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Hunt Club sold

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The Grosse Pointe Hunt Club has been sold.

The new owners, Grosse Pointe Shores residents Gerald and Lynne Krueger, and members of the club's board signed the purchase agreement Thursday, Aug. 31. While the sale price was not disclosed, a caveat of the purchase was the Kruegers will continue to operate the 14-acre site as an equestrian complex for at least 15 years.

The 106-year-old landmark on Cook Road will now be known as the Grosse Pointe Equestrian Center and will be open to the public for horse boarding, training and riding lessons.

"The Hunt Club has a rich history in our community," Lynne Krueger said. "We are excited to share in this heritage and continue the riding tradition in Grosse Pointe."

An accomplished equestrian and dressage rider, Krueger said the equestrian center will maintain its hunter-jumper riding program, but will expand its dressage program. Plans call for the indoor tennis courts to be converted

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Welcome back!

First-grader Riley Slattery was escorted into Monteith Elementary School for her first day of school by her mom, Heidi, and dad, Ryan. "I have Mrs. Wang for my teacher," Slattery said. "I really like her. I'm excited for my first day."

Bashara case goes to appeals court

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

DETROIT — A hearing on former Grosse Pointe Park businessman Bob Bashara's request for a new trial in the January 2012 murder of his wife will be held Tuesday, Sept. 12, before a three-judge panel from the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Bashara's attorney, Ronald Ambrose, will present oral arguments as to why Bashara believes he had ineffective counsel in his 2014 trial that resulted in him being convicted of first-degree

murder and conspiracy to commit first-degree murder, along with five other charges. He is serving two terms of life in prison without parole. Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Jon Wojtala will present oral arguments on behalf of the Prosecutor's Office.

In May 2016, Circuit Court Judge Vonda Evans, who presided over Bashara's three-month trial, denied his request for a new trial based on his belief he had inadequate counsel from his court-appointed attorneys, Lillian Diallo and Michael McCarthy. Ambrose

filed a brief with the Court of Appeals in October 2016 and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office filed its response Dec. 20, 2016. Ambrose filed a reply brief Jan. 10, 2017.

Bashara was convicted December 2014 for the murder of his wife and for conspiring with Joseph Gentz, who had worked for Bashara as a handyman, to commit the murder. Gentz, who is serving time for second-degree murder in the case, said Bashara

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Gala slated

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Grab your boots, bolo ties and cowboy hats; the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation is going south for its annual gala fundraiser.

The party starts 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at the house of Penny and Craig Glidden, 15600 Windmill Pointe Drive.

"We are doing something totally different," Barb Detwiler, foundation treasurer and Park council member, said.

The Gliddens are recent transplants from Houston, so naturally a barbecue was in order.

The hosts are flying in That Country Band from Houston to play and special dance instructors will teach the Texas two-step. Red Crown will cater, offering authentic barbecue.

This year's gala benefits the new atrium project at the Tompkins Center.

"The atrium will be on the water side of the Tompkins Center," Detwiler said. "It will add square footage, lighten up the center and provide a beautiful year-round room with an amazing view of Lake St. Clair."

The atrium is the brainchild of Detwiler and Shery Cotton, foundation president. They were looking for a project that

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Events benefit St. John Providence

By Debra Kaszubski
 Special Writer

Two events likely to raise thousands of dollars for St. John Providence are just around the corner and the public is invited to attend.

The St. John Medical Staff/Guild Golf Outing takes place Wednesday, Sept. 13, at Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods. The 12th annual event includes golf, a live auc-

tion, raffle prizes, a steak or fish dinner and tournament trophies. Morning and afternoon start times are available. Cost is \$300 per person for golf or \$100 per person for dinner only.

The fourth annual "Run for a Reason" 5K run/walk and 1-mile fun walk is set for 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, taking off from the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788

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Reaching new heights

Team FMX members, including Terry Russell, above, jumped their bikes over a truck and performed stunts midair during Racing for Kids. Left, 2-year-old Charlie Donnelly sits in a race car and pretends to drive during Racing for Kids. For more photos, see page 3A.

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Come as you are

The Old Pony Martini Pub, 17008 Kercheval in the Village, has the motto, "Come as you are." The bar offers a compact, comfort bar menu and a full menu of martinis. For more information, call (313) 458-8807. The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon-cutting event at Old Pony featuring, from left, Jenny Boettcher, chamber president; Joel Carr; Christopher Lochan, kitchen manager; Lynette Andrea; Hisam Elawad, owner; City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrase; Linda Reid, chamber director of membership; Regan Stolarski, chamber bookkeeper; Tina Drescher; Melissa Winn and Alicia Janisch, chamber board member.

