixed cement and concrete cinderblocks, the team built the walls of a home for a Muslim family. From left are Mohammed Malkawi of Habitat Jordan, Pat Ochodnicky, Heidi Korte, Jack Fordon, Stephanie Korte, Allison Mobley, Elizabeth Rooney, Fred Harms, Margaret Harms, Cheryl Cusmano, Jim Meza, Bill Rooney and team leader Mary Mobley.

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"SUMMERTIME SUMMERTIME SUM SUMERTIME"

This is a Top Ten Hit by a group called "The Jamies". It made it to the top of the charts in 1958 and 1962. It was the beginning of Doo-Wop. The lyrics go on to say:

"And every night we'll have a dance Cause what's a vacation without romance Oh man this jive has me in a trance Because it's summertime"

Well, in a week or so, we will be celebrating Memorial Day, which is always considered the kick-off of summer.

Summertime in The Village means that it's time for graduations, weddings, showers, bachelor parties and rehearsal dinners. It's also a time for pizza parties in honor of Little League, Soccer and Swim Teams and Recitals for those with a gift for the arts.

Summertime in The Village means that whatever the party, there is a place to have it with private rooms dedicated to making any event, big or small, a night to remember. The Village Grille, The Whiskey Six and City Kitchen offer opportunities for parties of 15 to 100.

And if you want to have a party outdoors, all of these restaurants, SideStreet Diner and others in The Village offer catering for your home, your backyard, your boat or any of the parks we are so fortunate to have at our disposal. How about a monster cake from Sweet Little Sheila's or TCBY.

Now, if you like to party just with the family or friends, Summertime in The Village means that the patios are open, the umbrellas are up, a warm breeze awaits you at SideStreet, The Village Grille, Which Wich, TCBY and the Whiskey Six. Enjoy a meal and watch the world walk by. Nothing is healthier or more refreshing to finish it off than something cold from TCBY.



If it is somebody else's party that you are being invited to, it is always nice to bring a bottle of wine or a bouquet of flowers, but both have a shelf life. So when next you are invited to someone else's party, take a look at the offerings at The League Shop, Vera's Daughter, Small Favors and Suzie at Home. Each of these Village shops offer hundreds of alternatives that will grace shelves and gardens and will last far longer. You might also find something perfect for your own home. For some of us, nothing could be better than to get a little sun or work a little in the garden. If you overdo it, visit Choices for some natural Michigan made lotions or Massage Green to get the kinks out or just to reward yourself. Speaking of rewards, how about a facial or a new haircut at Salon LouLou?

Summertime in The Village as the lyric goes:

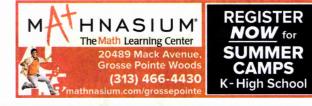
"Well I'm so happy that I could flip Oh how I'd love to take a trip I'm sorry teacher but zip your lip Because it's summertime"

Where better to find something special to take along for him and her? Whether the trip you have in mind is up north or to the park, your wardrobe may need to be freshened up. Again, you need look no farther than Summer-time in The Village. P.O.S.H., Village Palm and El's beckon you. Spruce up that wardrobe. And if you need the latest in evewear, turn your focus to Focus 313, which offers the latest and the loveliest accessory to your look, whether it is prescription glasses or just some shades to protect your eyes from the summer glare.

As the song goes,

"It's time to head straight for them hills It's time to live and have some thrills Come along and have a ball A regular free for all It's Summertime!"

SCHOOLS



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Twins set out for college together

Twins tell their stories in first of two-part series

By Mary Anne Brush Staff Write

All across the country, college-bound high school seniors have notified colleges of their decisions and are preparing for the next step in their education. A lot of factors go into the process, from selecting a college that's the right fit to finding a roommate. For twins who may have shared bedrooms, friends, teammates, interests, classes and even clothes, deciding whether to stay together for college or part ways can be even more complicated.

Profiled in this issue are three sets of twins who elected to attend the same college or university and some of the reasons behind this decision. Next week will feature four sets of twins who are headed in different directions in the fall.

Roommates for life

Nadya Herfi, seniors at Grosse Pointe North High School, applied to the same schools and both selected Michigan State University, they said they didn't necessarily plan to go to the same college.

"We always had an idea we might end up together, but it wasn't deliberate," Alanah Herfi said.

Added Nadya Herfi, "We have the same interests and the same friends so I always had a feeling we would end up together because it wouldn't make sense for us not to.'

They also plan to room together.

When your twin sister is your roommate, you know exactly what you're going to get," Nadya Herfi said. "We shared a room in our house for like 10 years.

"She owns half my wardrobe," she added.

Their mother, Laila Shehadeh, described her daughters as independent and strong-willed and said she is not concerned about each finding her own way on such a large campus. They are pursuing separate academic interests, with Nadya interested in medicine and Alanah pre-law. Both strong students, they took a lot of the same classes, with grade point averages and test

scores within a point of each other, they said. "We try not to make it a competition, but it's hard because we're so close in everything," Alanah Herfi said, adding, "If I'm

not studying really hard and Nadya is studying hard, I feel bad that I'm not studying. It pushes each other in a good way.

