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Council, War Memorial discuss movie theater plan

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Talks continue between the city council and officials from The War Memorial on a proposed movie theater planned for the auditorium area of the historic community center.

About 75 people attended a work session of the Farms city council Monday, June 26, where

The War Memorial presented architectural renderings and parking studies to the council and fielded questions from both council members and the audience.

Under discussion is the proposal by The War Memorial to operate a movie theater, the Patriot Cinema, to show first-run movies in the lower level of the ballroom area, the Fries Auditorium.

Proposed plans call for converting the current 400-seat auditorium to a 165-seat movie theater that would offer movies 43 weeks a year, while also allowing for private functions and special events to use the theater.

Concerns raised by council centered on whether the addition of a movie theater would change the function of The War Memorial from a community center to a

commercial enterprise, a claim its director, Charles Burke, denied.

"We want to provide movies as a service to the community," Burke said, noting discussions regarding a movie theater stemmed, at least in part, from the decision by Grosse Pointe Park officials to no longer allow non-residents use of its movie theaters dur-

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Select or get off the court

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Community leaders — with a record of reinstating a regular routine of street resurfacing and tree trimming, upgrading electrical infrastructure with efficiencies guaranteed to pay for themselves through long-term cost savings, cleaning the Lakeshore sewer for the first time in 25 years, fully staffing the public safety department and raising the municipal bond rating to a ceiling squeezing AAA — are stubbing their toes on what to do with a quartet of ground-level, concrete slabs each divided by nets sagging to no less than 3 feet in the center.

For more than a year the Grosse Pointe Shores city council, the standing parks committee and an ad hoc group of citizen

volunteers christened a blue ribbon panel have been trying to figure out how to repair or replace four cracked, crumbling and largely unplayable municipal tennis courts at Osius Park.

All the while, an economy rebounding from a deep recession has pulled from the curb and entered the fast lane.

The days of cut-rate bids by contractors desperate for work are replaced by rising construction fees as customers bid up demand for a limited number of qualified crews.

Last January, research by blue ribbon panelists estimated it would cost nearly \$200,000 to rebuild the courts in place or \$300,000 to demolish them and build new ones in a little-used section of the park.

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John and Marlene Boll, last year's Legacy Award recipients, presented the award to this year's recipient, Bettejean Ahee.



The Ahee family was honored at the event.

Quite a Legacy

The Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation's fourth annual Legacy on the Lake event honored the Edmund T. Ahee family. The Legacy Award is presented to an outstanding individual or family who displays leadership in giving to others in such a way that inspires and strengthens the community. The evening included cocktails, dinner, awards and dancing. For more photos, see page 6A.



Rosann Kovalcik, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited, Grosse Pointe Woods and Ann Fitzpatrick, vice president of communications at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House.

Public works has busy year

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — They are the jacks of all trades, up early to clear snow-covered roads, up late repairing broken water mains.

In between, the Department of Public Works tends to the city's trees, parking meters, equipment, vehicles, potholes and sewer lines, not to mention cutting the grass and planting flowers.

In other words, they do

whatever is needed to keep the city operating and looking good.

Director Frank Schulte presented his annual report Monday, June 19, to the city council, outlining the many tasks assigned to his department, including plumbing, electricity, carpentry, construction, painting and vehicle mechanics and maintenance.

"I am fortunate to be working with such a talented group of individuals.

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Regatta adds reggae party to annual festivities

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A 13-year employee of Pier Park gives credit where credit's due for this weekend's Grosse Pointe Farms annual re-

gatta. "The Farms Boat Club deserves credit," said Kara Hardenbrook, life-guard-turned Farms recreation administrator. "They put all this on." "This is one of the biggest summer events of

the year," said Rita Charvat, club treasurer.

Three thousand people attended the three-day regatta last year at the lakeside park, according to Hardenbrook.

"It's a community, family park and we're a com-

munity, family club," Charvat said. "The city lets us use the park, so, as a way to thank the park and city, we help coordinate and put on the regatta."

The regatta, Friday evening, June 30, through

Sunday, July 2, is for Farms residents and their guests.

Admission to Pier Park, at the foot of Moross, is by city-issued park pass. Overflow parking is on the grounds of the water filtration plant across

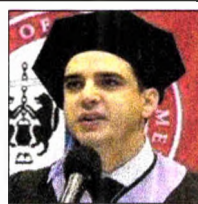
Lakeshore.

"It goes nonstop from morning to midnight on Saturday," said Dick Huhn, retiring this month from 31 years as director of parks and recreation.

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Road contractor selected

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The municipal water and sewer fund is being tapped to repair catch basins and related components during this summer's road resurfacing.

Some \$100,050 from the fund is used along with \$690,000 in annual road millage money and money from the parking fund to resurface:

- ◆ Washington from Mack to Chalfonte,
- ◆ 300 feet of Rivard between Goethe and Chalfonte,
- ◆ Lakeland from Waterloo to Kercheval and south of Jefferson and
- ◆ the length of Kercheval Place from Cadieux to Notre Dame.

The lowest of three bidders, Pro-Line Asphalt, is a familiar name regarding roadwork in the city. "Pro-Line was the lowest bidder in 2015 and 2016," said Peter Dame, city manager.

The company's price is \$16,205 to \$107,255 less than the others.

"As with St. Paul (resurfacing) last year, sewer-related repairs will be undertaken before the road is resurfaced," Dame said.

Road crews are contracted to replace the top 3 1/2 inches of asphalt and add new curbs and gutters.

Repairs to road bases are estimated to be \$110,033.

"We won't know how much base repair we have to do until we mill that 3 1/2 inches of the road," said Stephen Pangori, executive vice president of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick municipal consulting engineers. "Last year, we estimated a substantial amount of base repair and wound up doing very little on St. Paul once we milled that road off."

"As part of this project, some crosswalk work will be completed to provide improved access to (parking) Lot 6 on Kercheval Place and to the parking structure on both Notre Dame and St. Clair," Dame said. "This will be funded by the parking fund."



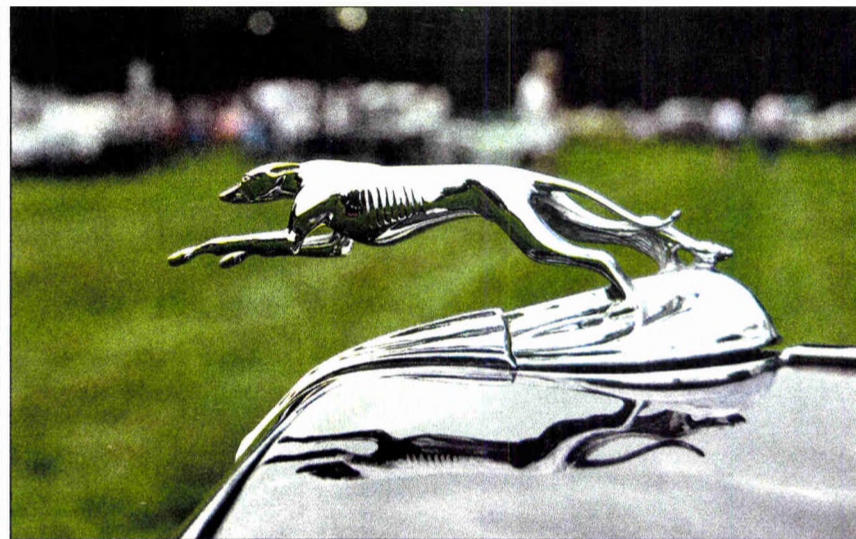
Classic collection

Nancy and Clarence Becker, owners of Pointe Hardware in Grosse Pointe Park, stand next to their 1950 Nash Ambassador Super Sportsman Camper Sedan. The couple was one of many exhibitors at the 30th annual EyesOn Design event.

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Above, a mix of Buick Roadsters, Chrysler Town and Country and Cadillacs from the 1940s were part of EyesOn Design, which took place Father's Day, June 19, at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House. Left, this greyhound hood ornament graces the hood of a 1934 Ford Model 40 Deluxe Roadster.



Ramp work stuck before starting

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Uncompleted paperwork by Wayne County staffers is tripping up construction of sidewalk intersection ramps.

This summer's ramp replacement program, paid by federal

Community Development Block Grants administered annually through Wayne County, is on hold but faces an end-of-summer deadline at which time half of grant money put aside to fund construction must be given back.

"We are still waiting for

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A long-term look at the water system

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Keeping municipal water and sewer infrastructure ahead of the curve means having a capital improvement program on tap to pour money down the drain.

In the City of Grosse Pointe, work continues on fulfilling a 1995 recommendation to loop the entire water distribution system and replace 4- and 6-inch diameter water mains with 8-inch pipes.

The goal is twofold: "Increase water pressure and fire protection ability throughout the city," said Steve Pangori, vice president of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, the city's consulting engineers. "The

loop will distribute pressure and flow around the city in a much more even basis."

AEW engineers reviewed the 1995 recommendation, made by another firm, in 2014, and found it holds up.

Mains targeted for replacement total 13.68 miles. They represent nearly 60 percent of the 1.1-square-mile city's 23.10 total miles of water mains.

Replacing them with 8-inch pipes costs more than next fiscal year's \$12,508,164 annual municipal budget.

"That's roughly \$17 million worth of work," Pangori said. "This is a big number and a task that will be tackled over a number of years."

Bond proceeds are funding \$2.1 million worth of water main work scheduled this year.

Pangori said additional benefits of a good water and sewer capital improvement program include:

- ◆ reducing water main breaks,
- ◆ more uniform distribution of water throughout the city and
- ◆ reducing emergency repairs that create sink holes, road cave-ins and sewer backups.

"(The City) has a proactive plan to address aging infrastructure versus crisis fixes, which always cost more," Pangori said.

During Pangori's presentation of the City's capital improvement plan, Mayor Dale Scrace asked if there are enough qualified contractors available to bid on work at competitive prices.

"I'm cautiously optimistic we will see good numbers," Pangori said.

"We're still seeing guys looking for work this year."

Pump station

"We are also doing further (Neff Road) pump station improvements in the amount of \$350,000," said Kimberly Kleinow, city finance director.

"Critical repairs of about \$830,000 were completed in 2010," Pangori said. "This year, we're proposing supervisory control and data acquisition (a telemetry system to manage industrial control systems involving multiple sites) upgrades, replacement of (three) pumps, flap gates and structural repairs to the discharge chamber for a total of about \$350,000."

Another \$200,000 worth of work at the sta-

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Roses showing off

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Tom Kressbach's way with roses is extra showy this year.

"Roses look better than in several years," he said. "It was a mild winter and a rainy, wet spring. These plants wanted to grow."

Kressbach and his wife, Ellie, voluntarily tend more than 200 roses throughout the City of Grosse Pointe and at least two churches in the Farms at St. Paul Catholic Church and St. James Lutheran Church on McMillan.

"We're looking for two or three individuals who might like to assist," Tom Kressbach said. "We're going to do it as long as we can, but we can't do it forever."

A bed next to city hall on Maumee is flowering pink, red and yellow with Sexy Remy, Olympiad, Julia Child and more. "Olympiad was introduced for the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles," Tom Kressbach said. His grandfather and father had roses. "Roses grew on us," he said.

The Kressbachs recently planted six roses on the St. Clair concert plaza south of Kercheval courtesy of the Grosse Pointe Rose Society, bringing the district's total to about 60 various types.

"Our roses in the Village are for the most part Double Pink Knock Out," Tom Kressbach said. "Knockout is the most popular rose in the Unites States for the last eight or 10 years because it's disease resistant to black spot and those types of fungal diseases. The double one puts on a nice show."

Others in the Village are from the Drift series, a cross between miniatures and ground-cover roses.

"It's a hardy rose with a much smaller flower," Tom Kressbach said. "It only grows about 2 1/2

feet tall, but is winter hardy. It has no care to speak of other than pruning in spring."

A garden at Neff Park contains about 45 roses. Other beds are in the Farms at St. Paul Catholic Church's columbarium and St. James Lutheran Church on McMillan.

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Among roses retired City of Grosse Pointe manager Tom Kressbach and his wife, Ellie, voluntarily tend beside city hall on Maumee are, clockwise from top left, Julia Child, Cinco de mayo, Elizabeth Taylor and Sexy Remy.

Public safety at full staff

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The public safety department's newest officer, Zef Bojaj, is ready-made and highly recommended.

"Zef came to us certified as a firefighter and is one hell of a medic," said John Schulte, chief of Grosse Pointe Shores. "The director of the Macomb Police Academy called me and indicated Zef was an excellent recruit, very respectful and promised he would be low-maintenance. That is always a plus for a chief."

Bojaj, 26, and a married father of four, is a former Medstar Ambulance medic.

Former Medstar coworker-turned-Shores Officer Jason Cook encouraged Bojaj to work for the Shores, the nation's first public safety department. Officers are triple trained in law enforcement, fire fighting and emergency medical response.

"We were at Henry Ford Hospital dropping off a patient and Cook asked me, 'You ever thought about being a cop?' He said, 'We do all three

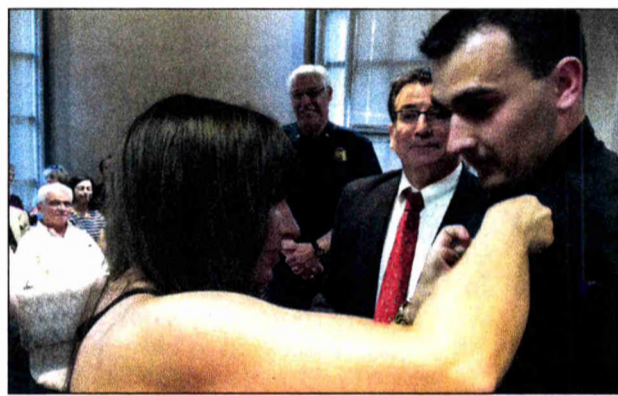


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Jennifer Bojaj pinned a badge on her husband, Zef Bojaj, during swearing-in Tuesday, May 16, as the newest public safety officer in Grosse Pointe Shores. Chief John Schulte, center left, hired Bojaj. Mayor Ted Kedzierski, center right, conducted the swear-in.

— fire, EMS and police.' I thought, that's awesome. So, I met Chief Schulte and fell in love with the place."

"Zef finished in the top of his class academically, with physical training and on the firing range," Schulte said.

Bojaj's hiring brings the department to full staff.

"We have three more officers (on staff) than five years ago," said Councilman Bruce Bisballe. "At this point, we have the finest group of public safety officers in the Pointes. These guys are great."

"We're the largest budget item in the city, but we

have some excellent officers," Schulte said. "I'm proud of them."

Bojaj's wife, Jennifer, pinned his badge to his uniform during swearing-in Tuesday, May 16, by Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

Attending were Bojaj's parents, Pashko and Mara Bojaj.

"His mom and dad could not have been prouder," Bisballe said. "It was really nice. I was touched by it."

Children think park director dad has cushy job

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Christos Galatis' children think he has it made. He does, too.

"I have a 9- and 4-year-old," said Galatis, new director of parks and recreation in Grosse Pointe Farms. "My oldest tells her friends, 'My dad has a park. He has a splash park and beach.' They think I play every day."

Galatis began working at Pier Park a month before scheduled to replace retiring 31-year director Dick Huhn Saturday, July 1.

"The welcoming has almost been as if I've worked here 10 years," Galatis said. "Everybody has been great; residents, city administration and staff. I look forward to seeing if I can get to 31 years."

Offspring assuming he plays all day are off the mark. Galatis and the recreation staff work so resi-

'They think I play every day.'

CHRISTOS GALATIS
Farms Parks and Rec director

dents can play. That doesn't mean the job isn't refreshing.

"The week I started here, there was a gentleman and his wife sitting on a bench outside," Galatis said.

He stopped to say hello. "The man said, 'Not a stress in the world looking at the water and boats,'" Galatis said.

That works for employees, too.

"You could be having a tough day at the office and take two steps outside and stare at the water, boats and sun and it's like, what am I stressing about?" he said. "Our facilities and programs give people the opportunity to forget what's going on in the world and the stresses of life."

Galatis was enrolled at Eastern Michigan University studying to be an English teacher when a linguistics class got in the way.

"At the time, I was working part-time for Livonia parks and recreation," he said. "Truthfully, I didn't realize parks and recreation was a profession. I changed my major to parks administration."

Upon graduation, he worked at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield, then as a sports supervisor for the Howell parks department.

One year after being hired assistant recreation director in Chesterfield Township he earned promotion to director.