LWV, War Memorial host Barbara McQuade

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTES — Barbara McQuade, former U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan and a professor at the University of Michigan Law School, is the featured speaker at the League of Women Voters meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at The War Memorial. The public is invited.

McQuade was the first woman to serve as U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District. Appointed in 2010 by President Barack Obama, she served until March 2017. While serving as U.S. Attorney, McQuade oversaw the federal cases against former Detroit Mayor

Kwame Kilpatrick and the "Underwear Bomber." She also oversaw civil rights cases, corporate fraud and theft of trade secrets. McQuade also served as vice chair of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee and co-chaired its Terrorism and National Security Subcommittee.

She served as an assistant U.S. attorney in Detroit for 12 years and as a law clerk for U.S. District Judge Bernard A. Friedman, and practiced law at Butzel Long.

"We are joining with The War Memorial in hosting Ms. McQuade," said Tom Wells, president of the League of Women Voters. "We encourage everyone to attend, not only to welcome Barbara

McQuade to Grosse Pointe, but to also learn what they can about the league."

The league also announced it will host a forum for Grosse Pointe Farms mayoral candidates at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. The league is expected to finalize a forum date for candidates in the City of Grosse Pointe within the next week.

Wells encouraged residents to attend candidate forums, as well as become involved in the league.

"All politics start at a local level and local poli-

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Grosse Pointe Woods entrepreneur honored

As a business leader and involved citizen in Grosse Pointe Woods, Allstate exclusive agency owner Jeffery Torrice has been designated as an Allstate Premier Agency for 2017. The agency is located at 20968 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. The Allstate Premier Agency designation is bestowed

upon 26 percent of Allstate's nearly 10,000 agency owners across the country. The designation is awarded to agency owners who have demonstrated excellence in delivering an accessible, knowledgeable and personal customer experience while achieving outstanding business results.

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Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, and running along the Lake St. Clair shoreline. The 5K costs \$25 in advance, \$35 the day of. The 5K run/walk for ages 10 and younger is \$20 in advance, \$30 the day of; and the one-mile fun walk is \$15 in advance, \$20 at the event. There is special pricing for families or groups of four. Registration fees include a per-

formance T-shirt. Advanced registration is recommended as the event may sell out.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for both the golf outing and run/walk. For the golf outing, prices range from \$200 for a golf tee sign up to \$10,000 to sponsor the whole event. For the run/walk, sponsorship prices range from \$500 to \$5,000.

Proceeds for both events are donated to the St. John Guild, a nonprofit that raises money to assist St. John

Hospital & Medical Center patients by providing medical equipment, technology and services. Over the years the guild has raised more than \$15 million for the hospital, according to its website.

Edward Schervish M.D., is the chairman of the golf outing, while his wife, Rhonda Schervish, is chairwoman of the run.

"I started the golf outing years ago and my wife is an avid runner," Edward Schervish said. "She also

wanted to give back, so she thought it would be a great thing to do a Sunday morning run in the fall. There's nothing like running on a lake shore. We are looking forward to two nice events coming up."

Proceeds this year provide necessary professional development to help the nursing staff obtain Magnet Status, an award given by the American Nurses Credentialing Center for health care organizations that meet standards for

patient care, excellence and innovation in nursing practice.

"This is a nice addition to help the nurses advance their training," Schervish said. "For the community, (the events) are a great way to get together with the hospital staff in an informal setting while raising money."

For information on either event, including sponsorship opportunities, or to register, contact the guild at (313) 343-3674 or visit stjohnguild.org.