"We motivate each While Alanah and other," said Nadya Herfi. They also agree they support one another.

"As we're transferring to a whole new environment and a whole new lifestyle, having your twin sister there makes it a lot easier," Alanah Herfi

Together and apart

North seniors Joe and Paul Lucchese also chose the same college — Grand Valley State University. However, they're not rooming together, at least for the first year.

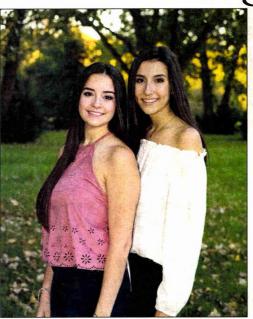


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Nadya and Alanah Herfi

mates for 18 years," their mother, Kathy Lucchese, said. "It breaks a mother's heart.

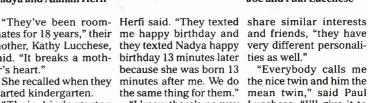
She recalled when they started kindergarten. "Their kindergarten

teacher told them they could be separated," she said. "It's been back and forth. They've had some classes together and then they've been separate for homeroom and things like that.'

Like the Herfis, Joe and Paul Lucchese are fraternal twins, but, "We get mixed up a lot," said Paul Lucchese. "A lot of our friends and teachers can't believe we're fraternal twins."

Alanah and Nadya Herfi met the Luccheses freshman year and said they're not surprised the two are attending the same university.

"We love them," Alanah



"I knew there's no way those guys are going to separate," said Nadya Herfi. "How could they possibly stay apart from each other so long?

Alana Herfi said as twins, she and her sister are Luccheses. While they

share similar interests crew. He was the captain and friends, "they have of the hockey team." very different personalities as well."

"Everybody calls me mean twin," said Paul Lucchese. "I'll give it to him. He's a little more outgoing than I am It's easier to break him from (his) shell."

Joe Lucchese gave credit to his brother. "Paul had a job before

similar to the me. He was in the play (while) I was on the stage

PHOTO COURTESY OF STEWART FINE PORTRAITS

Having attended Our Lady Star of the Sea School through eighthgrade, they helped each other through the transition from private to public school, Paul Lucchese said, "finding new friends and playing on the hockey team together. Hockey has been a big part of both of our lives. They played on the same

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Aelissa Krotche

School: Defer **Elementary School** Years at Defer: 1 Grade/Subject: **Reading specialist** Nominated by: Karen

dents. She models teaching lessons in classrooms and has worked with new staff members on using the reading units of study for instruction. She is our 'utility' player - she sees a need and comes up with solutions. We are very lucky to have Melissa Krotche back on the Defer staff again.' What do you enjoy most about teaching? I started my career as a first-grade teacher at verance make way for a spring season filled with an elementary reading confident readers. specialist. I've worked at Seeing the transformation is what I love most many buildings across the district; most of my years were at Kerby. This is my first year back at Defer and it is so nice most rewarding part of my career. Many hesitant readers start with me in the fall. **Describe a teaching** accomplishment you're proud of or a 'teachable moment' you experienced. Hard work and perse-

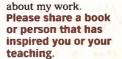
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Joe and Paul Lucchese

Sullivan, principal Principal's quote:

"Melissa is new, and not new to Defer. Melissa started her career at Defer as a first-grade teacher. Since then she has become a reading specialist and taught in several different buildings. This year she Defer. In 1999, I became returned to Defer as our reading specialist when our former staff person retired at the end of last year. Melissa works with students at all grade levels in reading. Her instruction is delivered in to be back where it all one of two ways - as a started. Unlocking the 'pull out' when students code for reading is the come to her classroom to meet for instruction or as a 'push in.' In this case she collaborates with the classroom teacher to support all students in reading within the classroom. Melissa consults with staff to work out the best learning program for stu-



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I am blessed to work with colleagues, students and parents who inspire me ... daily. Teaching is not an individual sport. It takes a team working together. Favorite quote:

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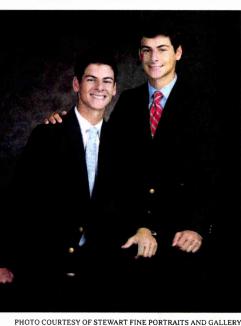
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team from kindergarten through high school. Planning to pledge the same fraternity, they hope to join the fraternity hockey team together.

Who's who?

While Grosse Pointe South High School seniors Alex and Rob Martinez grew up thinking they were fraternal twins, they recently discovered they're identical. They're headed to MSU together in the fall, both to study business.