That was four years ago.

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a notice to proceed from Wayne County, which we are anticipating very shortly," said Stephen Pangori, executive vice president of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, the City of Grosse Pointe's consulting engineers.

City officials compiled \$72,530.95 in block grants during the prior and current fiscal years to construct sidewalk ramps embedded with tactile surfaces to help guide visually impaired people across designated intersections.

"We're doing ramp upgrades on Charlevoix at Cadieux, Loraine, Notre Dame and Fisher," Pangori said.

Officials from the City, Grosse Pointe Farms and Park collectively solicited construction bids in an effort to save money by piggybacking on each other's engineering costs.

The lowest of four bidders, Merlo Construction, submitted a price of \$201,603, which ranges \$600 to \$82,789 less than its three competitors. The City's portion is \$55,263.35.

City council members accepted the offer Monday, June 19.

The contract is contingent upon the county's notice to proceed.

"We have about \$34,500 of fiscal year 2015 block grant funds we have to spend by Sept. 30 of this year," Pangori said.

The balance of block grants from the current fiscal year, ending June 30, will pay for construction of ramps on Maumee, he added.

Most sidewalk intersection ramps in the City already meet requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"There are still ramps to do on Jefferson and Fisher, but we are whitening them down," Pangori said.

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tion is planned the following fiscal year.

Sewer needs were identified during system-wide inspection and cleaning in 2007.

Necessary work included rehabilitating manholes. Cost totals \$355,440.

"There's a variety of issues with manholes," Pangori said. "There may be brick falling apart. Maybe covers need to be reset."

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UDM grad overcomes obstacles to reach dream

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

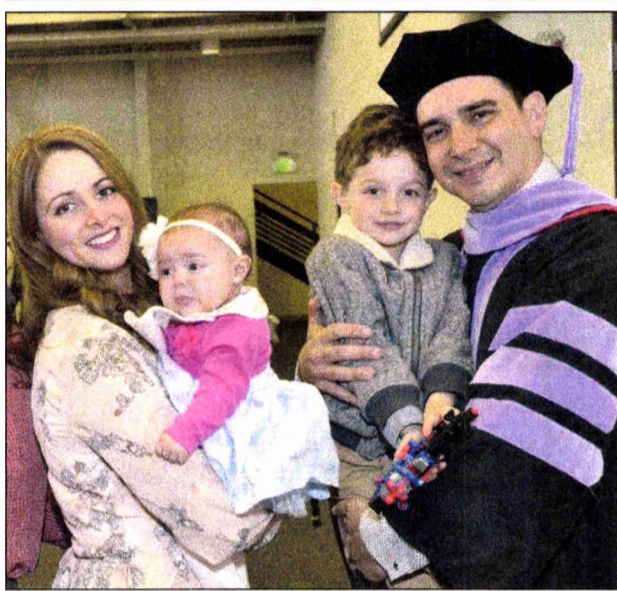
Life has been full of twists and turns for Horacio Falcon, but the 33-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident hasn't let them stop him from fulfilling his dream.

The recent University of Detroit Mercy graduate has had plenty of triumphs along the way — class president his last two years of dental school, selected to give the valedictorian speech at graduation — but things didn't start out well for the Venezuela-born Falcon.

"We came to the states when I was 7. We lived in California," Falcon said. "My dad lost his left arm in a car accident. We chose California so he could get medical help ... but there wasn't much they could do for him. Things weren't the same for him after the accident. He was very frustrated with life after that."

When Falcon was 12, his father went back to Venezuela, leaving behind Falcon, his mother and two brothers.

"My mom was a school teacher," he said. "Things got hard. The family told my mom to come back to Venezuela, but she said we would have better opportunities here. My mom always worked hard. She told us, don't let your status determine what you want to be.



Top, Horacio Falcon was selected to give the valedictorian speech at University of Detroit Mercy's graduation. Above, Falcon with his family, wife Christella, daughter Viviana and son Valentino.

That's one of the things I always kept with me."

Falcon's mother also nannied for a dentist in California. Falcon decided during a summer job at age 14 he wanted a career in dentistry. He took dental assistant courses during high school and began work-

ing as a dental assistant in 1998.

"I found a home there," he said. "At school, I had friends, but I did not fit in. At the office, I found a family. I was always involved. He taught me every procedure and was always teaching me."

After high school,

Falcon stayed close to home to help support his family. He attended San Francisco State University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in physiology. He applied to dental school, but was rejected, so he took post-baccalaureate classes at the University of California, San Francisco before being accepted to dental school at UDM.

"I wanted to go to a place where I felt I could grow," he said. "On the West Coast, you hear horrible things about Detroit. I thought it would be the perfect place to grow, to give help. What better way to give back? I got in right away."

Attending school in Michigan meant leaving behind his wife, Christella, who was pregnant at the time. He spent his spare time involved with the school, including duties as class president, a founding member of the Hispanic Student Dental Association and member of Alpha Omega. He also was nominated by fellow students for a leadership award.

"The extra hours I put in, they paid off," Falcon said. "For graduation, I was given the honor to give the (valedictorian) speech for the class.

"Giving the speech was emotional for me," he continued. "If you asked me 10 years ago, I wouldn't have believed I'd be speaking at a top

dental school in the nation. The odds were against me. It's unreal and it seemed like a dream."

Falcon said his mother's drive to support and provide for her sons, as well as his wife pushing him to continue when he wanted to quit, helped him accomplish his lifelong dream. It was a difficult road, he said, starting with taking a year off as an undergrad because he couldn't afford it. During his first year of dental school, Falcon's son was born, so he took time off to go to California. His second year, after his family joined him in Michigan, his brother-in-law died in a car accident and during his third year, his father and grandmother died in car accidents in Venezuela, requiring his presence there.

"It wasn't just straight through," he said. "But my mom said if you dedicate yourself, you can do anything you want. Sometimes you don't understand why things are happening, but you have to have faith everything will work out. Push forward and believe in yourself."

Falcon counts his mother, wife and children — 4-year-old Valentino and 5-month-old Viviana — as his support and said he was blessed to have reestablished a relationship with his father before he died.

"When I was younger, there was a lot of emotion (when my father left), but as I got older, I understood the way he was feeling," Falcon said. "He made the wrong decision, but I can't judge him. We became very good friends at the end."

"You have to continue, despite the setbacks, even though it's not a straight road," he said. "My path was to come to Michigan."

Post graduation, Falcon found work right away at Woods Dentistry in Harper Woods. He and his wife have fallen in love with Grosse Pointe and he said he's excited to watch the resurgence of Detroit.

"My goal is every year to go on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic and help students," he said. "Once a year I'd like to provide free care and be involved around the community. You have to give back to those who help you out. Hard times shaped me to be the person I am today. If I could go back in time, I wouldn't change anything."

He said he also hopes to give back to a family in the way he was mentored as a teen.

"I'm very passionate when it comes to dentistry," he said. "Everything happens for a reason. None of us made it alone. I want to give back in the same way."

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als," Schulte told the council, as he described his first year on the job as director. "The transition was seamless. The staff does a fantastic job and has a great team spirit."

Schulte's report shows the wide variety of jobs done by the public works staff. In addition to maintaining the 54 miles of city streets, including street sweeping and pot-

hole repairs, his staff constructed and installed new ladders along the seawall in Lake Front Park, built a property storage unit for the public safety department, treated 1,514 catch basins for prevention of West Nile virus, painted the entire interior of the activities building, built new kayak racks, repaired water meters and parking meters, maintained the flower beds and irrigation systems throughout the city

and maintained the playgrounds and ice skating rinks in the city's parks. That's in addition to regular electrical and plumbing maintenance and repair at the city hall complex and Lake Front Park.

Public works employees also raise and lower flags throughout the city.

Their work, Mayor Robert Novitke noted, is such that "people just assume these things just happen and they don't realize how much work is

required. When our water just comes on, when our streets are passable in the winter, we don't always think of the people responsible for this."

Schulte also spoke of the added work the DTE gas line replacement has brought to his department, including the need to mark water lines and supervise sidewalk repairs.

"Our work load has definitely increased with this project," he told the council.

Novitke thanked Schulte and his staff for their commitment to the city.

"We are fortunate to have such talented and dedicated employees," he told Schulte.

The entire report is available at gpwmi.us.

Arrest made in home invasion

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A 21-year-old Detroit resident was arraigned last week on charges related to a March 30 home invasion on Cadieux.

Kerrion Kermontie Allen was arraigned Tuesday, June 20, on a single count of home invasion second degree in front of Municipal Court Judge Carl Jarboe. A probable cause hearing was scheduled 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 28, and a preliminary examination was scheduled July 5. Jarboe ordered Allen held on a \$75,000 bond.

Allen is accused of

entering a home in the 1100 block of Cadieux by breaking a rear window. Items taken included laptop computers and jewelry.

According to the lead officer on the case, Detective Michael Narduzzi, Allen's fingerprints were found throughout the house.

"Once we identified the prints, we knew who we were looking for and it was just a matter of trying to find him," Narduzzi said. "Last week we were finally able to track him down."

Home invasion second degree is a felony, punishable by up to 15 years in prison and a \$3,000 fine.

—Kathy Ryan

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REGATTA:

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"Family games during the day are always huge. The concert Saturday night is popular. The fireworks show is the big dog."

Reggae party

For the first time, the regatta includes an Island Reggae Party 7 to 11:30 p.m. Friday, June 30, in the community center for Farms residents and guests at least 21 years old.

"The regatta is centered on kids, which is great, but we thought it would be fun to put something in for adults and turn it into a fundraiser for the club," said Paul Toenjes, vice commodore.

Advance tickets cost \$35 and can be purchased at gpfb.com. Tickets cost \$40 at the door.

"We hired a reggae band, Seafari," Toenjes said. "We're having margaritas. Local restaurants donated food."

The "very casual" dress code urges Hawaiian shirts and flip flops in keeping with prizes for the best tropical outfits. Prizes also are awarded for limbo, hula-hoop and coconut rolling contests.

Tropical food is from Blufin Sushi, Papa John's and Village Food Market. Atwater in the Park provides beer.

Regatta

Regatta weekend kicks off 6 p.m. Friday with a children's sidewalk chalk art show.

At 7 p.m., while the reggae party begins indoors, the regatta's namesake event — a sailboat race — starts a few feet off the Lake St. Clair breakwall.

"We already sponsor Thursday evening sailboat races," Charvat said. "The regatta is basically a big race with all clubs on the lake."

On Saturday, a slew of events begins at 10:30 a.m. with a visit from PAWS, mascot of the Detroit Tigers. A pie-eating contest is during the lunch hour.

A magician, rubber ducky races, a sand castle contest, picnic table decorating and a 7 p.m. concert by Soul Provider lead to a 10 p.m. fireworks show launched from the Harbor Hill peninsula presented by Grosse Pointe Farms.

Good viewing areas are almost anywhere in the park and along Lakeshore.

Sunday features a pet parade at 1 p.m.

"We have everything," Charvat said. "Last year we had snakes and dogs and cats."

Ending festivities on a nautical note, boaters of every kind rendezvous at 2 p.m. in Kerby Cove.

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Boat club members plan and

host the regatta, which wouldn't be possible without sponsors:

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A full schedule of events is available online at gpfb.com.

Remote software shores up pump station

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — New software slated for the Neff Road sewage pump station lets operators not only monitor the facility off site, but also manage it remotely.

City of Grosse Pointe officials figure it's the next best thing to being there, especially during emergencies.

"If for some reason the highways are flooded or (operators) are otherwise unable to get to the pump station, they can see exactly everything going on from their phones," said Peter Dame, city manager. "They can turn pumps on and off. It enhances our ability to respond to issues, but there's no substitute to actually being there."

"It gives the staff multiple opportunities to look at what's going on remotely," said Mayor Dale Scrae.

At least three municipal employees will have access to the system.

"We're intending to train more people," Dame said.

"The project involved upgrades and pump controls that allow the station operator to monitor and control the sta-

tion from any location where the internet is available," said Stephen Pangori, executive vice president of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, the city's consulting engineers.

The system also has an alert function, Pangori added.

City officials are purchasing upgrades from UIS SCADA, the lowest of two bidders, for a total \$148,985.

"In addition to tracking systems within the station, added equipment will allow monitoring the level of the Great Lakes Water Authority's Fox Creek interceptor into which the pump station pumps, and of an exterior rain gauge to track well levels in dry weather versus storm events," according to a summary by Patrick Thomas, municipal water and sewer supervisor.

Specific readings from the gauge help determine immediate system demands due to isolated conditions.

"We're seeing more and more isolated thunderstorms," Pangori said. "It might be pouring like crazy in Grosse Pointe, but be dry as a bone in Harper Woods."

—Brad Lindberg

THEATER:

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ing the winter months.

"People questioned when we would build a theater," Burke said.

Burke also put to rest rumors The War Memorial was sold to Emagine Entertainment.

"We have not been sold nor are we owned by Emagine," Burke said. "All of our employees will remain employees of The War Memorial.

We will be paying a fee to Emagine for the movies, but we will be operating the theater."

Another concern centered on the plan by The War Memorial to serve alcohol to moviegoers.

Chip Berschback, attorney for The War Memorial, said The War Memorial has been serving alcohol at functions for years.

"We are governed by the rules of the Liquor Control Commission," Berschback said, noting The War Memorial staff is trained in managing intoxication issues.

"I'm fed up with Liquor Control Commission rules," said Councilman Peter Waldmeir. "Will The War Memorial put voluntary restrictions on alcohol during the showing of movies?"

Councilman Lou Theros said he would be concerned about attending a movie with his children while "five guys behind me were chugging back beers."

Both Burke and Berschback declined to make a blanket statement regarding alcohol. Berschback said it would be difficult to restrict use in just one area of the facility.

Of specific concern to many at the meeting was the parking study conducted by the Wayne State University Transportation Research Group under the direction of Tapan Datta Ph.D. Datta and his group studied traffic and parking patterns on two days, April 8 and Mother's Day, May 14. Datta noted the high volume of traffic on Mother's Day at the three venues sharing available parking areas, The War Memorial, Grosse Pointe Memorial

Church and the Grosse Pointe Club, all of which were holding special events that day.

Current city ordinances require one parking spot for every three individuals attending events at a church, theater or auditorium. Currently, with The War Memorial using parking spaces at Memorial Church, there are 294 available spaces, exceeding the 55 spaces required for the 165-seat theater.

A representative from Memorial Church read a letter to council expressing the church's support for the theater.

"Memorial Church has had a long-standing relationship with The War Memorial, including cooperative parking," it said in part while also stating it did not find the proposed theater a nuisance and encouraged having the theater opened to the public, an encouraging form of outreach.

However, Richard Ruffner, president of the Grosse Pointe Club, told the council there will be no shared parking between the club and The War Memorial and also expressed concerns a movie theater at the site would change The War Memorial from a community to a commercial entity.

The War Memorial, according to Berschback, has always had parking issues during popular events, noting the facil-

ity hosts 2,000 events a year, with 200,000 people attending.

It was The War Memorial's status as a community center that also brought discussion as to how a theater that would be open to the public would serve the community.

Former War Memorial board member Michael Monohan said the function of the building has changed dramatically.

"It's now a regional rental hall and bar and doesn't serve residents," he said during public comments while also alleging nonprofit groups "are being driven from The War Memorial," a charge Burke denied vehemently.

Several in the audience asked why the theater couldn't limit attendees to Grosse Pointe residents.

"Why does this need to be open to the public?"

one audience member asked. "Why don't we require a pass so we can keep out undesirables?"

"We can't have a community center if you open it to everyone," said another.

Burke challenged those opinions.

"The War Memorial has always been open to everyone," he said. "We don't check IDs of those attending our Memorial

Day celebrations or any of our events. We are open to all people."

Former War Memorial board member Ron Lamparter said he supports the movie theater and also addressed the issues changes bring.

"Every time there is change, it throws this community into a panic," he said. "But The War Memorial just keeps getting better and better. It

is a jewel in our community."

Following the meeting, Mayor James Farquar expressed thanks to those who attended.

"I'm very proud of our community for a productive and beneficial conversation regarding the project," he said. "We are working to do what is best for The War Memorial and the community."

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Our sincerest congratulations

Hats off to the Edmund T. Ahee family for earning a Legacy Award during the Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation's Legacy on the Lake event. The award is presented to an outstanding individual or family who displays leadership in giving to others in such a way that inspires and strengthens the community, according to Jennifer Boettcher, chamber executive director. We couldn't think of a better recipient.