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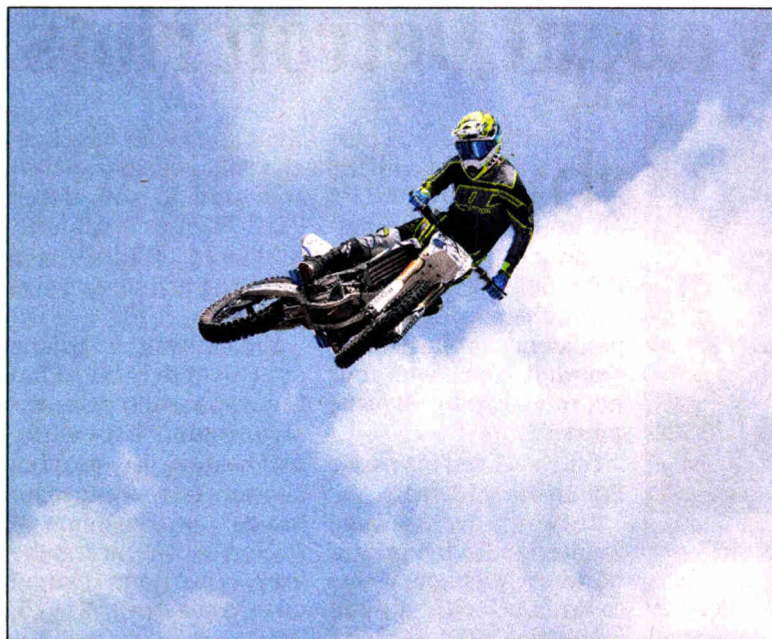


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Racing for Kids

Racing for Kids took place Aug. 30 on the Hill, Grosse Pointe Farms. The day included exhibits, giveaways, demonstrations and other attractions while raising money for the pediatric departments of local hospitals.



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Pictured clockwise from top left are Cody Elkins of Team FMX performing a stunt; Mariana Palileo and Ellie Tannian looking at photos of the pediatric wing at St. John Providence Children's Hospital; Chip Gillan, a pyrotechnic expert, firing up the Rat Rig, a propane-powered vehicle displayed during Racing for Kids; Sam Pietrowsky testing his driving skills on the race simulator.



Bus traffic still an issue in Park

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Traffic was the biggest issue at the Grosse Pointe Park city council meeting Monday, Aug. 28.

Detroit buses apparently still use Hampton behind the Park city hall, to turn around. Residents in the area raised concerns about bus traffic using the small side street months ago and are frustrated it is still an issue.

Dale Krajniak, Park city manager, said he has spoken with DDOT and Detroit city officials about the issue. According to Krajniak, they have been responsive to the Park's concerns and have worked to stop the bus traffic. However, it appears there are a few rogue drivers still using the street.

Krajniak has explored a few options, but the only one that appears viable is placing a 'No Commercial Vehicle' sign on Hampton. However, the Park would need the cooperation of the city of Detroit, as the sign would be on its property.

"Obviously this has turned out to be something we have to be relentless about," Mayor Robert Denner said.

A resident of Barrington raised concerns about the amount of traffic traveling down her street

because of Windmill Pointe Park. She claims drivers are making illegal left turns when exiting the park and the amount of cars has become a nuisance. She requested the council look into ways to mitigate the amount of traffic.

The council agreed to look into surveying neighbors on the block and perhaps running a traffic count to determine a plan of action.

In other notable news, the council:

◆ Approved applications for St. Ambrose's Oysterfest and Atwater Brewery's Octoberfest.

◆ Reappointed David Gaskin, whose term was set to expire, to the planning commission.

◆ Lauded Chad Craig, parks and recreation director, for the successful Kercheval After 6 events. The last one of the summer was Saturday, Aug. 26. Because of its success, two more concerts have been scheduled.

Friday, Sept. 15, at Market Square, at Kercheval and Wayburn, Teen Angels perform 7 to 11 p.m. The event features a variety of food vendors, beer and wine. Then, 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at Market Square, a salsa and Latin night is planned. From 7 to 8 p.m. Mambo Marci will give

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tics deserve our attention," he said. "Everything derives from the local level."

The league, Wells said,

encourages involvement in the political process, no matter the party affiliation.

"You don't have to run for office to be involved," Wells said, "but it is important to learn the process. And the best

place to learn that is at the local level and that is what the league is all about."

While the Sept. 21 meeting is considered the kick-off for the fall election season, Wells said the league welcomes

people to join any time of year.

"We're open for business 24/7," he said.

Information on McQuade's speech and other league programs is available at grossepointe.mi.lwvnet.org.

New case, new bond in tool theft saga

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

Martin Michael-Alan Fegley, handcuffed and wearing a green Wayne County Jail jumper, was close to tears as he was guided into the Grosse Pointe Shores courtroom Wednesday, Aug. 23.