"They both decided on their own to go there,' said their mother, Maureen Martinez. "They had other inter-



ests, but by chance they Rob and Alex Martinez



From left, Joe and Paul Lucchese and Alanah and Nadya Herfi visited Michigan State together. They've been friends since freshman year at North.

were both admitted life since we were born, there.'

They opted not to room together.

"We've kind of been roommates our whole played on the same team since they were young.

"I'm mostly an infielder and pitcher and Rob can pretty much play anywhere, but he's mostly an outfielder and pitcher. We've played on the same team our whole lives, Martinez said, including at South.

They also are in a lot of the same classes.

"Having a twin is nice because you always have someone to talk to and bounce ideas off of," he continued. "And because we're both athletic and like sports, there's always someone to make you better We both check in on each other and make sure we're getting our work done and if we have problems, we can solve them together.

Trombly students lend a hand to children in need

By Mary Anne Brush Staff Writer

You have to hand it to Susan Howey. A fourthgrade teacher at Trombly Elementary School, she isn't one to shy away from a challenge.

The challenge, issued by the Prosthetic Kids project, was to print, assemble and provide one prosthetic hand to a child in need.

According to the challenge website, "If you have access to a 3D printer, you can get involved with helping children.'

The first obstacle was the lack of a printer. Howey overcame this when she met a representative of Intel at SXSW, an educational conference in Austin, Texas, in March. She mentioned her interest in the hand project and within several weeks, a 3D printer - along with a laptop equipped with software - arrived at the school. Howey estimated the total cost of the printer and laptop to be \$1.800.

As for the hand itself, she said the cost of less than \$30 included a kit with non-printable parts such as cords and screws. The main cost was for the filament.



PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Above, Susan Howey and her students discuss what to do with an out-of-joint pinkie finger assembled backwards. Below, the total cost of the hand, including the printed pieces and a kit for assembly, is less than \$30.

The next hurdle was learning how to use the printer.

"I didn't have any experience. I've never 3D printed anything,' Howey admitted, adding, "I'm just trying to stay one step ahead of (the students).

Where else to go but the internet? So far, the class has viewed five of 17 YouTube tutorials they've found.

Also, "You talk to people," Howey said. "The

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support of other educators is huge." This includes the ability to network, connect and

Employee files lawsuit against school district

By Mary Anne Brush Staff Writer

so we decided it was a

good idea to branch out,"

est in baseball and have

The two share an inter-

said Alex Martinez.

Debra Redlin, assistant principal at Parcells Middle School, may have her day in court -- but that day isn't scheduled until April 2018.

In a lawsuit filed Nov. 15, 2016, in the U.S. District Court Eastern District of Michigan Southern Division, Redlin, while an assistant principal at Grosse Pointe South High School, alleges she was discriminated against on the basis of her gender under Title VII, the portion of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that protects mation, the court docuan individual from employment discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

According to the complaint, Redlin alleges she was the victim of sexual harassment and discrimination during the 2014-15 school year while an assistant principal at South and she was transferred to Parcells Middle School for the 2015-16 school year as retaliation for filing a complaint. She also alleges discrimination for taking a leave under the Family Medical Leave Act. She seeks economic and non-economic compensatory damages, punitive damages and attorney fees and costs. The district is the sole defendant named in the attend conferences to suit and no district employees are named as

"This is what happens in the majority of cases,' he added.

"The EEOC determines if it wants to do anything, if it wants to take the case on itself, if it wants to try and mediate or not," said McInerney. "And it decided not to in this case.

The plaintiff has 90 days from receipt of the letter to file a lawsuit. Redlin filed near or on the 90th day, McInerney said.

GPPSS filed its answer to the complaint Dec. 16, 2016, denying or amending each of Redlin's allegations. In instances lacking sufficient informent "leaves Plaintiff to her proofs" or attested a referenced document 'speaks for itself."

They went into great detail, which you really don't have to do. We responded to each of the paragraphs," McInerney said.

"Some of it is 'he said, she said," Palmer said, adding, "Both sides made a good faith effort I believe to try to resolve this case before the lawsuit was filed.'

The next step is the discovery process to be completed by mid-September, according to court documents. This is followed by a period for motions.

"If we want to ask to have the case dismissed, there'd be a time for that," McInerney said. Federal District Judge

Friedman has Bernard scheduled a pre-trial conference Tuesday, March of Tuesday, April 10, has requested a jury trial.





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Also helpful was her local connection with Nicholas Provenzano, a teacher at Grosse Pointe South High School known nationally for his innovative use of technology. Provenzano visited Howey's classroom twice to provide support.

While Howey and her students have run into some glitches along the way — including a pinkie finger assembled backwards - they have problem solved and persevered.

"Once you see how excited the kids are, that's all you really need. That's why we're here, I think," Howey said.

The class will seek other challenges after the prosthetic hand is complete and sent to a child in need.

"You can print any-thing," Howey said. "It's limitless. It's only limited prove it based on the the district. by what you can think of information they've to make.'