In recognition of Legacy on the Lake supporters, we'd like to share a few more photos from the event, the proceeds from which benefit the second phase of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce "I heart GP" campaign, Experience Grosse Pointe, which benefits all Grosse Pointe businesses and residents.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Top, from left, Joe Haney, Tammy Haney, Michael Lefevre and Suzie Starnes. Middle, from left, Kate Rumora, Judge Matthew Rumora, Elaine Farquhar and City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace. Bottom, Zack Ahee, left, and JT Mestdagh.

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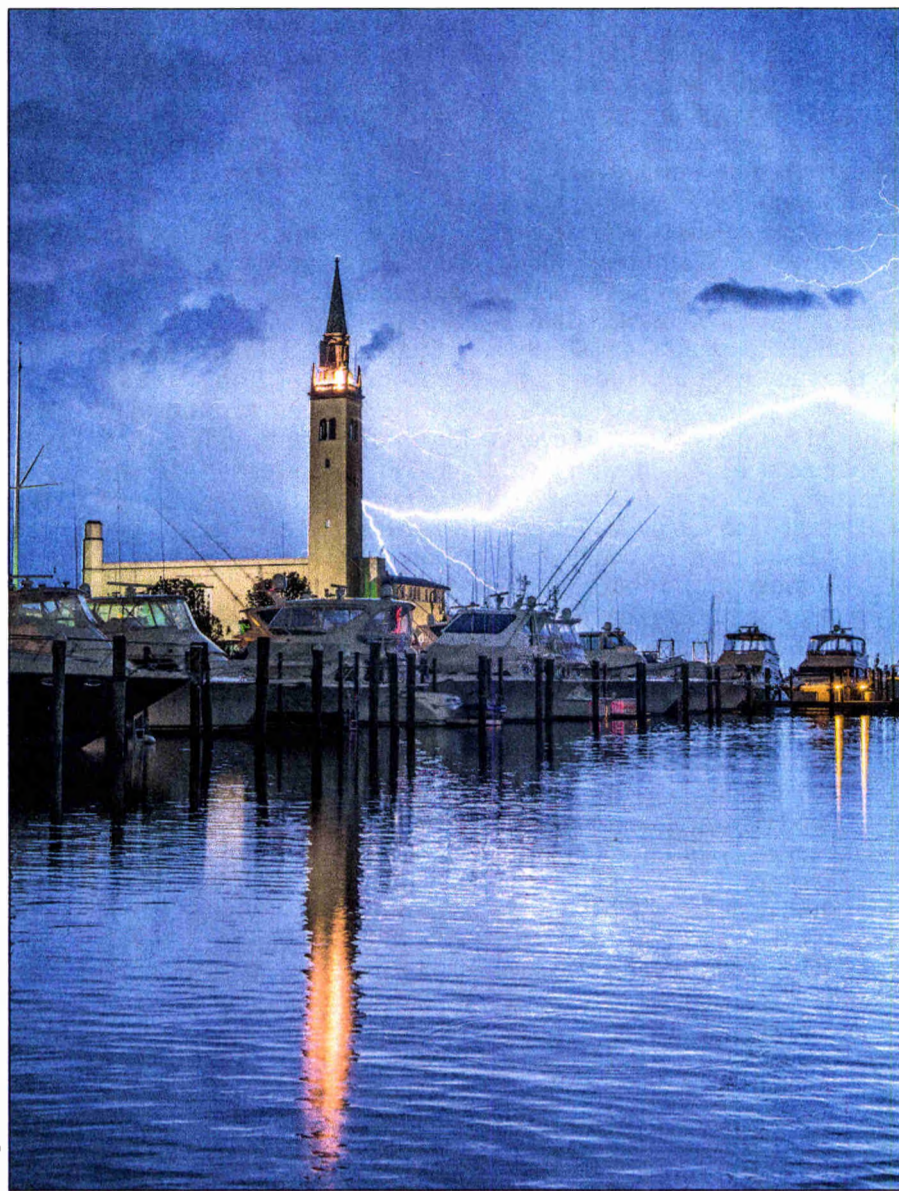


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Pure Grosse Pointe

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Thomas Kliber snapped this shot of a storm passing over the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Monday, June 19. In his words, "This is a 30-second exposure. The lightning went behind the club. It was an amazing show. It took approximately 25 shots to get a couple with lightning."

LETTERS

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Please reconsider

In June I returned to Grosse Pointe Farms after a winter in Florida and went shopping in the Village. I parked in the lot behind CVS. It was a sunny day and I decided to walk to see what is new and, specifically, to visit our new League Shop. After perusing our shops, walking back to my car I ran into a good friend. We chatted in front of Moosejaw. Upon returning to my car, I had a parking ticket.

Our meter system is dysfunctional. It is difficult, if not impossible, to run back to refill your meter if you run into a friend, get a drink or meal or continue shopping — i.e. spending money in our local stores. A lot of us try to buy locally instead of driving to Somerset Mall. Our metered parking system does not promote or encourage shopping or dining. In fact, it has the opposite effect.

When I visit my hometown of Winnetka, Ill., there is free two-hour parking. When I spend winter in Vero Beach, Fla., there is free two-hour parking. When I go to Birmingham, there is free two-hour parking. If these cities can accomplish this, I believe the Grosse Pointes also can put a similar system in place. This would encourage local shopping and dining — and thank taxpaying citizens for supporting our cities. We want to use what our cities have to offer, but to pay every time one runs an errand, attends yoga class, gets a haircut or shops is ridiculous.

Grosse Pointes, please reconsider the current

parking system.
ANDREA THIBODEAU
Grosse Pointe Farms

Hat's off

My hat is off and my respect goes to Mr. Murray Sales' letter to the editor printed in the June 22 paper. I agree with the entire letter especially, "...demanding that our 'leaders' and our media have more respect for our intelligence..." Thank you, Mr. Sales, for an excellent letter.

MARGARET POTTER
Grosse Pointe Woods

Complicating matters

On lawns are signs that read "GPEA We value quality public education." Indeed, Grosse Pointe values quality public and private education. Just ask families whose children are receiving their education at GP Academy, Liggett, St. Paul, St. Clare or Star. These schools provide competition and welcome options for families seeking an alternative to what the public schools have to offer. Time spent fixating on diversity, restorative justice and equity of outcome is not best practice for all schools.

It is staggering the amount of time and agonization the board has spent attempting to arrive at a balanced budget. Acknowledging some last-minute Wayne County tax delinquencies must be accommodated, the shock is the board in lockstep with the administration deciding to allocate enhancement millage funds to patch the budget hole. The board could have

triggered the formula contract impacting unions equally with no need for privatization. Families would not be asked to fork out hundreds more dollars in fees so their children can participate in sports. A pay cut and pay freeze are not equivalent. The board's fiduciary responsibility is to the taxpayer who values quality education delivered in a fiscally responsible manner. Complicating matters could be this situation: three recently elected board members accepted campaign donations from the teachers union and received its endorsement. Would this result in feeling beholden to teachers rather than taxpayers?

Residents should demand contracts be binding. Also, enhancement funds should be used for long-term brick and mortar or critical technology improvements.

KELLY BOLL
Grosse Pointe Park

Thanks, Sarge

Never a fan of the parking structure ticket system, I was annoyed when I put a scratch on my Lincoln reaching for ticket. Maxey gave me a loaner, but being tired, I left the key, planning to use the door entry code. Of course after shopping I didn't have the code and the dealership was closed. I was planning on finding a ride home for me and my dog, but thought I should call the police to let them know I was leaving a vehicle overnight, since all the signs say that is not allowed. Was I ever surprised when Sgt. Tom Martindale showed up and told me he knows how to (unlock locked) cars. In less than 10 minutes he had the door open. Might sound like a small dilemma, but not to a senior who uses a walker and is not likely to be able to walk home had I not found a ride with a dog with me. This is just one of several times our City of Grosse Pointe police have

helped me beyond the call of duty. It is such an edifying feeling to know they are here.

MARIANNE RUFFINI
City of Grosse Pointe

Orioles are special

No, I am not referring to the Baltimore Orioles baseball team who currently are playing 500 percent ball and only five games out of first place. I'm referring to those beautiful, splendid birds that migrate to our area this time of the year — Baltimore orioles.

We have been actively feeding orioles for five years and always look forward to their arrival. In my opinion they are the ultimate beautiful bird and they know it. Let me explain.

First, if you want to attract orioles you need a special feeder that has a bright orange disc-like roof. Then you need to fill the feeder cup with lots of grape jelly. Also, to attract orioles you may want to add a couple orange slices.

The feeder should be located away from all other birdfeeders in your yard — it seems orioles don't like to interact with other birds. Orioles are very persnickety; if they sense you are watching them from inside your home, they will quickly depart.

So there you have it: beautiful birds, their own feeder, their own type of food no other birds will eat and no interaction with any other flying specie.

Besides orioles we also like to set out a feeder for hummingbirds. These elegant little creatures have their own special food too — sweet nectar. We boil water, put sugar in it and place it in the feeder. Orioles are attracted to orange, hummingbirds to red, so there are a variety of red flowers that should be displayed near the feeder to attract hummingbirds.

That is our spring and summer — watching orioles and hummingbirds. What could be better than that?

BILL KALMAR
Lake Orion

City of Grosse Pointe

Mongoose on the lam

A black, full-size Mongoose bicycle was stolen while locked in the 16900 block of St. Paul between Thursday night, June 22, and 7 p.m. the next day, according to the owner, a City of Grosse Pointe woman.

Needs fixin'

A shoplifting suspect reportedly made a scene when confronted by a witness near the front checkout counter of CVS Pharmacy, 17120 Kercheval, in the Village at about 4 p.m. Friday, June 23.

Yelling, arguing and denials preceded police arresting the suspect, a 49-year-old City of Grosse Pointe man, for pocketing a 25-ounce can of Natty Daddy beer.

"(The witness) stated (the suspect) pulled the beer out of his back pocket and placed it on the counter after he was advised the police had been called," reported patrolman. "(A detective) stated (the suspect) told him he is in a rough patch and needs some help."

Scratch one bike thief

The arrest of a 34-year-old Detroit man last week for larceny and obstructing police illustrates the risk of leaving unlocked bicycles unattended.

It also shows the advantage of patrolmen cruising the beat and victims or witnesses reporting crimes immediately upon discovery.

Shortly after 1:30 p.m. Friday, June 23, a 15-year-old City boy parked his orange Specialized Supreme bicycle against the outside wall of Pet Supplies Plus, on Kercheval at Notre Dame in the Village. While shopping for fish, he saw a man steal the bike.

The boy flagged down a patrolman, who'd just seen a man matching the alleged thief's description riding the bike in the Kercheval alley.

An unequal chase ensued, the man pedaling futilely and the officer at the wheel of a patrol car ordering halt.

This progressed from northbound Notre Dame, west on Charlevoix and north on Cadieux across Mack one block into Detroit until the officer hemmed him against a fence near Neveux.

On camera

Video evidence is being used to describe the unknown person accused of stealing a 49-year-old City man's Trek mountain bike locked at Neighborhood Club racks, 17150 Waterloo, late morning Thursday, June 22.

"(A security) camera shows the suspect (at 11:40 a.m.) walking southbound from Waterloo through the parking lot," reported a public safety officer. "At 11:41 a.m., (another) camera shows a black male wearing a black baseball cap with blue or purple bill, a light blue or purple button-down shirt, khaki pants and white tennis shoes walk from the east side of the building, cut the lock and ride (the bike) back in the

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direction he came."

Bike taken

A black Trek mountain bike worth \$200 was stolen while locked to Neighborhood Club racks, 17150 Waterloo, between 8:30 and 9:29 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, according to the 14-year-old male victim from Grosse Pointe Park.

Shoplifting

Police arrested a Grosse Pointe Park boy, 14, at 12:05 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, for possessing \$84.76 worth of unpaid cell phone accessories from CVS Pharmacy, 17120 Kercheval.

"The (store's) loss prevention officer on site gave him an opportunity to return the items," said a public safety officer. "(The boy) refused and left the store."

Warrants

A Detroit woman, 30, was arrested for drunken driving at 11:35 a.m. Tuesday, June 20, on northbound Cadieux at Waterloo.

She also appears in three outstanding traffic warrants from Detroit, Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores, according to police.

Unlocked bike

An unlocked, light blue Trek mountain bike was stolen while the young male victim attended baseball practice 10:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Monday, June 19, on Elworthy Field at the corner of Charlevoix and Neff.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Hacked

An unidentified health-care employee reported her laptop computer hacked Saturday, June 24, by an unknown some-

one on the internet.

"She believes thousands of patients' personal information may have been compromised," reported a public safety officer.

The woman also reported the hacking of her email accounts, an unauthorized \$15,000 withdrawal from retirement savings and \$60 worth of unauthorized purchases charged to her bank account.

Cuffed

At 5:18 a.m. Saturday, June 24, a private security guard reported a man standing in the middle of upper Kercheval near the intersection of Provençal smoking what appeared to be a crack pipe.

A patrolman intercepted the man, 31, of Highland Park, riding an unlit, blue Huffly mountain bike in wobbly fashion on Kercheval.

"(His) evasive comments, argumentative nature and reluctance to disclose his proper identification made me believe he was most likely a fugitive," said the officer.

Police arrested him for possessing 3.4 grams of marijuana, violating probation on a marijuana charge in Oakland County and on an unspecified Macomb County warrant.

"(He) was uncooperative and tried to pull away twice before finally submitting to being handcuffed," said the officer.

Account tapped

A male resident checking his bank account online discovered 10 unauthorized charges dated Saturday and Monday, June 17 and 19, at a South Carolina Walmart totaling \$497.24, according to police.

Garage entered

A gray Diamondback mountain bike valued at \$400 was stolen from inside a closed garage in the 400 block of Madison

between noon Wednesday, June 21, and 9 a.m. Friday, June 23, the 53-year-old male owner told police.

I.D. thief

An as-yet unknown identity thief used the personal information of a 12-year-old Farms girl to open a Wells Fargo bank account early this year, the girl's mother told police Friday, June 23.

The company is slow to deactivate the account, the woman added.

Snips cable

A woman's white Infinity bicycle with toddler trailer hitch, combined value \$225, was stolen while locked to a fence behind the 100 block of Kercheval on the Hill between 10:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 21.

The victim, a 34-year-old Grosse Pointe Park woman employed on the Hill, showed an investigating officer the severed lock cable.

Drugs & more

Police arrested one of two 17-year-old male pedestrians being investigated at 1:45 a.m. Wednesday, June 21, for violating curfew on Kercheval near McKinley.

A Grosse Pointe Park resident faces felony prosecution for possessing three bars of Xanax, a prescription medication categorized as a dangerous drug, according to the arresting officer.

Police said the suspect's backpack also contained 1.7 ounces of marijuana, a vaporizer pen with hash oil, another vape pen with vape juice, one pack of cigarettes, four cans of beer and one empty can of beer.

He also reportedly held a can of beer in his hand tucked partly up his shirt sleeve, according to the arresting patrolman.

Officers released the other teen, a City of Grosse Pointe resident, to his mother at the scene.

Drunken driving

A patrolman arrested a Detroit woman, 41, at 11:21 p.m. Sunday, June 18, for driving drunk at 10 mph on westbound Lakeshore near Tonnacour Place.

She registered a .28 percent blood alcohol level and admitted consuming three bottles of wine, according to police.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

No see, hear or speak

No public safety reports released for three weeks.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Home invasion

Police continue to investigate a brazen home invasion that took place during the early morning hours Tuesday, June 20, in the 700 block of Middlesex while the homeowners were asleep in the house. According to police, entry was made into the home through an unlocked back window. Items taken from the home include a 55-inch flat-screen television and an iMac computer. The homeowners' 2015 Subaru also was taken. According to Detective Michael Narduzzi, police were able to obtain evidence from the scene and are awaiting results.

Bike thefts

It's summer and bikes are easy pickings for thieves.

◆ Sometime overnight Monday, June 19, a men's Road King bike was taken from an unlocked garage in the 1400 block of Lakepointe.

◆ Sometime around noon Tuesday, June 20, a Schwinn mountain bike was taken from a rear yard in the 1100 block of Wayburn.

◆ Sometime overnight

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Fish flies spend the later part of their 24-hour adult lifespan Wednesday, June 14, tangled in a spider web on the side of a dock box at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park.