Fegley, who, according to police, allegedly stole an estimated \$100,000 worth of tools from more than 100 people in the tri-county area, violated his \$20,000 bond and now faces new charges and a new criminal case. The previous charges of felony larceny, \$1,000 or more; felony larceny from a motor vehicle; felony receiving and concealing stolen property; misdemeanor receiving

and concealing stolen property; and felony forgery for possessing a stolen, false or counterfeit registration plate were dismissed.

During what was supposed to be a pre-trial conference for the old case, the St. Clair Shores man was charged with a more serious crime — one felony count of running a criminal enterprise, punishable up to 20 years in prison, \$100,000 or both; two felony counts for using a computer to commit a crime, one of which is punishable up to 20 years or life, the other 4 to 10 years; and eight felony counts of receiving and concealing stolen goods worth \$1,000 or more, each carrying five years imprisonment, a

\$10,000 fine or both.

Lt. Scott Rohr said the old case didn't fit the crimes committed.

"The additional charges were added ... because of the extensiveness of the crimes that took place," Rohr said. "It was very prolific and after identifying dozens of victims and still having a truckload of property left, the prosecutor and I had a couple of meetings and discussed that larceny of auto really doesn't fit and a simple receiving and concealing doesn't fit."

The truckload is a literal truckload. A shipping container sits behind the Grosse Pointe Shores public safety department filled with the tools Fegley allegedly stole.

A new \$100,000 cash surety bond was set after he was caught violating his first bond. Saturday, Aug. 12, Fegley was caught stealing items from a vehicle in Chesterfield Township. He also has a warrant out for his arrest in Royal Oak for similar criminal activity, according to Rohr.

"I thought I gave him a pretty reasonable bond before," Judge Matthew Rumora said. The judge saw Fegley as a threat to the public when setting the higher bond.

Fegley waived his right to a preliminary examination and was bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court where all future proceedings will take place.

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paid him to kill his wife and was with him when the murder took place.

Jane Bashara was murdered in the garage of her Middlesex home Jan.

24, 2012. Her body was found in the backseat of her car in an alley in Detroit. She had been strangled. In addition to two life sentences, Bashara is serving sentences on several other charges, including conspiracy to kill Gentz.

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would benefit the community when they found inspiration in Rochester.

"We went up to the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester and they have an amazing atrium made in Belgium," Detwiler said. "It's absolutely amazing. It will be great for the Tompkins Center. We have weddings there, we have graduations, we have retirement parties. It will add to the ambi-

ance of the Tompkins Center and allow it to be a better resource for the Park community."

Gala tickets are \$150. New this year, tickets are \$40 for those younger than age 40. For more information or to buy tickets, call Kathy Wilmer at Park city hall at (313) 822-4379.

"I'm most looking forward to seeing all the friends and neighbors in a different type of venue," Detwiler said, "with a country western band and a lot of dancing."

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MONDAY, SEPT. 11

◆ Grosse Pointe Farms city council meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers, 90 Kerby.
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods city council meeting, 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack.


WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13

◆ Grosse Pointe Park Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m. at 14920 Windmill Pointe Dr.



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Pointer produces documentary about Detroit riots

Screening is Sept. 19 at War Memorial

By Debra Kaszubski
Special Writer

At 47, Kathy Kieliszewski isn't old enough to have experienced the July 1967 riots that unfolded on the streets of Detroit. That doesn't mean she isn't well versed in what happened; she may know more about the event than people who were there.

The Grosse Pointe Park resident produced the film "12th and Clairmount," which chronicles the riot. The documentary, named after the location in which the riots unfolded, used more than 400 reels of donated home movies from the era, unearthed and archival footage,

drawn illustrations and newly recorded oral histories to tell the story of the July 23 to 28, 1967 event.

"12th and Clairmount" takes a unique and immersive approach to telling the story by building the film almost entirely from that treasure trove of footage," Kieliszewski said. "No talking heads or freshly shot material are used in the film. The effect is to transport the audience back to the '60s-era Detroit — particularly that tumultuous week in the summer of '67 — while acknowledging the U.S.'s broader social events."

She hopes viewers of the film — particularly younger people who

didn't experience the riots — see the connections between past and present when it comes to race relations and the difficulty between police and the communities they serve.

"In the last line of the film, Walter Reuther says, 'There is little we can do about yesterday. But there is much we can do about tomorrow.' We ended the film that way with the hope people will take what they learned and look at how we've evolved — or not — when it comes to some of these issues," she said.