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According to a statement from Superintendent Gary Niehaus, the district 20, 2018, with a trial date investigated Redlin's initial claims and concluded 2018. Redlin they lacked merit.

Redlin filed a formal complaint with the Equal tled, dismissed or go to **Opportunity Employment** Commission in December 2015. By law, the EOEC is required to investigate a matter before issuing a Right to Sue letter, according to Redlin's attorney, Robert Palmer.

The EEOC issued a letter on or about Aug. 17, 2016. According to Palmer and the district's attorney, Mark McInerney, the EEOC dismissed the claim without a finding.

"There are three sce-narios from the EEOC," Palmer said. "There's a violation. There's no violation. Or (they) can't received.

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(The case) will be settrial - one of the three," McInerney said.

The Grosse Pointe News did not reach out for comment to any district employees due to board policy 3310 on freedom of speech in non-instructional settings. According to the policy, while professional staff members have a right as citizens in a democratic society to speak out on issues of public concern, when those issues are related to the district, a professional staff member's expression must be balanced against the interests of

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SCHOOLS 3D

School board faces budget deadline

By Mary Anne Brush Staff Writer

With a June 30 deadline to approve the 2017-18 budget looming, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education faces a daunting task. To meet its three targets set as part of budget parameters in January — balance its 2017-18 budget, allocate a \$3.1 million enhancement millage to capital projects and technology and bring fund equity up to 9 percent - it must raise revenue and cut costs.

One challenge at the outset was a structural deficit of approximately \$2 million due to a loss of an estimated \$992,000 from declining enrollment; state funding and increases in retireincreases not in pace with rising costs and inflation; and an accounting adjustment carried over from the previous year having to do with leasing/room use fees special education funding, according to Deputy Superintendent of **Business** Operations Lisa Abbey

Fund equity - the percentage of the district's overall budget put in implemented in the 2000s. reserves or a "rainy day fund" — is currently at of funding — providing 8.4 percent. To balance the budget while increasing the fund balance tuition basis - was taken from 8.4 percent to 9 percent this year will require a budget surplus of \$750,000 going directly sion May 1. Emails and into fund equity. The phone calls to the central BOE goal, as set forth in office and board, along its budget development parameters, is to increase the fund balance to 10 percent of a \$100 million budget, or \$10 million, by 2019, according to Abbey.

"Grosse Pointe, like most other districts across the state, is looking at declining enrollment and very little increased resources from the state," she said. 'We've got higher costs and it's hard to balance those things without impacting programs for students.

"It's important that we understand how much of our budget is tied to the Deputy Superintendent state funding since Proposal A passed and Jon Dean. "The idea of how little control we have over that," Abbey continued. "For example, the state has control over the are choices. They will required retirement con- make those choices." tribution. We cannot opt out and the cost to the healthy fund balance is

from single digits to now 26 percent of our payroll allocation per employee."

The administration put together a list of potential revenue enhancements and expense reductions 2017-18. for One enhancement, already approved by the board, is \$25,000 from a lease to Grosse Pointe Theatre to provide performance space at Pierce Middle School and Grosse Pointe North High School. Other items are based on estimated student enrollment numbers, which have declined approximately 100 students each year over the past decade. The district awaits news from the state legislative consensus conference May 17 for an indication on per-student funding ment costs.

On a list of proposed revenue enhancements are increasing student fees for parking permits, and/or student fees for participation in sports or clubs. The district has used the same fee structure for sports and club participation since a "pay to play" program was

One proposed source non-resident families to enroll students on a off the table by the board in a unanimous vote during a budget work seswith public comments at the April 24 meeting, indicated strong opposition from the community. Board members, too, expressed little enthusiasm for the proposal, presented at the board's request by the policy committee for discussion

To date, all other potential items still are being considered, including the possibility of changing the budget parameters.

Board of The Education mandate is they have to adopt a budget that is balanced," said of Educational Services getting to a 9 percent fund equity or preserving the \$3.1 million millage

While "getting to a district has increased good for our employees

and for our community," there is "no law that says we have to get to 9 percent," he added. "It's a choice. I think it's the right choice.

The board also has discretion in allocating the \$3.1 million millage enhancement. While the money goes to the general fund and could be used to balance the budget, the board elected to place it into a capital projects fund. Some or all of that money could be reallocated to increase fund equity.

"I think it would be a mistake to use it to fix the structural deficit," said BOE Treasurer Judy Gafa, adding she would prefer to "use it to get to the 9 percent. That way we're saving it.

With a declining student body, one way to reduce costs is to right size the number of fulltime equivalent teaching positions in proportion to enrollment. The district expects 22 retirements this year, including teachers, classroom assistants and clerical and custodial staff. While the plan is to reduce 11 teachers, retirements do not necessarily match with the retired positions, Dean said

"We work very hard to align potential teacher FTE reductions with our retirements, but you can't always 100 percent align that," he said, adding in cases where teachers have multiple endorsements, he attempts to fill positions accordingly. For example, if four math teachers are retiring, but the district requires all four positions to be filled, he might look for a teacher in another subject area with a math endorsement to fill one of those positions.