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Six months later: "We opened bids for our tennis courts Tuesday, (June 13)," said Brett Smith, director of public works. "Prices were significantly higher than we expected on the engineer's estimate." "To rebuild the existing courts was \$400,000," said Councilman Bruce Bisballe chairman of the finance committee. "To move the courts to the new location was more than \$600,000." Bids include modifying the park entrance. Park improvements are funded by a 1-mil property tax assessment generating about \$260,000 annually. Council members enacted the assessment last year and renewed it this year. Private funding also is being solicited. "We've contacted the low bidder, a reputable tennis court contractor, to ask for value engineering," said Scott Lockwood, Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick consulting engineers.

"Value engineering" means paring down costs and cutting deals. "There's potential savings that require the committee or council to consider alternates to the bid specifications," Lockwood said. Only two firms bid on the job. "Every contractor gets work as it comes," said Lockwood, explaining the paucity. "One element that's a turnoff to contractors is we have a lot of small, different elements because we're modifying the (park driveway). Anytime you do something like that, unit prices go up quickly." Replacing only two courts saves about one-third the cost, Lockwood said. Another option is constructing courts in three layers rather than five. More layers and a top-flight wearing surface yield better shock absorption and ball control, according to Lockwood. "One of the key elements was a premium wearing surface, equivalent to what they use at the U.S. Open, which is what everybody anticipated," he said. "That wearing surface

is significantly more expensive than what is commonly used on a municipal tennis court." "It was the blue ribbon (panel's) recommendation that the (panel), park (standing committee) and council meet collectively so we can get this hashed out without having to go from meeting to meeting to meeting," said Councilwoman Tina Ellis, chairing the panel. "Time is of the essence," agreed Mayor Ted Kedzierski. "This is important because it's going to shape our community for the next 30 years given the lifespan of tennis courts." "Get all interested parties in a room, lock the door so they can't leave until they come to a resolution," Bisballe said. "At some point, we have to reach consensus." "We hear all sides and then determine funding," Kedzierski said. The panel and parks committees have a special, joint meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, at city hall, 795 Lakeshore. "If we need a special meeting of the council, we can do that before the (regular) July 18 meeting," Kedzierski said.

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Tuesday, June 20, an unlocked garage in the 1000 block of Beaconsfield was entered and two bikes were taken, along with a chainsaw and cash from an unlocked car parked in the garage. ♦ Sometime between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, a Raleigh women's bike was taken from a rear yard in the 900 block of Nottingham. Entry was gained into the yard by prying open a privacy fence.

♦ At 6:45 p.m. Thursday, June 22, an unknown male, approximately 17 years old, was seen riding a stolen mountain bike out of a backyard in the 1300 block of Bedford.

♦ An unknown individual attempted to steal a bike Thursday, June 22, from the bike rack at Defer on Kercheval. The owner had locked the bike, but when he returned, he found the bike lock had been smashed, but his bike was still there.

Theft from garage

Sometime between Friday, June 16, and Friday, June 23, an unlocked garage in the 1000 block of Harvard was entered and a power washer and lawn mower were taken.

Arrest in lawn mower theft

A 47-year-old Detroit resident was arrested at 2:45 p.m. Thursday, June 22, shortly after taking a lawn mower from a garage in the 1000 block of Beaconsfield.

He also was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia.

OWI

A 24-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident was taken into custody and charged with operating while intoxicated after police responded to a report of several construction barrels being knocked over at a demolition site at Mack and Nottingham. The suspect was found at the scene, interviewed and arrested.

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

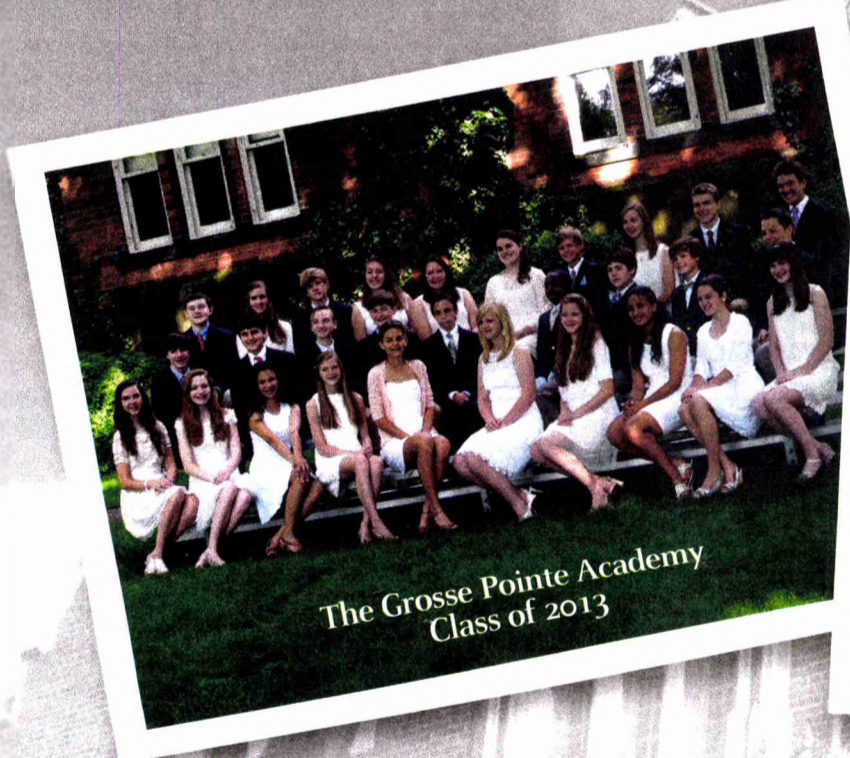
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Marijuana arrest

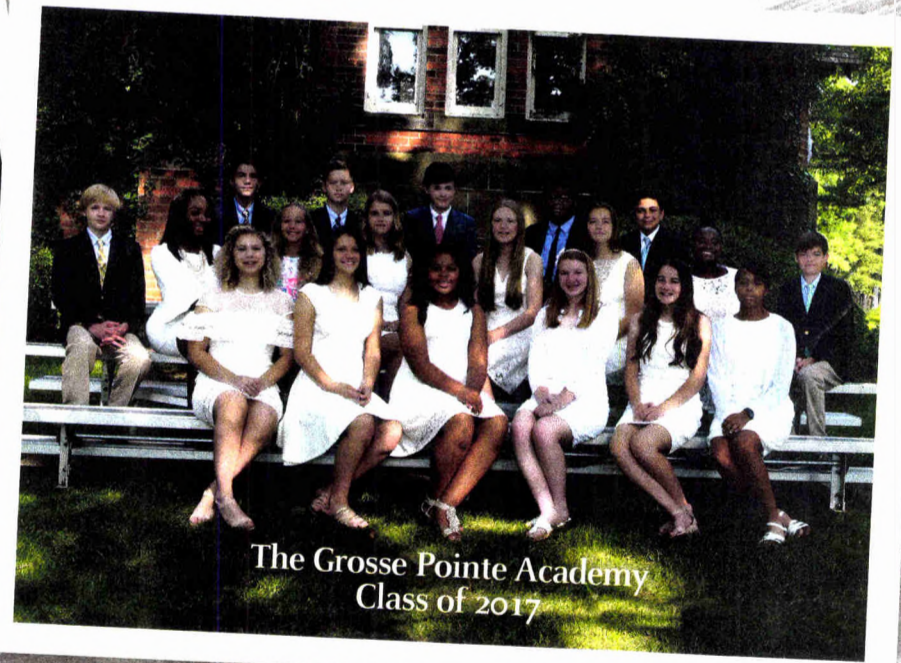
An 18-year-old Woods resident was taken into custody 2:45 a.m. Wednesday, June 2, and charged with being in possession of marijuana. While on patrol, an officer noticed a 2016 Ford Focus parked behind Barnes School on Morningside. When he investigated, he detected a strong smell of marijuana coming from the car. The Woods resident, who was sitting in the front passenger seat, produced a small bag of suspected marijuana and was arrested. The driver, a 17-year-old St. Clair Shores resident, was released to her mother.

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

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Overwhelming response

Community comes through with donations for troops

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

What started as a simple request for help on Facebook turned into a garage packed with nearly 200 boxes of items for U.S. troops serving overseas.

The initiative, led by Evonne Schott and Linda Bahr, started a few weeks ago when Schott learned about Marines in the Middle East without access to a store.

"The struggle and the fights are real," she said. "Their needs are real. These Marines do a rotation from the sandbox to a makeshift base, which is minimal — cots, minimal showers. They only have MREs — meals ready to eat."

Schott, whose 22-year-old son, Tom, is a Marine serving overseas, immediately packed up two boxes of supplies and put them in the mail. But it wasn't enough, she said.

"I send my son stuff all the time, but he has access to a store," she said. "These Marines need toilet paper, baby wipes, eye drops. So I posted on Facebook and



Evonne Schott, left, and Linda Bahr asked the community for donations to send overseas and were overwhelmed by the response.

said, who wants to help?" They made a list of 14 simple items, Bahr said, including washcloths, beef jerky, protein bars, gum, hand sanitizer and Tylenol.

"Donations started coming in," Schott said. "I knew it was going to be big when a woman at the post office handed me \$20 in tears after I told her what I was doing."

Items that weren't on

the list began to roll in, including 500 toothbrushes and cases of toothpaste. Other donations have included SpaghettiOs, peanut butter, insect repellent wipes, foot and body powder, magazines and deodorant.

"Then we expanded it to boxers, socks and pillowcases," Bahr said. "We had so much of everything."

The women ended the project after two weeks with a goal of shipping the items so they'd arrive to troops by the July 4 holiday. Each box contains a thank-you card with hand-written notes inside.

All 190 boxes are being delivered to one person at one location, but will be made available to any Marine in the area.

"Marines just go and



Top, Dorothy Watson helps package items for shipment. Above, nearly 200 boxes were shipped June 22 in hopes of being delivered to troops in time for the July 4 holiday.

pick up what they need," it's free. We never thought in our wildest

Schott said. Added Bahr, "It's kind of like shopping, except

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From left, Soroptimist Midwestern Region Gov. Vivian Walczesky, award winner Sara Mai Baker and co-presidents Ross Braun and Roseanne Horne.



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Sarah Mai Baker earns national Soroptimist award

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe in March awarded Sara Mai Baker its Live Your Dream Award, which honors a woman who is head of household, enrolled in an educational program and has financial

need. Baker is a single parent of three children, enrolled in the University of Michigan Dearborn and working part time.

In April, Baker won the Soroptimist Midwestern Region Live Your Dream Award and in May, she

won the National Federation Soroptimist Live Your Dream Award. Each level of award resulted in assistance with educational expenses.

Visit grossepointe.soroptimist.org, find Soroptimist Grosse Pointe on Facebook or contact Roseanne at (313) 706-1801 for more information about this club, whose mission is to improve the lives of women and girls in the community and around the world through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

Antique, vintage, collector cars on display

For several years, Grosse Pointe Woods residents Ted and Mary Stahl have participated in the Great Race event with their sons. This year, the Stahl family invites all 120 participating vehicles to their museum, Stahl Automotive Collection in Chesterfield Township, which is home to nearly 100 vintage vehicles, rare music machines and other 20th century memorabilia.

The Great Race, a 2,400-mile caravan from Jacksonville, Fla., to Traverse City featuring 120 vehicles, is an annual antique, vintage and collector car, competitive, controlled-speed, endurance road rally on public highways. Vehicles must be model year 1972 or older to participate. Teams of two — a driver and a navigator — follow precise course instructions in a cross-country trip. The

course instructions require competing teams to drive at or below the posted speed limits at all times. The use of GPS or computers are not permitted and odometers are covered, relying on the endurance and skill of drivers and navigators.

The public is welcome 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, June 30, to Stahl's, 56516 N. Bay, Chesterfield Township. Great Race participants will line the parking lot starting at 12:20 p.m. as they arrive one by one, providing the public a glimpse at these historic and classic vehicles.

Following the event, the museum will be open to the public to explore the collection.

For more information, call (586) 749-1078 or visit stahlsauto.com.

AREA ACTIVITIES

BNI

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, June 30, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mentally Ill Eastside meets 7 p.m. Monday, July 3, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross offers the following blood drives:

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

◆ 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Sunday, July 9, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Register online at redcrossblood.org.

SOC

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

◆ 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, July 5 to 26, Spotlight on SOC Seniors. Acting coach and Screen Actors Guild member Harry Burkey teaches students how to act for the screen. Participants will be invited to participate in short films being produced this summer. Call (313) 885-1393.

◆ 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, "In Home Care and Senior Residences," with Zana Macki of the Michigan Attorney General's Office Consumer Education Program. Learn about different levels of in-home care, as well as senior residence options and resources.

◆ 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, "The Mind Diet," a healthy cooking demonstration with Chef Dan Kellogg and dietician Andrea Hageman of Beaumont Health System. Learn to incorporate healthy foods in a diet that's easy to prepare. Reservations are required.

◆ 11:30 to 11:45 a.m. Thursday, July 13, July birthday celebration. People with July birthdays are treated to a free lunch, birthday cake and a keepsake photo.

◆ 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13, and Thursday, Aug. 10, "Keeping You Fit at Home: Core Strengthening Exercises," sponsored by Heartland Health Care Center, Grosse Pointe Woods.

For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

Ford House

The Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, welcomes back the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, with conductor Aram Demirjian. Friday, July 7, the theme is "Lights, Camera, Action!" It features favorite Hollywood hits. Saturday, July 8, the theme is "Symphonic Enchantment," featuring fairy tales coming to life through musical masterpieces. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$12 for children. Preferred seating and VIP tickets also are available. Visit dso.org/summer or fordhouse.org.

The Ford House offers programming throughout the summer, including a tour of the grounds Tuesday, July 11, that highlights the landscaping work of Jens Jensen. Learn how to care for trees and shrubs during an event Thursday, July 20. Puppet-making workshops take place Wednesday, July 26, and Aug. 30. A Youth Theatre Workshop is planned Saturday, July 29, and Aug. 26. A two-part workshop about beekeeping takes place Tuesday, Aug. 8, and Thursday, Aug. 17.

For more information, call (313) 884-4222.

Community Center

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, hosts a trip to Plymouth for Art in the Park, featuring the work of more than 400 artists, Friday, July 7. Cost is \$8 for residents, \$10 for non-residents and includes bus transportation.

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GP Birding Challenge 2017



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Historic Fort Wayne's resident vintage base ball team, the Early Risers. Vintage base ball tourney July 8 at Historic Fort Wayne

The Historic Fort Wayne Coalition presents a vintage base ball tournament 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 8, at the fort, 6325 W. Jefferson, Detroit.

The fort's resident team, the Early Risers, host five other clubs from around the Great Lakes for the tourney, which demonstrates how base ball — in the 19th century, the sport was expressed as two words — was played more than 120 years ago.

Teams include Lapeer Tigers, Union BBC of Dexter, Wyandotte Stars, Champion Hill Toppers from Indiana and Fallasburg Flats BBC.

The Early Risers have been Historic Fort Wayne's team since 2009, and their name is derived from one of the earliest base ball teams in Detroit.

Additional dates for the Early Risers playing vintage ball at the fort this season include Sunday, Aug. 27, and Sunday, Sept. 17.

Secured parking is \$5 per vehicle. Admission is free, but donations are accepted. Guided tours of the Historic Fort Wayne complex also are offered each day at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., priced at \$5 for adults and free for children younger than 12. Tours include the Star Fort and barracks built in the 1840s, as well as the Spanish-American War Guard House.

The fort's regular public hours continue 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday through Sunday, Oct. 29. For more information, visit historicfortwaynecoalition.com.

The Grosse Pointe Birding Challenge is a tradition 12 years in the making, where small teams compete to find the most bird species in their given area of the Grosse Pointes. This year's teams included Mark O'Keefe assigned to the Farms; Bill Rapai covering the City; Mike Florian, Judy Florian and Tina Bresser in the Park; and Rosann Kovalcik and Andrea Rose in Grosse Pointe Woods. It was Rose's first time participating in the challenge and, as an avid birder, she said she was excited to see how the day would unfold.

Typically, the challenge takes place during spring migration, when the foliage is not yet thick and birds are moving through in great numbers. However, this year's event was held a bit later in the month, which accounted for a markedly lower total species count than in years past. Still, a total of 66 avian species were seen by all teams combined.