Kieliszewski works as photo and video director at the Detroit Free Press and has produced feature-length and short documentaries more than



Kathy Kieliszewski

10 years. She recently worked as producer and writer on "Packard, The Last Shift," about the Packard Plant; "Accidental Activist," a film about the fight for marriage equality and "Predator/Prey, The Fight for Isle Royale's Wolves," a documentary looking at the symbiotic relationship between moose and wolves on Isle Royale.

The filmmaker currently is working with the Arizona Republic and other USA Today network newspapers on a documentary about life along the border and the president's proposed border wall. She's won four national Emmy Awards for her work.

She has lived in Grosse Pointe Park 13 years.

"Living in Grosse Pointe is like living in a northern Michigan resort town, but with all the amenities of a big city right next door," she said. "I love living near the water, the tree-lined streets and the walkable downtown districts."

Kieliszewski and her husband, Brian Widdis, have two sons, Evan, 17, and Owen, 15. She enjoys watching documentary films, hiking, cooking and baking. She said

she's known for her chocolate chip cookies, which she used to sell at the Park Farmer's Market. She and Widdis are restoring a vintage travel trailer.

Kieliszewski is artistic director of the Freep Film Festival, an all-documentary event especially interested in movies likely to have strong resonance with residents of Michigan, Detroit and the area. The next festival takes place April 12 to 15, 2018.

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a free screening of "12th and Clairmount" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A cash bar is available. Register online at gp.lib.mi.us, or call (313) 343-2072 or (313) 821-8830.

Helping hands

An all-day lemonade stand Aug. 31, on Lothrop in the Farms, helped raise \$1,671.50 for Hurricane Harvey victims. With matching funds from WeWork, the kids donated \$3,343 to the American Red Cross. Pictured from left are Anna Trempus; Abigail Pongratz; customer Michael Hartnett; Ashton Zimmerman and Ciara Pongratz, handing lemonade to customer, Griffin Brooks.



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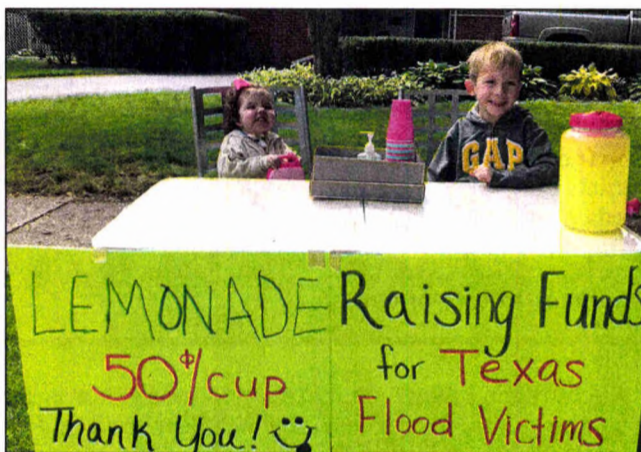


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Siblings Louisa and Sam Pietrowsky wanted to help the flood victims of Hurricane Harvey, so they set up a lemonade stand at their grandparents' house in the 600 block of Hawthorne, Grosse Pointe Woods, on Labor Day. They raised a total of \$100 and decided to send the money to Hurricane Harvey Children's Relief Fund.

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into an indoor dressage arena with custom footings, with additional renovations of the tennis house to include tack rooms, storage facilities and viewing areas.

The existing, nearly century-old indoor riding arena will be outfitted

with new lighting and remain the indoor arena for the hunter-jumper lesson programs.

In addition to a name change, plans call for the outdoor tennis courts and pool area to be converted into paddock space and outdoor riding arenas. New fencing will be installed throughout the property.

According to the project manager, Chad Krueger, the privacy fences that border the old tennis courts and pool area will be removed and replaced with traditional open-rail fencing, allowing views of the new paddock and riding areas from Cook Road. Renovations will begin within the next few

weeks.

Highly regarded dressage coach Jesse Collins, Friesian Horse Association of North America FEI high point champion, will oversee operations and the dressage program. Greg and Jessica Crolick will remain as hunter-jumper trainers, along with trainers Karen Negendank and Tim Sullivan.

Horse boarding and lessons in both disciplines will be offered to the public, along with clinics and competitions. The center also will continue to work with the Foxheads Foundation, a therapeutic riding program for children with special needs. For information on riding lessons or horse boarding, call (313) 884-9090.