"Staffing of teachers is more of an art than a science," he said, adding while the goal is to reduce FTEs by 11 positions, further reductions in staff might be required to meet budget targets.

Other items on the list impacting student instruction and opportunity include:

 Eliminating teachers in the elementary read-

ing support program. Establishing a minimum of 20 students for secondary course offer-

ings.

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From left, Dylan Stringfellow, Claire Hathaway, Beatrice Stuckey, Sam Rouleau, Alex Hurford and Michael Pope hold up the begonias they planted and gift wrapped for their mothers for Mother's Day.

Trombly greenhouse opens

new space over a two-

day class rotation the

mornings of Thursday,

May 11, and Friday, May

12, just in time for

Just in time for Mother's Day

By Mary Anne Brush Staff Writer It's official - Trombly Elementary School's greenhouse is open for learning. While construction was completed earlier in the year, a few

former PTO president

and greenhouse commit-

Lindsey, along with par-

Beverly Bennert, spear-

headed the fundraising

for the project, with nearly

40 percent of the cost

funded through private

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Mother's Day. Each student potted a begonia and assembled it in a clear plastic gift bag to bring home for the occasion. Included was a small placard from the Trombly PTO thanking details had to be finalized "everyone for making before the space was our new greenhouse a "structurally complete," reality" and local nursery according to Michele Meldrum and Smith for Lindsey, parent of a Trombly fourth-grader, donating 300 plants.

With the school year winding to a close, it's unlikely the greenhouse will be used to capacity this spring, but will be up ents Beth Reilly and and running for the start of 2017-18.

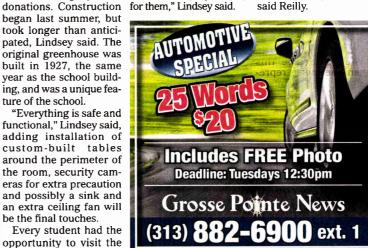
'We're trying to provide the teachers with as much equipment and supplies as we can so it's plug and play for them," Lindsey said.

Kindergarten classes use the greenhouse for their water unit, first and third grades for their life science curriculum and second grade has a living science unit with insects and bugs, Lindsey said.

"The librarian expressed she would love to do some cross-curricular things in here, Lindsey said. "If families and the kids want to start their own garden club, it's the perfect place for that.

"There are a lot of teachers that are very proactive in trying to find a lot of STEM programming and lesson planning with their kids and this is just the perfect venue for it," she continued. "They can come in and get messy. They can do water experiments."

"There's a lot of tactile learning they can do,' said Reilly.











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Star eighth-graders make their mark week Ahead

Many schools have their own traditions, often involving the oldest students and marking a time of transition. Younger students anticipate the day it will be their turn.

For Our Lady Star of the Sea School, one popular eighth-grade tradition is the annual painting of the fence along the side schoolyard outside the art room.

"They wait eight years. It's a right of passage,' said art teacher Michelle Montone.

A former art teacher started the tradition 12 or so years ago "as a way for kids to leave their mark on the school," according to eighth-grade homeroom teacher Roberta Henrichs.

"Every year the eighthgraders come out to help maintain it, sometimes painting over previous classes," Henrichs said.

"And adding their own," said eighth-grade homeroom teacher Melissa Walter.

Montone described it as "environmental art" that enriches the landscape

"It's also cool that it's a living work of art," Henrichs said. "Every year it changes.'







ABOVE PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Clockwise from upper left, Allie Mulder, left, and Carly Gesell pay tribute to the class of 2017; Ben Bania adds the finishing touches to his art; Star of the Sea's fence, painted over 12 years by eighth-graders, is a living work of environmental art; eighth-graders, from left, Aidan McFarland, Sydney Maxey, Michael - Mary Anne Brush Hartt and Colin Duffy collaborate on a section of the fence.

Students bring home journalism awards

and well in Grosse Elise Sutts, Angell Pointe middle and high schools. Students in and eighth-graders Brownell Middle School and Grosse Pointe North and South high schools' journalism programs won a total of 121 individual awards at the Michigan Inter-Press scholastic Association spring con- Ellie Sieber and Brandon ference in Lansing April 18.

earned 36 individual silver award with disawards. Winners were seventh-graders Bryan Press, won a silver Carney, Alexandria Carswell, Lilly Cleland, Jada DiVita, Mia Fett, Olivia Frye, Michael North Pointe, North's Hamilton,

Journalism is alive O'Keefe, Mary Perkins, book, Valhalla, won a Martin, Hannah Mattes, Villani and Alice Walsh; Adrienne Byarski, Lindsey Caldwell, Caden Handwork, Will Krick, Cameron Lundh, Ronald Lyke, Maya Mirkazemi, Elizabeth Oliver, Riley Ptashnik, Antonio Ropotos, Alice Scott, Wortman.