For her part, Kovalcik began birding in her own yard, where she heard the same bird she typically hears first, a common nighthawk, flying overhead. Also tallied at her house were a variety of common backyard birds, including American robin, northern cardinal, tufted titmouse, American goldfinch and red-bellied woodpecker, to name a few. Kovalcik's next destination was the Woods lake-front park, where she found barn swallows and purple martins, which were nesting in pro-



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ANDREA ROSE

From left, Mike Florian, Judy Florian, Mark O'Keefe, Tina Bresser, Andrea Rose, Rosann Kovalcik and Bill Rapai.

vided housing. Other expected birds turned up as well, such as mute swan, mallard duck and ring-billed gull. Baltimore orioles and a northern waterthrush were found along the fenceline near the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House. After this stop, Rose joined Kovalcik for a search of Lochmoor Country Club, Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, Heather Lane and Ghesquire Park. Highlights included a pair of nesting red-tailed hawks and an uncommon olive-sided flycatcher at Lochmoor, as well as a plethora of singing blackpoll warblers, known for their persistence during extremely long and grueling migration flights.

At noon, the teams reported to Panera Bread in the Village to compare tallies, determine the

winner and eat lunch. For an extra element of competition, the designated bonus bird — scarlet tanager — counted as five species for anyone who found it. O'Keefe discovered this bird as he made his way through the Farms.

"I heard its up-and-down song that is so similar to a robin's," he said. "Finally, I was able to locate the bird high in the trees and got some good looks at this stunning bird."

Despite the bonus points, in the end, team Farms fell just short of the Woods team, who won the day with 56 species and continued the Woods' nine-year winning streak. Final totals included 56 for the Woods, 54 for the Farms, 43 in the Park and 30 for the City.

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CHURCH EVENTS

Memorial

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, welcomes the Wally's Frozen Yogurt fire truck at its annual ice cream social 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Sunday, July 16. The event is free.

The church's Phyllis Clark Webb Memorial Summer Carillon Series continues Tuesday, July 11, with Julie Marie Ford. Other concerts include Jim Fackenthal, Tuesday, July 18; and Sally Harwood, Tuesday, July 25. All performances begin at 6:30 p.m. Call (313) 882-5330 or visit gpmchurch.org.

Leadership Detroit Class XXXVIII included several Grosse Pointers

Leadership Detroit, an initiative of the Detroit Regional Chamber, recently celebrated the commencement of its 38th class, marking the end of the 10-month transformational leadership program designed to challenge emerging and existing community leaders from southeast Michigan to bring about positive change.

Leadership Detroit's Class XXXVIII features 68 executives from across the region, drawing from eight counties and 33 municipalities in southeast Michigan. The class represents 39 industries including business, organized labor, government, education, media, civic groups, health services and community organizations.

Among this year's graduates are Kelly Walsh, City of Grosse Pointe; Reimer Priestler, City of Grosse Pointe;

John Waller, Grosse Pointe Farms and Kimberly Berger, Grosse Pointe Park.

"The Detroit Regional Chamber has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to help shape and support aspiring leaders who are committed to improving the quality of life in our region," said Dan Piepszowski, senior director of community leadership development at the chamber. "This year's group of exceptional and diverse leaders came together and recognized that as our region experiences unprecedented change, assumptions and stereotypes need to be challenged to make way for better collaboration and momentum going forward."

The complete Leadership Detroit Class XXXVIII roster is available at leadershipdetroit.com.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Rebecca L. Palen

Memories affect quality of life

Q: The other day one of my friends told me about a therapy called EMDR that helps you when you feel stuck inside really bad memories. What is EMDR?

A: Memories have a huge influence on the quality of our lives. We are wired for survival and use our past experiences to help us navigate through life. Many of us experience anxiety, depression, addictions, PTSD and more, as a direct result of unresolved bad memories. Sometimes we know what caused them, sometimes we don't. Either way, unattended, they can wreak havoc in our lives.

EMDR is a form of therapy designed to directly address memories and the way we process them. When administered by a credentialed therapist, EMDR therapy targets key experiences — even those stored silently — and helps patients process the memories — images, sensations, thoughts, feelings — changing the way the patient responds to them.

EMDR stands for Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing. It is an integrative psychotherapy approach extensively researched



and proven effective for the treatment of trauma and other related conditions. Using a set of standardized protocols that incorporates elements from different treatment approaches, EMDR addresses the area of the brain responsible for protecting us.

When a disturbing or traumatic event takes place, our brains lock the memory in place as a safeguard. When events trigger those memories, our brains go on high alert and our bodies respond exactly as they did when the event first took place. EMDR unlocks those memories and gives us a space to use other parts of our brain to process and release them. Bad memories lose their hold on us and give us the chance to live happier lives.

This article was authored by

Rebecca L. Palen MPA, LMSW, GC-C, GRS and her team of H3 Providers. Palen is a practicing psychotherapist in St. Clair Shores and the owner and practice director of H3 — Hope, Healing & Health, LLC. H3 provides a wide range of integrative therapies and has several EMDR credentialed therapists available. For more information, call (586) 335-2006 or visit H3EmotionalWellness.com. H3 is a member of the Family Center's Association of Professionals.

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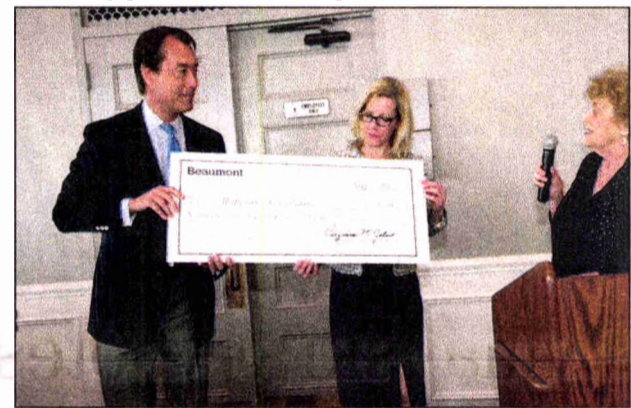
Auxiliary supports nursing students, spiritual care program

Seven Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe employees and nursing students, as well as the hospital's Spiritual Care program, received a boost of support from the Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe

Assistance League during its May Nursing Scholarship and Donation Luncheon at The War Memorial. The 60-year-old women's fundraising auxiliary presented the hospital a check for \$19,300.



From left, Anne Stewart, vice president and chief nursing officer, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, stands with 2017 scholarship recipients, Keri Wisniewski, Clinton Township; Jamie Hakluoto, St. Clair Shores; Heather Byrd, Grosse Pointe Park and Zoe Bates, Grosse Pointe Farms. Not pictured are Tim Pierce, St. Clair Shores; Meredith Janas, Chesterfield Township and Amanda Kady, Macomb Township.



Virginia Joilet, president of the Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe Assistance League, presents a check to Edward Russell III, chairman of the Beaumont Foundation Grosse Pointe Development Committee and Beaumont Health, a trustee of Beaumont Health, and Kristen Cavender, vice president of operations.

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Along with food items, the women shipped boxer shorts, bed sheets, pillowcases and numerous toiletries.

TROOPS:

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dreams we'd have all this."

Schott, who also is mother to 25-year-old Sam, hosted a packing party at her Grosse Pointe Woods home and the boxes were picked up by the post office Thursday, June 22.

"A lot of people have thanked us," Schott said. "They said they didn't realize they could do this. They want to help. They want to support our troops."

When the deadline for donating items passed, the women continued to collect monetary donations to help with shipping, estimated to cost more

than \$3,000. Donations — some of which were anonymous — ranged from \$5 to \$1,000.

"Every donation, some brought me to tears," Schott said. "I found \$20 in my mailbox, money under the door mat. It feels good. We're such a divided country right now — Democrats and Republicans — it's so ugly. We're all in trouble. We all need peace."

"What this did was put a lot of faith in people who want to believe there are good people in this world," she continued. "Every donation — big or small — has been appreciated. People are thanking me for doing this. It's not us. You guys made this happen. I can do a

Facebook post, but they came through. \$5 or \$1,000 — it's all the same in my heart."

Though these items are not going to her son, Schott said she plans to continue to send packages to her son as well, but she won't plan another community push until Christmas.

"I'm just a MoM — Mother of Marine — who asked for some help," she said. "My son has buddies over there where the boxes are being sent. Really, they're all my sons."

"Sometimes our military feels forgotten when they're in places far away," she continued. "Each box is a touch from home so they know we're thinking about them."

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BASEBALL

Solid spring

North's freshman team enjoys a ton of success PAGE 2C

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GPN Norsemen

Cross earns East MVP honors

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North graduate Sam Cross finished his high school baseball career in style last week, earning Most Valuable Player honors for the East squad in the 36th annual Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association East-West All-Star Baseball Classic at Comerica Park.

Cross helped the East team beat the West 7-5 as he had two hits, drove in a run and even stole home against some of the best players in the state.

"It was a thrill to earn the award and play with and against the best players in the state," Cross, 18, said.

Cross made the Division 1 Dream Team as an infielder, but he also pitched in some of the Norsemen's biggest games. He earned the save in North's district semifinal win over city rival Grosse Pointe South.

"Helping us beat South was a great moment for me," Cross said. "Coach (Frank) Sumbera wanted us to put a list together of goals for the season. One was win a league title,

which we did, and try to win a state title. We won one game in the districts, but lost in the final. It was still a successful season winning the league title for a second straight season."

Cross is a three-year varsity player. This season, he hit .444 (52-for-117) with 43 runs scored, 28 RBIs, six doubles, one triple and one home run. On the mound, he was 6-3 with a 2.01 ERA. Cross threw 53 innings, striking out 47 and earning four saves.

He throws 84 to 86 mph and his best pitch is the slider.

The Norsemen won the Macomb Area Conference White Division with a 12-3 mark and 29-10-1 overall record.

"I loved playing baseball for coach Sumbera and we had a tight team," Cross said. "I liked leading off an inning by getting a hit, stealing second and scoring on a hit. That was one of my jobs and I think I did it pretty well."

Cross is going to take a stab at playing college baseball when he walks on to Michigan State University's program.

The 6-foot, 3-inch, 175-pound infielder/pitcher

played baseball for 13 years and now participates in a travel league consisting of future college players.

"I enjoy playing against other high level baseball players," Cross said. "I think it will help me try to make Michigan State's team. I can do it."

Several Division 3 colleges recruited Cross, including Adrian, Hope, Kalamazoo and Olivet, but he chose to go to a bigger university and try to walk on to the team.

"My entire family is associated with Michigan State and it's a college I wanted to go to since I was a kid," Cross said. "I'm excited for college where I can meet new people and get a great education in advertising."

Cross is rooming with fellow North graduate Matt Beach. In addition, other baseball teammates Steve Levick and Alex VanDoorne are also attending MSU, but living in a different dorm.

Cross finished high school with a 3.4 grade point average and also played varsity basketball for Ron Kochan at North.

He was moved to point guard during the second half of his senior season



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North graduate Sam Cross made the state's Division 1 Dream Team.

as the Norsemen won a share of the MAC White Division title at 8-2.

Cross is working out, playing high end travel baseball and getting ready to move with his friends to their dorm at the end of August.

Baseball

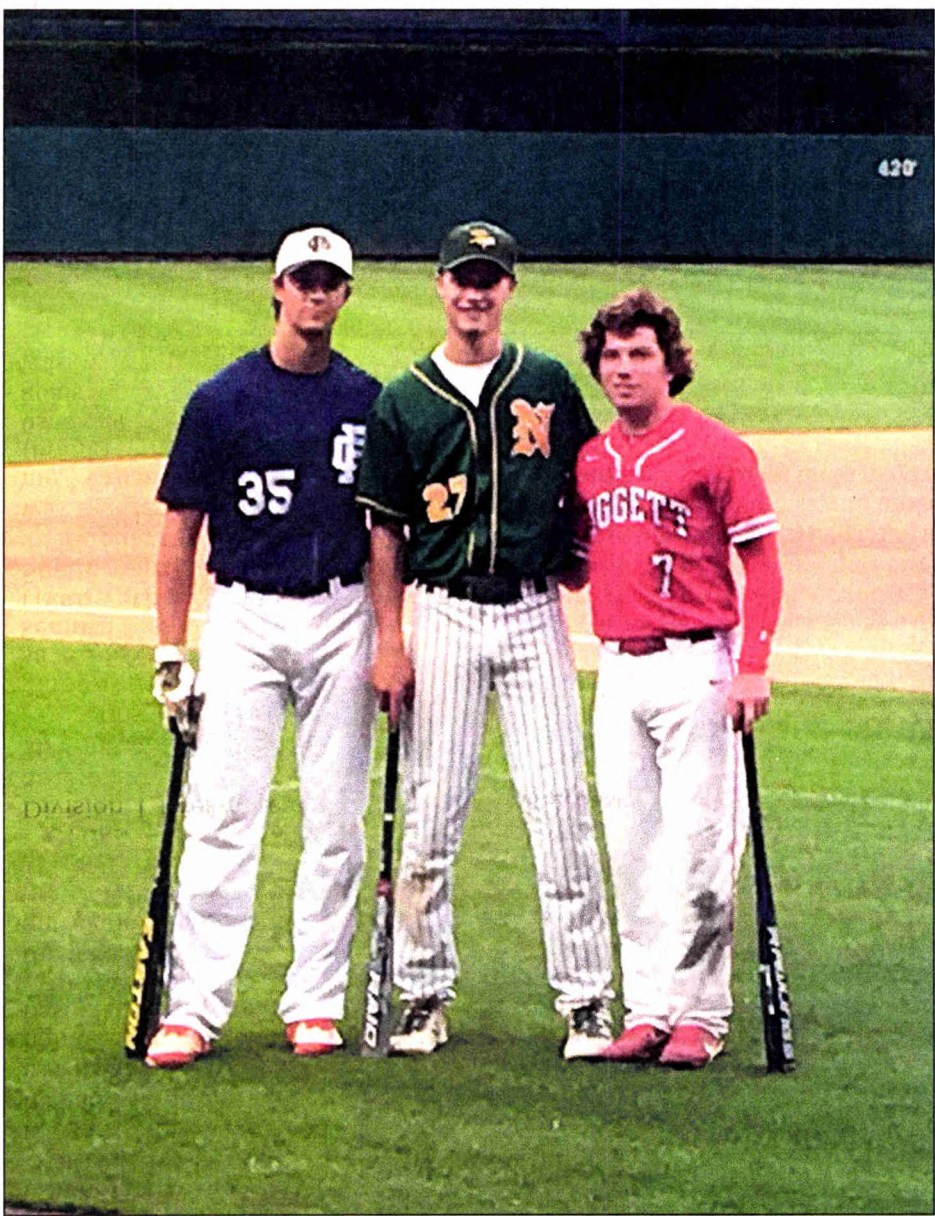


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The best of the best

Three local graduates competed in last week's Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association East vs. West All-Star game at Comerica Park. Grosse Pointe South's David Toth, left; Grosse Pointe North's Sam Cross, center; and University Liggett's Connor McCarron; played on the East team, which won 7-5. The state's top seniors competed in the nine-inning game. Cross earned the East Most Valuable Player honor, collecting two hits, driving in a run, stealing two bases, including home, and scoring a run. Toth drove in a run and struck out three players in the ninth inning to earn a save. McCarron started at second base and played stellar defense.

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Ice Hockey

MIHL announces teams for 2018 Prep Showcase

The Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League selection committee announced the 40 teams selected to participate in the 2018 MIHL Prep Hockey Showcase, held Thursday, Feb. 1, through Saturday, Feb. 3.

The MIHL, the city of Trenton and Trenton Public Schools will host the showcase at the Kennedy Ice Arena in Trenton.

Both East Grand Rapids and Saline will be returning to the Showcase after an absence of a few years.

While the 2001 showcase attracted only a few scouts from junior teams — the attraction and importance of the event to the scouting community has grown as more than 80 scouts were in attendance at the 2017 showcase. Most USHL and NAHL teams were represented as were several Division 3 college hockey teams. Scouts representing many of the leading Division 1 college hockey programs in the area were in attendance and there were several scouts representing NHL teams.

Changes through the years have enhanced the fan experience: free off-site parking made parking less of a challenge and alleviated the congestion in the lots at the rink and online live updates to the scores of each game provides instant results to outstate fans. In 2012, the MIHL Scholarship, which is awarded annually during

the MIHL Prep Hockey Showcase, was renamed “The David Mannino Scholarship” to honor the 2011 U-D Jesuit graduate.

Scheduling will be completed in January, 2018, to insure competitive match-ups consistent with the mission of the MIHL Prep Hockey Showcase — to have the best teams and the most skilled players showcase their abilities and talents in a two game competitive atmosphere.