Brownell's newspaper, Brownell students Brownell Beat, earned a tinction; website, Bronco award; and broadcast, WBBC, took bronze.

Students working on Emmett newspaper, and year-

total of 57 individual Trevor Mieczkowski, awards.Winners were Olivia Asimakis, Josie Mulder, Sonny Mulpuri, Bennett, Sydney Benson, Delaney Bradley, Amber Braker, Emma Brock, Caitlin Sanikommu, Bush, Yena Berhand, Smith, Abbey Cadieux, Katelyn Sonaglia, Nicole Stein, Carney, Tyler Clogg, Radiance Cooper, Jarell Cunningham, Ava DeLoach, Lora Dobbs, Mora Downs, Olivia Francis, Paige Francis, Zion Golden, Zoe Graves, Grace Guthrie, Alexander Harring, Alanah Herfi, Rachel Joy, Ashley Kowalski, Jen Kusch, Laurel Kreuter, Alison Lackner, Erinne Lubienski, Raina

Billy Moin, Katelynn Sydney Murray, Anna Post, Lindsey Ramsdell, Chloe Ribco, Ritika Nora Victoria Alaina Streberger, Anu Subramaniam, Katie Thomas and Kenny Williams. North's online publi-

cation, North Pointe Now, earned a Spartan award with distinction. Grosse Pointe South

students earned a total of 28 individual awards. Winners were Margot Baer, Elizabeth Bingham, Erykah Benson, Katherine

Bird, Katherine Costello, Piper Eschenburg, Erica Fossee, John Francis, Rachel Harris, Ray Hasanaj, Jack Holme, Claire Hubbell, Griffin Jones, Lily Kubek, Jacqueline Mercier, Sarah Bellovich, Riley Lynch, Anton Mikolowski, Phoebe Miriani, Olivia Mlynarek, Kaitlin Nemeh, Elena Rauch, Maren Roeske, Emma Russell. John Schulte, Sydney Stann, Mia Turco and Liam Walsh. South's newspaper,

the Tower, earned a gold award with distinction and its online publication, Tower Pulse, earned a Spartan award.

instructional support, sions and negotiations ducted by Plante Moran, expected to be complete in July.

"We are underutilizing our current build-ings," Dean said. "When you have underutilized | their high school careers buildings in every capacity, you have to talk about doing things differently."

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MONDAY, MAY 22

Grosse Pointe Academy and the William Charles McMillan III Lecture Series present Jessica Lahey, educator, New York Times columnist, speaker and bestselling author of "The Gift of Failure: How the Best Parents Learn to Let Go So Their Children Can Succeed" 7 p.m. at GPA's Tracy Fieldhouse, 171 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Admission is free. For more information, call (313) 886-1221 or go to gpacademy.org.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

Friends of the Cole family are hosting a happy hour fundraiser 4 to 8 p.m. at Andiamo Trattoria, 20930 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Proceeds will help defray costs of upcoming treatments, hospital stays and family expenses for Chris and Karen Cole's 7-yearold son, Adam, diagnosed with a brain tumor. A minimum donation of \$5 is requested and there will be free appetizers and drink specials during this "stop-in-when-you can" event. Attendees may get an "Adam's Journey" bracelet, sign a giant get well card and bid on silent auction items. Andiamo's will donate 15 percent of the bill of any patrons who dine in, order carry out or grab and go. For additional information, contact Gail Marlow at gam500@aol. com.

THURSDAY, MAY 25 The Grosse Pointe North High School vs. University Liggett School girls' varsity soccer game includes a fundraiser to support Adam Cole and his family. Seven-year-old Adam was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Proceeds from the \$5 entrance fee and T-shirt sale will benefit "Adam's Journey." The game be-gins at 6 p.m. on North's football field.

THUR.-FRI., MAY 25-26 Grosse Pointe South's choirs close out their season in style with their annual Broadway tribute at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center, 708 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. All of the choirs perform favorites from last year along with several new numbers. Graduating seniors take the spotlight to top off with senior performances. Concert highlights include 'Radio" from Memphis, "I Am Your Child" by Barry Manilow and "Children Will Listen" from Stephen Sondheim's, "Into the Woods," Tickets, available at gpsouthchoir.org and Postery Gallery in the Village, are \$15 for all lower level seats. Balcony seats are \$12 or \$9 for students or senior citizens. Gold cards are accepted at Posterity Gallery and the door.

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"Sharing further details of this matter outside the courtroom would not be in the best interests of either of the parties to the case.' Niehaus wrote. However, "throughout the process, including prior to a lawsuit

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 Reducing secondary extra pay for extra duty. ♦ Reducing the ice time subsidy for the boys' and girls' high school hockey programs.

♦ Eliminating the fifthade instrumental program. "The goal is not to touch programs," Gafa said. "The goal is not to touch at-risk classes either. It's a fine line what we're trying to balance here."

such as administrators, are underway with union counselors and office staff.

at North and South high schools from hall monitors to a security firm.

services.

Allowing the district tion." to close grade levels after a set date and enroll a stu- recognized, "It's going to dent in a school other than cause a lot of people their home school if specific grade levels are full.

representatives

"None of the things on ◆ Shifting safety needs that list — not one – – is something anybody wants to do," Dean said. "It's about something we ◆ Privatizing custodial have to do in order to survive as an organiza-

> At the same time.

being filed, the Board of Education has been informed and involved" and, other than if the case was dismissed, would need to vote in open session on any resolution.

"The district is looking forward to the true facts being revealed during the legal process," he added.

A list of potential cuts impacting service and operations includes:

٠ Reducing non-

 Reducing employee compensation using the formula in place in the collective bargaining agreements.

Discussions on employee compensation are held in closed ses- utilization study con-

stress. This is their jobs and their livelihoods we're talking about

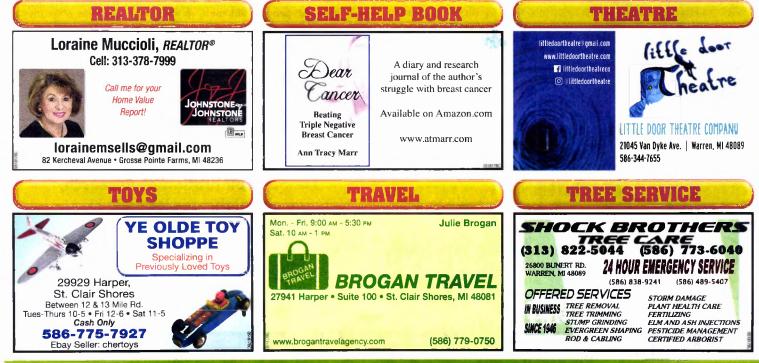
here." Not on the list for consideration this year are building closures. Future discussions will be based on results of a building

pray the state of Michigan will come up with more money," said Gafa. "It's not just Grosse Pointe. It's happening across the state of Michigan. While we have to make these tough decisions, I still think we need to hold those state legislators responsible and accountable."

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CELEBRATION OF RESEARCH IS IN ITS FIFTH YEAR A Closer Look at Liggett's Academic Research Projects

Liggett's Upper School is built around a four-year Academic Research Program that culminates with the Academic Research Project - a project in which students select a topic during their junior year and spend the next 18 months fully immersed in researching it.

For their Academic Research Projects, students think about their own passions and interests, then pose and answer a relevant academic guestion. The project expands beyond the boundaries of the school - some students work with mentors at area universities, health systems and other organizations as well as conduct scholarly research online and off site.

The project culminates with a Celebration of Research, which celebrates its fifth anniversary this year. The Celebration of Research runs May 23-25 and is open to the public.

Here is a look at some of this year's projects.

Amani Tolin Hampton University (Va.)



Amani Tolin has two passions: art and animals. For his Academic Research **Project Tolin** studied how the living conditions of

dolphins are affected by humans. He portrayed his findings in a visual art presentation.

"Since I was a child I've always had a fascination with animals,' Tolin says. "It was natural for me to gravitate toward researching marine animals for my project."

Tolin's research, coupled with review of the movie Blackfish, a documentary on SeaWorld's treatment of dolphins and whales, is what drove him to explore potential dangers dolphins face from humans.

"Dolphins are meant to be in the open ocean with their pods," Tolin says. "They go through a lot of stress when they're kept in captivity and forced to socialize with humans.'

Tolin was surprised to find that effects from humans in the wild can be just as dangerous as captivity for dolphins.

His research found that pollution from sewage, chemicals and oils harms their main food source - other fish. Overfishing and increased boat traffic also disrupts their food source, making them more susceptible and dependant to humans.

While feeding dolphins may seem innocent or even generous. it causes major changes in their behavior and is harmful to their stomachs, Tolin found. During his research Tolin stumbled upon research on a dolphin nicknamed "Beggar." Beggar earned his name because of his tendency to swim up to boats and beg for food When he died in 2012, an autopsy discovered Beggar was covered in boat wounds, his stomach was full of fishing hooks and he was severely dehydrated — all factors

resulting from human contact. "Beggar's story highlights the importance of having regulations for human and dolphin contact," Tolin says.

Through graphite pencil drawings, Tolin conveyed the problems with human and dolphin interaction for his final presentation.

"If I could emotionally or mentally move just one person with my artwork, then my goal was reached," he says.

Upon graduation Tolin plans to study marine biology at Hampton University in Virginia, where he has received a full scholarship.

Evan Marquardt University of Chicago



Marquardt saw the renaissance happening in Detroit and used it as inspiration for his Academic

Evan

Research Project.