The participating teams are MIHL members Birmingham Brother Rice, Grosse Pointe South, Detroit Catholic Central, St. Mary’s Prep, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, Port Huron Northern, Warren De LaSalle, Trenton, Grosse Pointe North and U-D Jesuit, as well as Allen Park, Livonia Churchill, Brighton, Livonia Stevenson, Calumet High School, Northville, Culver, Wisconsin Notre Dame Academy, Divine Child, Novi, East Grand Rapids, Plymouth, Flint Powers, Salem, Forest Hills North Eastern, Toledo St. Francis, Gabriel Richard, Cleveland St. Ignatius, Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Saline, Grand Rapids Christian, Saginaw Heritage, Grandville, Sault Ste. Marie, Hancock, Traverse City West, Hartland, University Liggett School, Houghton, Utica Eisenhower, Lake Orion and Wyandotte High School.

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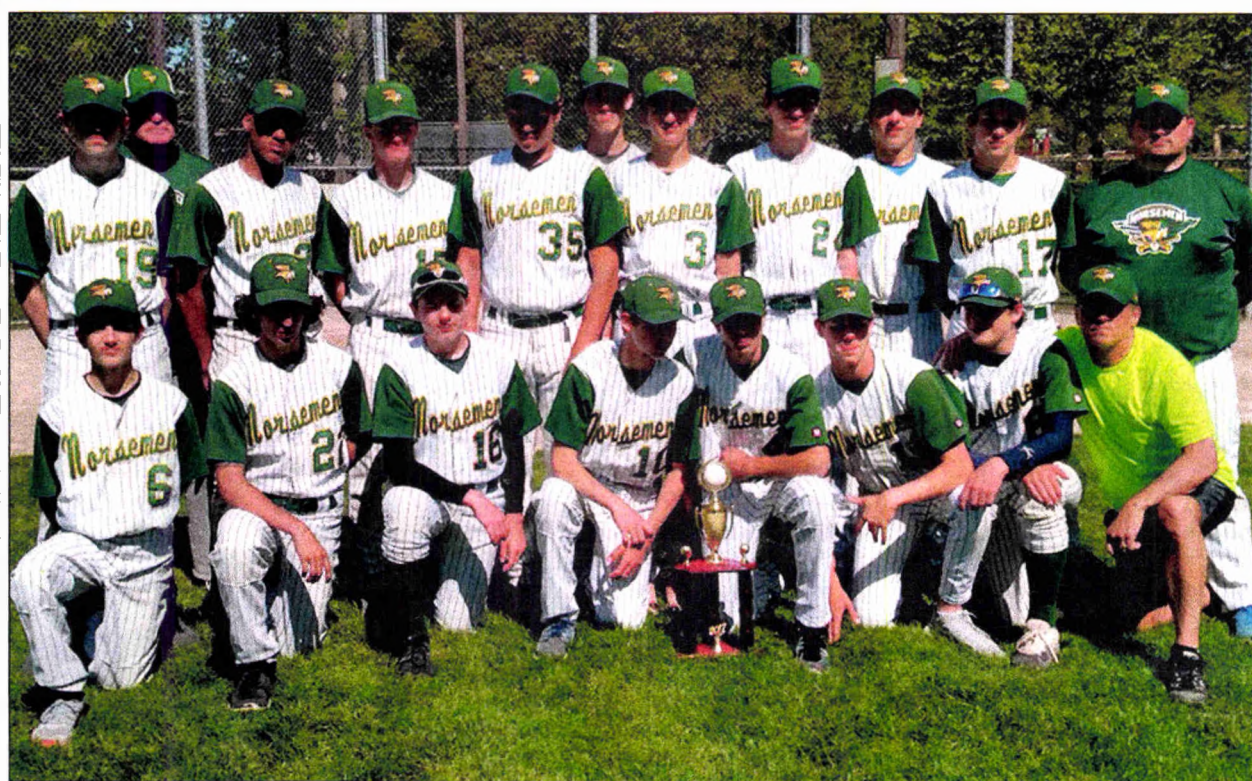


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Invite champs

The Grosse Pointe North boys' freshman baseball team finished the season on a roll by winning eight out of the last 11 games to push the five-year frosh record past the 90-win mark. The team also captured its invitational tournament over an impressive field that included squads from Grosse Pointe South, Chippewa Valley and Anchor Bay. North won the championship in a hard fought final game with an 8-5 win over Grosse Pointe South in which Brendan Cwiklinski hurled a complete game supported by a single and double by Dan Duquet, two singles by George Graham and key base hits from Branden Kreuter, Andy Miller, Joe Tedesco and Will Aufdemberge. Head coach Mark Orr said, “It was a solid team effort from start to finish. I’m extremely proud of the effort and progress this team has made throughout the season. They’re a terrific group of kids.”

Travel baseball



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Finalist

The Detroit Caesars 13U baseball team members gave their moms quite a Mother’s Day present this spring, working their way to the finals of the Mount Clemens Memorial USSSA baseball tournament Mother’s Day weekend. The team lost the final game to the Michigan Dawgs. Pictured above are, front row from left, Mathew Holder, Jake Tedesco, Alec Leonard and Kurt Barr; middle row from left, Luke Srebernak, James MacAuley, Daniel Vogler, Luke Babcock, Bryan Carney, Cameron Pickford and Chris Marshall; and back row from left, coaches Dennis Holder, Rick Leonard, Bill Babcock and John Clem.

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

Public Notice - Ordinance Nos. 430 & 431

Please take notice that the City of Grosse Pointe has adopted the following ordinances:

Ordinance No. 430 amends and restates Sections 10-38 and Sections 10-39 of the Grosse Pointe City Code. This ordinance converts the current misdemeanor penalty for various animal violations to civil infractions.

Ordinance No. 431 amends and restates in its entirety Section 82-56 of the Grosse Pointe City Code of Ordinances regarding tree planting, spacing of shade, and ornamental trees.

These ordinances shall take effect ten days after publication of this notice. If you have any questions regarding these ordinances, please contact City Hall, 17147 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, 313-885-5800, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am to 5 pm.

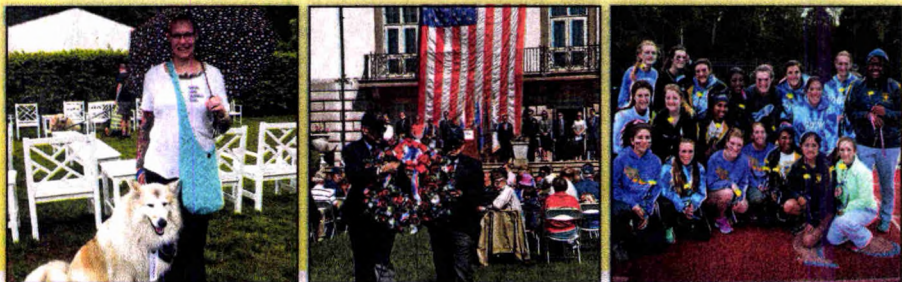
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FROM THE SPORTS DESK

It was a good year on the fields

We recently put the 2016-17 high school athletic season to bed and what a nine months it was.

Deep playoff runs in the fall got the year off in style and the winter months provided exciting teams on the ice.

We finished with regional champions on the baseball and softball diamonds, as well as the soccer field.

Several top-notch seniors finished their high school careers and now ready themselves for four years of collegiate athletics.

Coaches, players, families and fans, it was a great ride.

— Bob St. John
Sports Editor

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College signings



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He is a Cardinal

Grosse Pointe North senior Daniel Leone, seated center, signed with Saginaw Valley State University to pole vault for the men's track and field team under head coach Rod Cowan. The Cardinals compete in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference against Wayne State, Grand Valley, Ferris and more. Leone is one of the top pole vaulters in North history. Joining Leone in the photograph is his father, Nicolo Leone, and mother, Jill Leone; and standing, brother, David Leone.

Calvin tennis

Grosse Pointe North senior Max Stallings, seated left, signed to play men's tennis at Calvin College under head coach John Ross. Joining Stallings at his signing were, seated, mother Stephanie Stallings and brother Simon Stallings; and standing from left, his father Mike Stallings, and North tennis head coach John Van Alst. Calvin competes in the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Association against Alma, Adrian, Albion, Kalamazoo and others.



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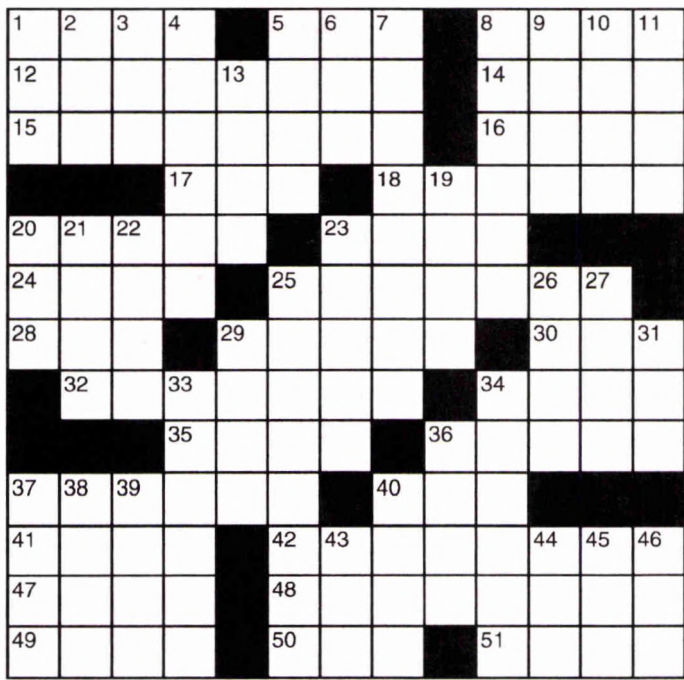
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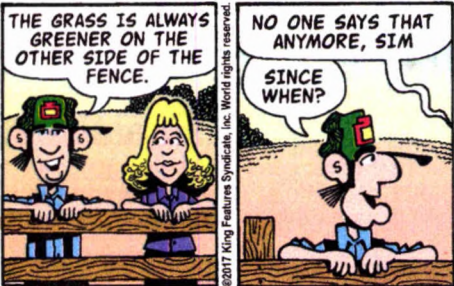
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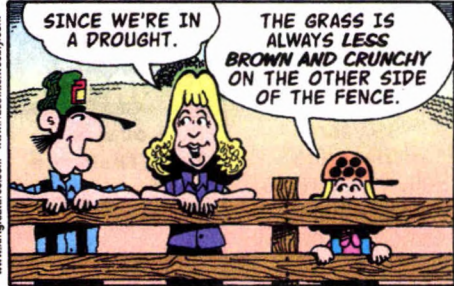
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by Linda Thistle

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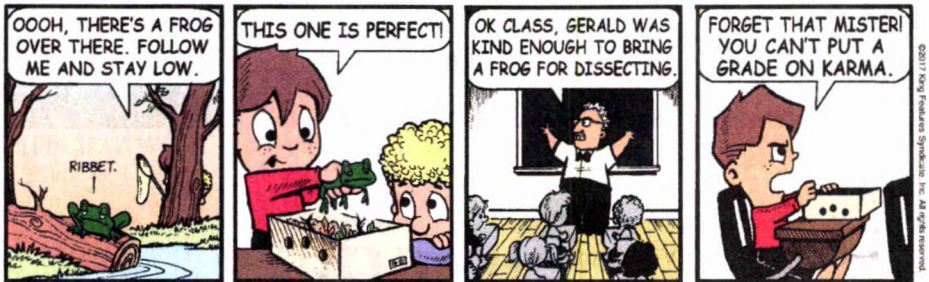
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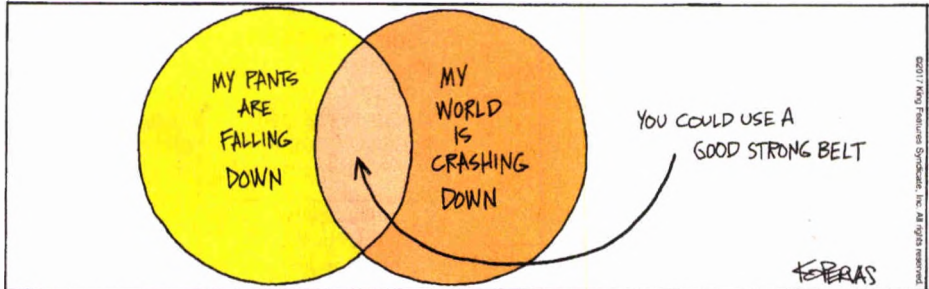
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Weekly SUDOKU
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Brownell middle schooler makes every step count

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Alyse Applegate, founder of Every Step Counts, strives to make a difference in small ways. She started the community service enterprise five years ago while a third grader at Kerby Elementary School and has led its growth. Her “associates” are fellow students at Brownell Middle School who, like her, grew interested in doing more community service than what was offered through their Girl Scout troop.

Applegate and a friend came up with the name.

“We just thought, we’re not doing a huge thing, but we thought every little thing will count. It may not be huge, but we thought every step counts,” she said.

While recruits originally came from the Girl Scout troop, membership has expanded. Currently there are 15 girls who help brainstorm ideas, plan events and volunteer, from raising money through bake sales and packing lunches for homeless people to cleaning up Moross Greenway.

Younger siblings have gotten involved, along with Applegate’s older brothers, Jacob and Alec, who occasionally pitch in at events.

“The more the merrier,” said Michelle Applegate, Alyse’s mother.

One idea grew from a family visit to Notre Dame University. Alyse Applegate saw a tree with ribbons tied to its branches honoring people whose lives were touched by cancer. She decided to bring something similar back to her own community.

Marianne Langlois, director of Henry Ford Medical Center - Cottage,

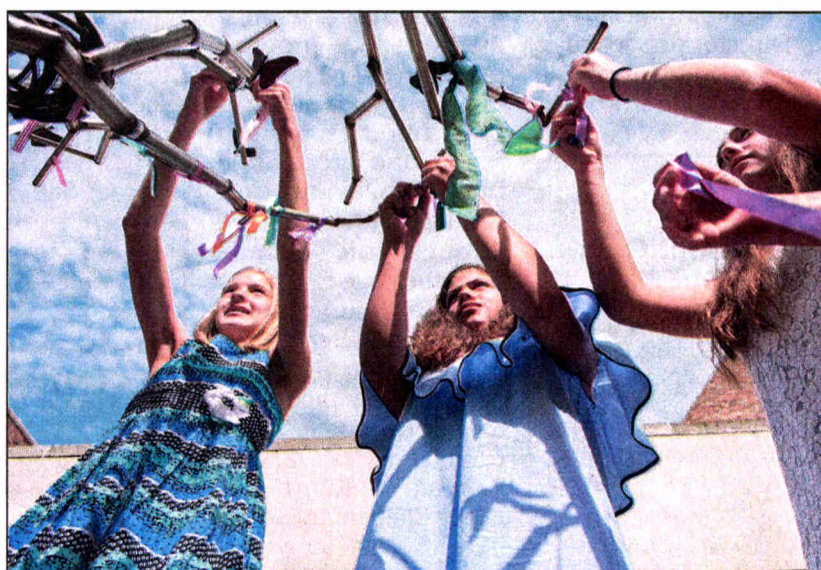


Members of Every Step Counts, from left, Moira Hix, Molly Wysocki, Maeve Hix, Kate Adams, Sarah Krotche, Megan Wysocki, Alyse Applegate, Marianne Langlois, director of Henry Ford Medical Center - Cottage, Victoria Vorhees, Lydia O’Halla, Amelia Ricci, Evelyn Ulbrich and Mimi Mager.



The Tree of Strength will remain through the fall for those who may want to tie a ribbon in honor of someone touched by cancer.

Ribbons are available in a box by the tree or people may bring their own. Above right, tying ribbons to the tree are, from left, Lydia O’Halla, Maeve Hix and Alyse Applegate.



took an interest in the project.

“Alyse and her mom came to me with the idea,” she said. “It just inspired me what these girls (do). They’re all young. They’re our future professional women leaders and I tell them that’s what I expect out of you.”

Langlois said she has

invited the group to attend Cottage events as greeters and even to ask guests for donations.

Langlois worked with Erik and Israel Nordin of Detroit Design Center to create and install a metal tree at Cottage on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms to raise awareness, give hope and remember those

touched by cancer. The dedication of the tree and first ribbon tying occurred June 3, 2016. Community members joined patients and staff to tie ribbons of different colors on the tree symbolizing a variety of can-

cer types. The ribbons remained throughout summer and fall.