Marquardt focused his project on gentrification, the process of changing an urban area to fit the standards and higher incomes of more affluent residents. He investigated his assumptions of gentrification in Detroit and developed a hypothesis on how it adversely affects those with lower incomes.

"I noticed that a lot of outer neighborhoods in Detroit are ignored," Marquardt says. "Areas like Midtown and downtown, in the city center, are seeing a large investment of money and people moving in, while the outskirts are being forgotten or demolished."

Marquardt's research led him to a housing project in Washington, D.C., called Barry Farm, a low-income neighborhood undergoing major redevelopment. Its goal is to bring in mixed income residents, revamp the current living conditions and create mentoring projects without the high-end retail and housing developments that displace lower-income residents.

Marquardt's hypothesis is that this process of revitalization can be used in Detroit to more positively affect all residents in the city.

"A lot of what needs to happen in Detroit is repurposing the area," Marquardt says. "Not necessarily building expensive houses and high-priced shops, but rather reinventing the space to aid the entire community.'

Marquardt's research on Detroit gave him an advantage at the Student Michigan Association of Planning at Michigan State University, where he was the only high school student invited to present. He says the level of preparation required for Liggett's research project made him feel prepared, well-versed and comfortable speaking in front of a large audience.

Next fall Marquardt will at-

project, he is confident in his abili- months, the Zamboni is used up ty to study hard and succeed in the program.

Jovana Djokovic Princeton University



Djokovic has found a way to harvest rainwater to charge cell phones, and her efforts were recognized by the

Jovana

judges at the Science and Engineering Fair in Detroit.

Djokovic's research is part of her Academic Research Project, the cornerstone of Liggett's Curriculum for Understanding and the culmination of a year and a half of research on a chosen topic.

For her project, Djokovic created a turbine that collects water that falls off the roof of McCann Ice Arena on Liggett's campus. The turbine is installed into the downspouts, with wiring installed into the ice arena to create a public cell phone charging station.

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

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

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

Djokovic, who lives in Clinton Township, has been accepted to four colleges - Princeton University, Clarkston University in New York, Kalamazoo College and the University of Michigan's College of Engineering.

Daniel Katz University of Michigan



to attend the University of Michigan in the fall to study engineering. He says the time dedi-

Daniel

Katz plans

cated to his Academic Research Project project gave him a better understanding of the engineering field and how it can be used to fix environmental issues.

"My project was inspired by global water conservation efforts." Katz says. "But after talking to my school's hockey rink manager I saw an opportunity to produce positive environmental and economic benefits at Liggett."

Zamboni, a machine used to clean

to 11 times a day at a rate of 2,200 gallons of fresh water daily.

Seeing an opportunity to conserve water and reduce the school's expense, Katz proposed a plan to use rain water. He created a system that used slanted gutters on the hockey building to direct rainfall into a storage tank. The tank has a hose that connects to the Zamboni, much like a rain barrel.

'The idea is not to run the Zamboni on rainwater alone," Katz says. "But the rainwater would significantly reduce the amount of city water consumed during each use."

Katz estimates about 182,000 gallons of water can be conserved during an average year of rainfall and it will save Liggett roughly \$7,000 per year.

George Thanasas Kalamazoo College



A keen interest in biology and environmental science drove George Thanasas to study the effects of pollution on

water organisms and the surrounding environment for his Academic Research Project.

Thanasas began his project by testing and analyzing areas of water near the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores and comparing results to the national water quality standards enforced by the Environmental Protection Agency.

He made predictions on how organisms in the water were affected by pollution, but his results made him go a step further when he saw how pollution also affected the surrounding environment.

"The most fascinating thing I discovered while conducting research was that water pollution affects much more than biodiversity," Thanasas says. "It also influences the businesses and neighborhoods near the lake.'

Polluted lake water sinks into the ground, adversely affecting the ground water, rocks and soil below the surface. Plants then absorb the polluted water and pass toxins to animals through digestion. This chain of events makes it difficult for an environment to support plant and animal life, which causes issues with farming and building.

While Thanasas always had a passion for wildlife and sustainable water sources, he now plans to shift his focus from environmental to medical science.

"The process of writing a scholar-Katz discovered that the school's ly paper and having completed an academic project has helped me be much more prepared for college,' Thanasas says.

tend the University of Chicago in Illinois, focusing on the history of law and how it can impact cities. Marquardt plans to later pursue a law degree, and because of his

and smooth the surface of an ice rink, uses a large amount of water. He found that the Zamboni consumes 200 gallons of water each time it is used. In the winter

Thanasas plans to attend Kalamazoo College and major in microbiology with a minor in business.

Exploring their passions. Uncovering questions. Discovering new answers.

Join us at 7 p.m. May 23, 24 and 25 for our Celebration of Research, which celebrates its fifth year.

See first-hand what our seniors uncovered from their Academic Research Projects.

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