When the weather changed, Alyse Applegate said they took the ribbons down, turned them into ashes and sprinkled them

around the base of the tree so they were “still a part of the tree.”

The second ceremonial ribbon tying took place Friday, June 16. In a new twist this year, Applegate and fellow members of Every Step Counts brought Sharpies so anyone interested could write the names of loved ones on the ribbons, purchased with money raised from bake sales.

A box of ribbons remains by the tree for patients and community members to stop by any time through the summer and fall. Some visitors bring their own ribbons of special significance to them.

Applegate said she plans to continue her efforts next year at Brownell and later at Grosse Pointe South High School. The group looks for a variety of service activities throughout the year, from making bird feeders with senior citizens to donating proceeds from bake sales to the Smile Train, Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society and Henry Ford Medical Center’s mental health clinic.

“You feel good doing it,” she said. “You feel good helping others.”

Langlois said she has invited the girls to support Henry Ford Medical Center’s Clambake for the Cottage at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House Saturday, Sept. 16, an annual event benefiting cancer services at Cottage.

“I’m teaching them how to be potential leaders in the future,” she said. “They love it (and) I love working with them.”



Tracy Gillette

School: Mason Elementary School
Years at Mason: 15 (27 in district)
Grade/Subject: K-5 elementary speech pathologist
Nominated by: Roy Bishop, principal
Principal’s quote:

“Tracy pushes everyone around her to be better. When it comes to relationships, Tracy firmly believes in establishing one before you need one. Her extensive knowledge in special education allows her to be a great asset to not only our special education department, but also to our new ASD teachers. Tracy’s dedication to Mason reaches far beyond the school day. She is present at almost every after school event possible.”

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

The thing I love most about teaching is the

students. I consider myself so lucky that parents entrust their children to me. My students come to school every day filled with energy and a love of life. Being able to share in learning is an excitement I cannot fully express.

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

I have participated in many years of special education meetings. I have found that building relationships is of utmost importance. I have adult students who keep in touch with me and let me know how they are doing. This means so much and is something I am so proud of.

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

My mentor taught me to always do what is best



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for my students. He always said, “Just go in your room and do good things for kids,” I try to do that every day. He continues to inspire me by living a full life after retirement. He was a great teacher until the day he retired. I can only hope to achieve the same.

Favorite quote:

“Whatever you decide to do, make sure it makes you happy.”

— Paulo Coelho

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Students give voice to diversity initiative

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

A major goal of the Grosse Pointe Public School System's diversity initiative, an outgrowth of the strategic planning process, was to give students a voice. That voice was heard at the Board of Education meeting Monday, June 12, when four students presented a preliminary report on the results of their work. Representing the 17 Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high school students selected to work on the initiative were junior Alex Dean and sophomore Troy Herd from North and juniors Demetrius Ford and Maren Roeske from South.

Students, Principal Kate Murray and faculty advisers Dan Gilleran and Jenny Sherman from North and Principal Moussa Hamka and faculty advisers Nick Bernbeck and Lisa Kline from South partnered with University of Michigan staff members to assess student perceptions on diversity, equity and inclusion at both



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Members of the diversity team, standing from left are Barry Checkoway, Dan Gilleran, Troy Herd, Demetrius Ford, Harry Susalla, Bridget Christian, Jenny Sherman, Nick Bernbeck and Kate Murray. Kneeling are Ritika Pansare, Alex Dean and Maren Roeske. Susalla and Pansare did not participate in the presentation, but attended the meeting to show their support.

high schools. They conducted in-depth interviews and facilitated a survey, receiving more than 1,000 responses, "in an effort to really hear what it's like to be a student at North or South high school," according to Director of Secondary Instruction Maureen Bur. Barry Checkoway,

Bridget Christian, Roger Fisher and Katie Richards-Schuster, core members of U of M's School of Social Work youth and community program, worked closely with the students, helping them facilitate meetings, prepare practical tools for gathering information, make sense of their findings, write a report and prepare the initial presentation. Funding for the project is through Title II grants from the state for professional development, according to Bur.

"Our project is really based on the importance of youth voice," said Christian, a Grosse Pointe resident and Kerby Elementary School parent. "These young people and the young people that they surveyed and interviewed are the experts on their experience as high school students. By giving them the space, tools and support to assess their school, you have enabled a powerful voice to emerge."

Purpose

Herd opened the student presentation by discussing the project's purpose and process.

"Our purpose was to conduct an assessment of students in the two high schools to gather information about student perceptions, experiences, policies and practices, resources and challenges, intergroup interactions and incidents and other topics relevant to diversity, equity and inclusion," he said.

Students participated in retreats focusing "on discussions of what we wanted to learn, the questions we wanted to ask and techniques for gathering information," he said.

Key findings

Ford presented the following key findings of the survey:

- ◆ Most students feel accepted in their schools.
- ◆ Most students strongly feel they should be taught more about diversity.

◆ Some students don't want to admit there are problems.

◆ Students sometimes say hurtful things to other students.

◆ Many think there are rude and exclusive groups at the schools.

◆ Students don't feel comfortable reporting prejudice and discrimination to the staff.

◆ Teachers don't know how to respond when someone says something hurtful or hateful.

He concluded by saying, "Students care about their education. They want to have a stronger voice in it and want to participate more actively in their decisions about education."

Interview results

Dean presented results of interviews with students from different grade levels and cultural backgrounds.

Responses to the question, "How would you describe Grosse Pointe as an overall community?" included "white and friendly," "small and secluded" and "an overall positive place."

The follow-up question, "Have you ever heard Grosse Pointe described as a bubble and, if so, what does that mean to you?" elicited "more controversial or heated descriptions of

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City of **Grosse Pointe**, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING VARIANCE REQUEST

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Public Act No. 110 of 2006 the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, as amended, and the Grosse Pointe City Code, that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, July 17, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Grosse Pointe Council Chambers at 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI. The Zoning Board of Appeals will consider the variance requests for the following property owner:

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South welcomes new assistant principals

The appointment of two new assistant principals at Grosse Pointe South High School was approved at the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting Monday, June 26.

Cindy Parravano has served as an interim assistant principal at South since February. She is an experienced teacher and school administrator who spent the majority of her career in Arizona in a variety of roles.

Joe Spryszak, also an experienced teacher and administrator, served as both an assistant principal and high school principal. Most recently he was the interim assistant principal at Seaholm High School in Birmingham.

The posted positions generated more than 180 applicants. A team of South teachers and administrators selected 22 applicants for screener interviews. Nine candidates were recommended for full interviews by a different team of teachers, parents, staff, students and administrators. Based on



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The Board of Education approved the appointment of Joe Spryszak and Cindy Parravano as new assistant principals at Grosse Pointe South beginning Aug. 1.

this committee's feedback, Superintendent Gary Niehaus interviewed final candidates and recommended Parravano and Spryszak for appointment.

According to a joint statement by Principal Moussa Hamka and Jon Dean, deputy superintendent of educational services, the South community valued Parravano's worth ethic and ability to connect with all stakeholders.

Moreover, the interview teams were impressed with Spryszak's experience and commitment to the success of all students.

Parravano and Spryszak, who assume formal duties Aug. 1, replace Stephen Wolf, who resigned to accept a position as principal in Oxford, and Terry Flint, who "resigned for the purposes of retirement," according to Dean.

— Mary Anne Brush

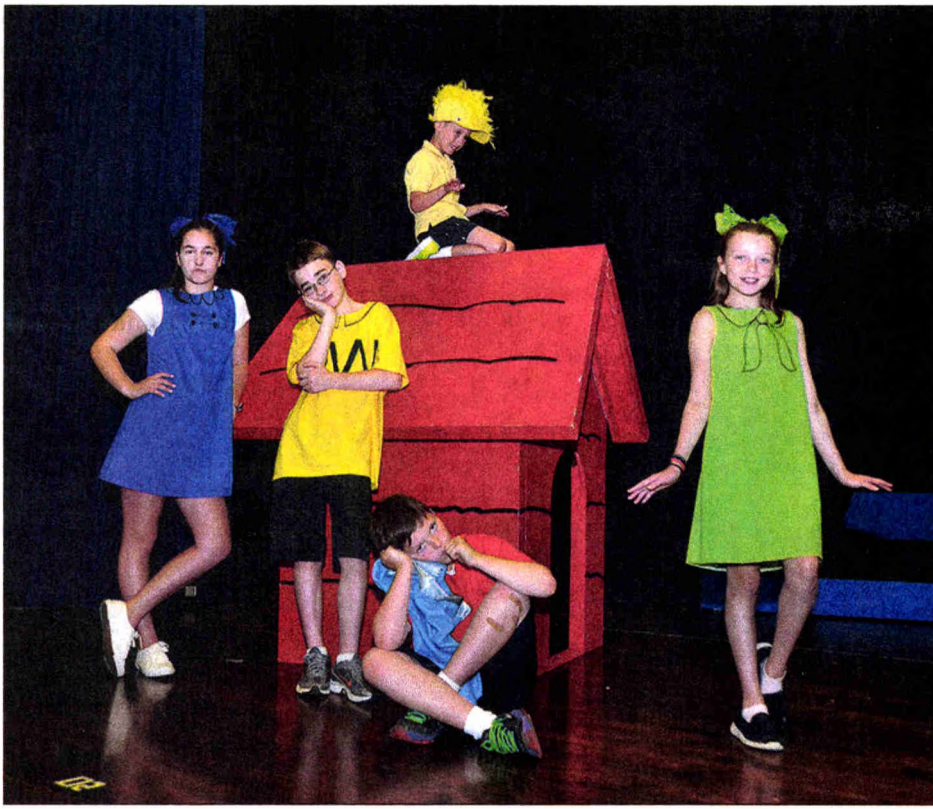


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Cast members of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," from left, Eliana Gross as Lucy; Kerrigan Dunham as Charlie Brown; Danny Gross as Linus; and Vivian Leech as Sally. Oscar DeLuca, on top of the doghouse, plays Woodstock.

'Peanuts' classic

Grosse Pointe Summer Music Theatre Camp presents "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Friday, June 30, in Brownell Middle School's auditorium. The musical is based on the comic strip "Peanuts" by Charles M. Schulz.

Tickets may be purchased at Posterity: A Gallery, 17005 Kercheval in the Village of Grosse Pointe or at the door. Adults are \$8 and students and senior citizens are \$6. Brownell is located at 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

School board approves budget 5-2

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education approved the 2017-18 budget in a 5-2 vote at the regular meeting Monday, June 26. By state law, the board must vote on a budget by June 30. The budget is available for public inspection at gpschools.org or during normal business hours at the central administration office, 389 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe.

Trustees Kathleen Abke, Judy Gafa, Christopher Profeta, Margaret Weertz and Brian Summerfield — the latter by speaker phone — voted yes, while trustees Ahmed Ismail and Cindy Pangborn gave the dissenting votes.

"This isn't a balanced budget," Pangborn said. "This is a budget that we added money to that was given to us from the Wayne RESA millage We have plugged a hole and I want to make sure we get started immediately in coming to a balanced budget using our own finances."

"I think this budget is the best we could get to right now," Profeta said. "We were able to balance the budget without cutting programs, without increasing class sizes We did it with the students first and I think that's something we should be proud of Using the enhancement millage allows us to slow things down and move through as thoughtfully as we have been for the last six months going forward."

"I don't think it's fair to say that all the problems we had still exist because we just cut \$2.3 million," said Abke. "The first thing we're going to do when we come back in July is to start looking at restructuring things to continue to cut. Yes, some of the problems are still there. But we have to turn in a budget to the state by June 30 and this is the best we could do We could not restructure the district in the time we had, because that's going

to take a lot more research, a lot more debate and discussion."

A summary

Highlights of the 2017-18 budget include:

- ◆ An increase of \$60 in the per-student foundation allowance from the state.

- ◆ A projected loss of 100 students, resulting in a decrease of \$992,000 in projected revenue from the state.

- ◆ The addition of \$220,000 from the state to offset the increase in retirement pension rates.

- ◆ The addition of \$268,000 in at-risk funding from the state.

According to Abbey, the at-risk funding is "a change in philosophy at the state level. In the past, hold harmless districts did not get at-risk funding. The state has begun to understand that even districts that are levying a little bit more than the state minimum also have students that have needs as well. While this isn't as much as some districts, it's a start and a foot in the door, so we're pleased to see that new categorical revenue."

Enhancements

To enhance revenue for next year, the BOE worked with administration to put together a program to increase club and athletic participation

fees, increase building use fees and adjust the provision of services for special education students to maximize use of county-wide funds for a total projected increase in revenue of \$401,000.

Expenditures

Projected expenditures for next year include the following budget assumptions:

- ◆ A change in retirement pension costs of about \$330,000.

- ◆ A one-time cost adjustment of \$150,000.

- ◆ Health care increases of approximately \$1 million, of which the district is responsible for \$800,000 and employees are responsible for \$200,000.

Reductions

The BOE recommended the following cost-saving measures:

- ◆ Reduce 11 full-time equivalent employees, primarily due to declining enrollment, for a savings of approximately \$1.1 million.

- ◆ Reduce secondary staffing for a savings of approximately \$425,000.

- ◆ Contract high school hall monitors for a projected savings of \$105,000.

- ◆ Reduce secretarial support and special education staffing for a savings of \$230,000.

- ◆ Reduce variable

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expenditures — supplies, services, substitute employee costs, transportation, repairs and maintenance — for a savings of approximately \$100,000.

Abbey defined variable expenditures as "everything that isn't salaries and benefits," adding, "87 percent of our budget is on what we do — teaching and supporting students. The other 13 percent comes back to those variable expenses ... all those other costs that are not direct compensation and employee benefits."

Budget amendment

According to Abbey, budget amendments are made throughout the budgeting process in accordance with the General Appropriations Act Amendment. An unexpected development resulted in the need for one last amendment before the budget could

be adopted.

"It was certainly our intent this evening that this would be the last time we would talk about the budget," Abbey said. "But unfortunately, we had some information at the end of last week regarding one of the property owners in the Grosse Pointe community. We found out that property owner had not paid taxes for three years."

According to Abbey, once a community member or property owner does not pay taxes at the March date, it goes into delinquency. After March 1, all delinquent taxes are paid to Wayne County, which becomes the entity responsible for collecting and distributing taxes to individual school districts, communities and municipalities. Typically Wayne County sells a large bond to make up for delinquent taxes.

"What we learned last

week is that approximately \$900,000 from this particular property tax owner had not been paid and Wayne County would not be providing that money to us," Abbey said.

Abbey recommended a reduction of \$900,000 in the general fund or operating budget, resulting in a reduction in the fund balance for 2016-17 by 1 percent as well as a reduction in the beginning fund balance.

Abbey added the decrease is a timing issue. "Should the taxpayer pay these taxes, sometime in the future we will collect that. Whether it's going to be 2017-18 or 2018-19, we will let the board know as we go forward. It's not a permanent loss, but it's definitely a timing issue and we do need to recog-

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 5, 2017

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held May 15, 2017 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held April 20, 2017 and the Planning Commission meeting held May 15, 2017 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held April 20, 2017 and the Planning Commission meeting held May 24, 2017.
- 2) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 111034 through 111138 in the amount of \$563,120.03 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Annotated Construction LLC in the amount of \$6,305.00 for the renovations and repair work at 19429 Kingsville as part of the CDBG rehab loan project. (3) By Resolution, approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$25,672.46 for professional services during the month of April 2017 for the following projects: SRF Open Cut Repairs, #180-119; 8 Mile Traffic Signal Upgrade, #180-179; 2016 Emergency Sanitary Sewer, #180-180; Littlestone Repair, #180-186; 20010 Kelly Rd. Building, #180-190 and the Housing Rehab Project, #180-178. (4) To approve the quote submitted by Cynergy Products in the amount of \$7,553.17 for the conversion of patrol vehicle #610 to a K-9 equipped vehicle.
- 2) Approve payment to Michigan Municipal League Worker's Compensation Fund in the amount of \$189,037.00 for workers' compensation insurance from July 1, 2017 through July 1, 2018 and further in that this is self insurance pooled funds, that competitive bidding be waived in accordance with City policy.
- 3) To approve Change Order No. 1 for the renovations at 20010 Kelly Road in the amount of \$7,425.00 to be performed by Dugan Construction.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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Grosse Pointe," Dean said, including, "Less of a bubble, more of a steel dome"; "Grosse Pointe is a closed society. I think of a literal bubble sealing everyone out"; "Isolated and ignorant" and "Many people who are born in Grosse Pointe stay in Grosse Pointe."

Responses to the question "Have you ever experienced, observed or heard about students saying hurtful or hateful things about others because of their race, religion or another group to which they belong?" included the following descriptions:

- ◆ "I cannot think of an incident where racial discrimination has happened."

- ◆ "Some students are brought up thinking they're superior to everyone else and they learn this from their parents."

- ◆ "They learn it not only from their parents, but also from community leaders."

Some respondents "described minorities in offensive ways," Dean said.

She concluded, "I think it is important to note that these are students saying these things and ... while some people don't really see discrimination, others do notice it whether they are being discriminated against or whether they are observing the discrimination. It is a problem that students are noticing in their school and their community."

Next steps

Roeske presented the goals of the study and next steps.

"The purpose of this fact-finding mission has been and will continue to be to propose educational policies that support the district's strategic plan of embracing diversity, equity and inclusion in

our schools and our curriculum," she said. "This of course is a very lofty goal and thus we have to continue working on this project to fully develop such curriculum changes and this committee, along with the U of M staff, will continue to work on this program and follow up on this."

Action steps of the program are to:

- ◆ Create a culturally competent, equitable and diverse educational curriculum integrated into all classes, specifically with a focus on lower education and early childhood development.

- ◆ Form a cross-cultural school exchange program focused on desegregation and experiential learning to bridge isolationist tendencies.

- ◆ Foster training for parents and community members through forums and presentations to provide consistency with what students are learning.

- ◆ Provide supporting policies to promote a dialog for educating staff.

"We can't really hope to do this without the support of our administration ... and this board," said Roeske. "We can't expect our teachers to do it all alone and we can't expect our students to just magically learn all these alone without the teachers' aid."

Students expect to continue their work next school year and over the summer, with 11 students from the committee attending a youth dialogs and intergroup relations training program at U of M. A full report will be presented at a later date.

"Our work is not complete," said Christian. "If anything, we feel we have just begun. We will give you all of our information soon. But we wanted to lift these students' voices, especially as they go off for the summer, and give you a little taste of what we've been up to."



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Pictured are GPA 2017-18 scholarship winners, front row from left, Gianna Decker, Jonah Gahm, Naya Azoury, Jack Kendall and Ava Said; back row, Head of School Tommy Adams, Assistant Head of School for Early School Education and Admissions Jennifer Kendall, Bode Neumeister, Jacob Tomlinson, Logan Merriweather and Assistant Head of School for Instruction Grades 1-8 Principal Lawrence DeLuca.

Academy awards scholarships

The Grosse Pointe Academy announced the recipients of special scholarships for the 2017-18 academic year. Scholarships were voted on by faculty members with the approval of the division director and head of school.

Jonah Gahm won the Camille DeMario Scholarship, awarded to a student moving from GPA's kindergarten to first grade based on academic achievement.

Gianna Decker won the Eleanor Wagner Brock Scholarship, awarded to an inquisitive

and friendly girl moving from GPA's kindergarten to first grade who is well liked by her classmates and teachers.

Naya Azoury and Jack Kendall received the Academy Scholars Award, a merit-based scholarship recognizing incoming sixth-grade students of outstanding potential based on academic record, teacher recommendations, standardized testing and a writing sample.

Recipients receive an annual scholarship renewable for all three of their middle school years.

Logan Merriweather won the Thelma Fox Murray Scholarship Award, honoring an upcoming eighth-grade girl who exhibits integrity, humility, a sense of humor, athletic achievement and academic excellence.

Bode Neumeister won the E. Maybelle Spicer, Clark Spicer and William I. Trader, Jean K. Kurtz Trader Scholarship Award honoring an upcoming eighth-grade boy who has demonstrated to his teachers and classmates success in academics and athletics with a strong

desire to excel.

Ava Said won the Brett Bentley Crawford Creative Writing Award, established to honor the memory of Brett Crawford, a 1997 graduate of GPA. This award is given to an upcoming eighth-grade girl who possesses the skill and passion for creative writing.

Jacob Tomlinson was awarded the Nowosielski-Lutz Scholarship given to an upcoming eighth-grade boy who excels academically and athletically and is an all-around good person.

— Mary Anne Brush

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nize it in 17-18."

The general fund budget was updated to reflect the fourth General Appropriations Act Amendment, with an anticipated ending fund balance for 2017-18 of \$7.9 million, or a 7.9 percent fund balance.

The property in question, according to an article in the June 22 issue of the Grosse Pointe News, is The Rivers, the 14-acre senior living development on Cook Road.

Richard Levin, who owns The Rivers through his company DRSN Real Estate GP LLC in Bingham Farms, said the tax issue is the result of his appealing assess-

ments of the property by Grosse Pointe Woods. The tax issue does not involve the privately-owned condominiums located on The Rivers campus.

Superintendent Gary Niehaus expressed disappointment the district did not receive more notice from the Wayne County treasurer.

"To not get that phone

call from the Wayne County treasurer was a little unnerving to me," he said. "Withholding \$1 million was a big deal to us. I want to make sure we're in the forefront of knowing those things when they happen."

The budget amendments were approved 5-2, with Ismail and Pangborn casting the opposing votes.



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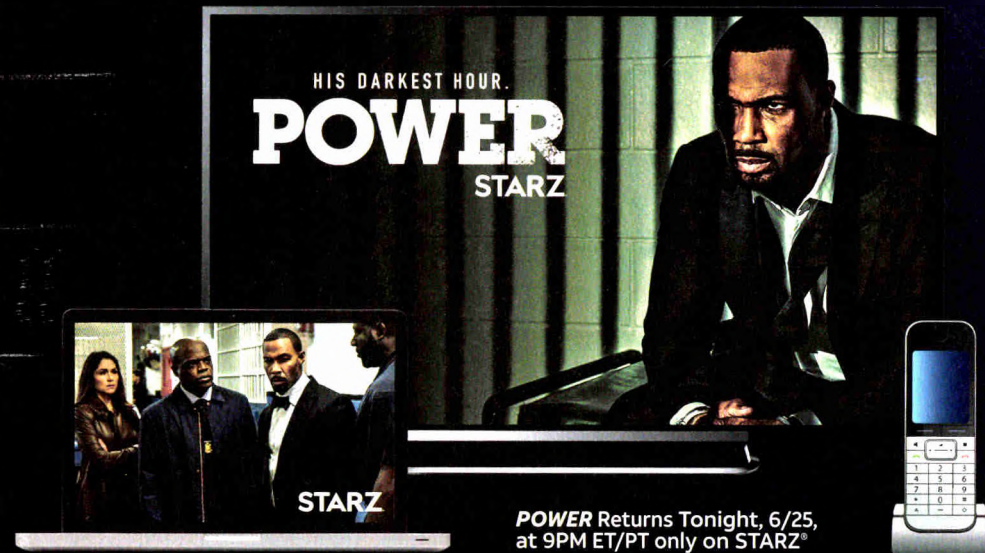
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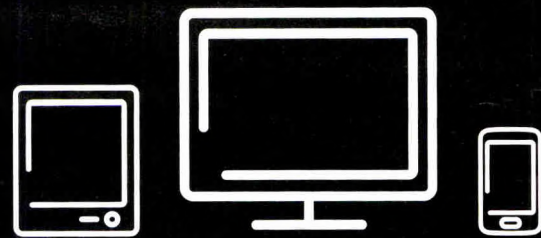
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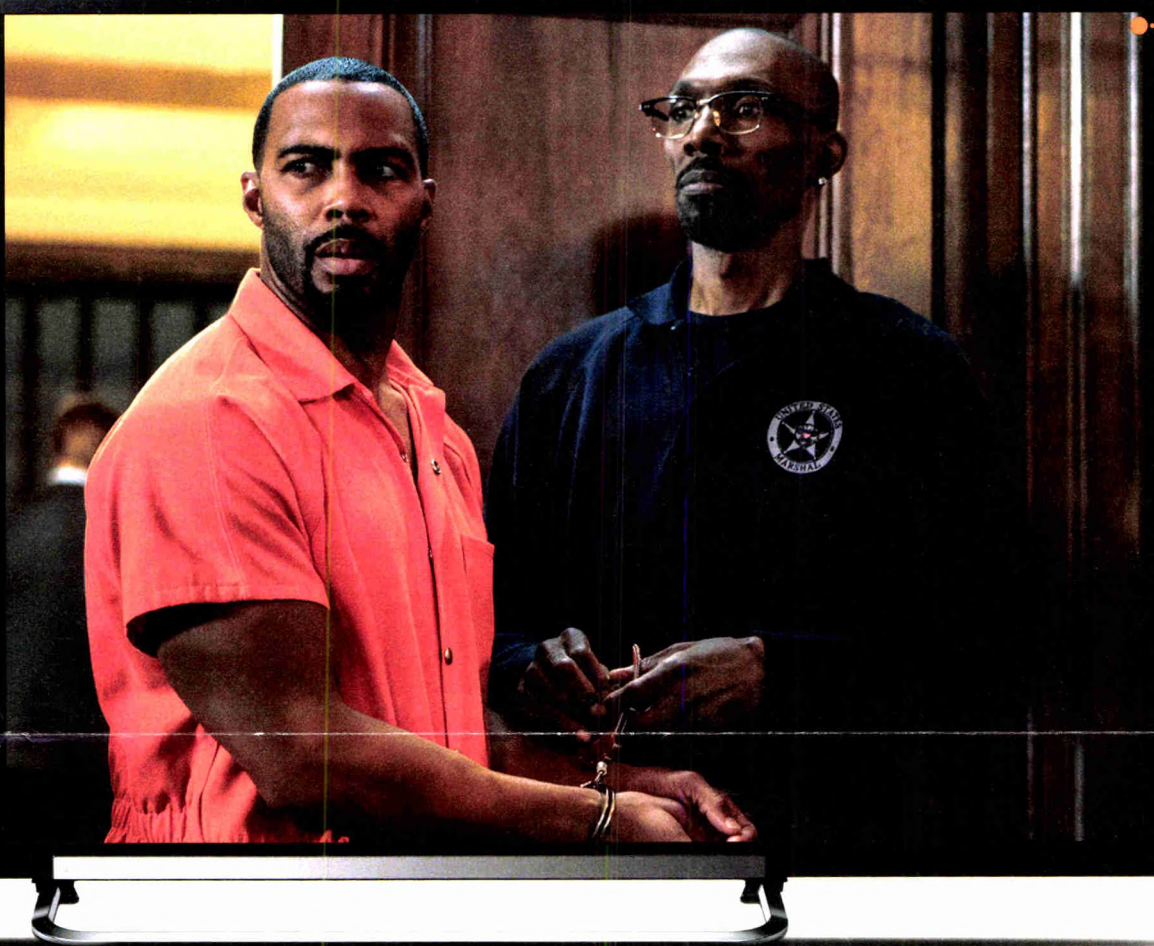
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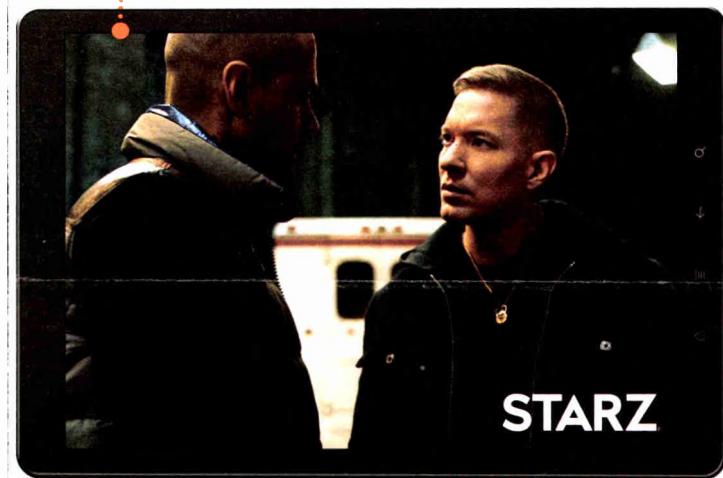
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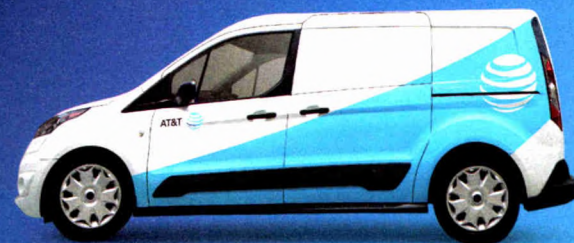
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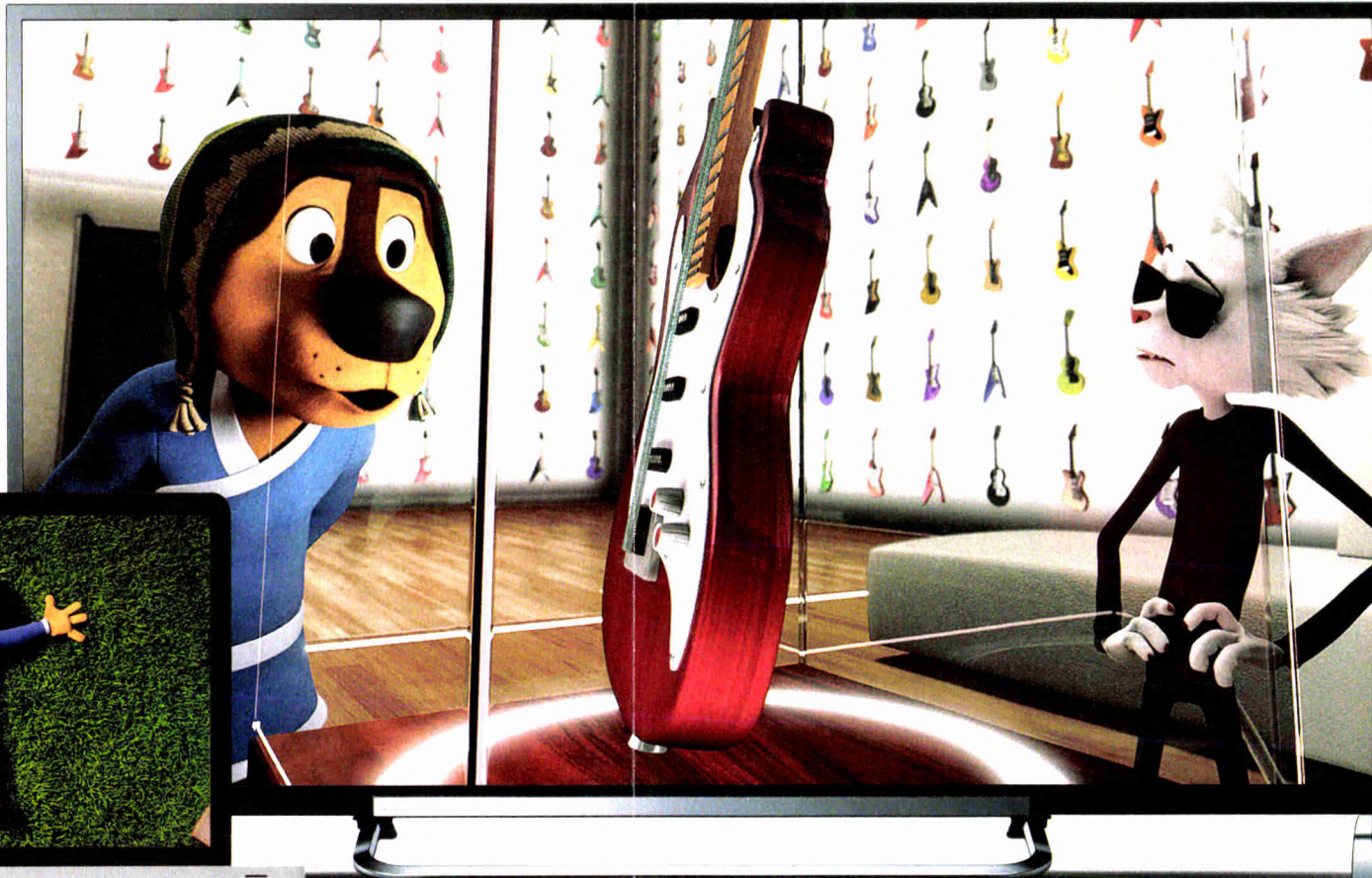
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