Founded in 1911 by riding enthusiasts George Lothrop, Capt. Burns Henry, Elliott S. Nichols, Col. Fred Alger and Wesson Seyburn, the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club

originally encompassed polo fields and paddocks along a dirt road that also was home to a cattle barn. It also owned land in Metamora where members fox hunted. As the city of Grosse Pointe Woods expanded, the GPHC sold off land to developers, downsizing to its current 14 acres.

While still focusing on equestrian sports, the club began catering to families, offering a dining room, a swimming pool with a summer swim team that competed in the Michigan Inter Club Swimming Association and a tennis program, offering both indoor and outdoor courts.

It sponsored several large horse shows each summer, drawing horses and riders from several states. In 2011, it hosted the MICA swim team finals, drawing 3,000 people a day to the club grounds.

But it also saw its share

of hard times and was affected harder than most private clubs by downturns in the local economy. A fire in 2001 destroyed the main barn and killed 19 horses.

Financial problems plagued the club and, in recent years, members offered financial assistance by supporting a bond offering and through donations of services and supplies. In the end, board members acknowledged it was a business model that could not be sustained.

Mayor Robert Novitke said he is pleased the familiar barn and horses will remain in the Woods.

"The horses have been a long tradition along Cook Road and I am happy to know that this unique facility will still be a part of our city," Novitke said. "When you think that it has been there for over 100 years, it's nice to know the tradition will continue."

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Mardi Gras

A Louisiana man was pulled over and cited for operating while intoxicated around 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3.

An officer noticed a vehicle swerving slightly on Jefferson near Cadieux. When the officer initiated a stop, the vehicle failed to pull over immediately and eventually stopped near Warner. The officer noticed an odor of intoxicants and administered a field sobriety test, which the driver failed. He blew a .112 percent blood alcohol content and was arrested and cited for OWI as well as having open intoxicants in the vehicle.

No soup for you

Two men were arrested for attempting to buy food with a stolen credit card. At approximately 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, a woman called Panera in the Village to report her card had been used for an online order she did not place. The order was for 26 bowls of soup and an assortment of cookies and soft drinks. The staff at Panera stalled the two men who came to pick up the order long enough they became frustrated and left. Officers found the men down the street at Jersey Mike's, attempting again to buy food with the stolen card.

When arrested, they both claimed they were picking up food for their children's football team. They said a team mom named "Jessica" had sent them to get the food after she placed the order online. However, after questioning the girlfriend of one of the suspects, it was revealed there was no person named Jessica

Public Safety Reports

affiliated with the team.

Dr. Evil

A medical laser was stolen off a porch in the 600 block of Neff sometime between 9:30 and 10:20 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1. A man dropped off the laser on the porch, but the woman who was supposed to receive it said it wasn't there. There is no suspect at this time, but the man who reported it stolen stated the victim has a doorbell with a camera and might have video of the perpetrator.

Organic
maliciousness

A man reported malicious destruction of property in the Village at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1. He said he parked in a handicap spot in the parking structure behind Trader Joe's. When he returned to his vehicle after shopping in the grocery store, he noticed two Xs keyed into the tailgate of his car.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Fourth of July
in September

A garage fire broke out in the 100 block of Vernier around midnight Monday, Sept. 4. The garage, its contents and two vehicles were deemed a total loss. Investigators determined the fire started near a plastic garbage can in the garage. It was discovered the son of the homeowner was lighting off

fireworks earlier in the evening. The son stated he had placed the spent fireworks on the cement near a plastic garbage can in the garage, but had ensured they were extinguished. Cigarette butts also were found close to the source of ignition and while they cannot be ruled out as the cause, investigators determined careless disposal of fireworks was the culprit.

Family fun

An Eastpointe woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated and driving with a suspended license around 1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2. She was stopped on Lakeshore at Briarcliff for an expired license. When officers approached the vehicle they noticed an odor of alcohol and conducted a field sobriety test, which resulted in a .139 percent blood alcohol content. She was arrested and her two kids, who were in the car, were transported by officers to their Eastpointe home.

Bummer, dude

At 2:40 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, two juveniles were instructed to take down their hammock. The two strung up a hammock on Lakeshore at Shoreham, but soon after officers informed them hanging hammocks was not allowed on city trees along Lakeshore. They complied without incident.

DWLS

A Sterling Heights man was arrested for driving with a suspended license

around 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31. He was pulled over because his trailer did not have a license plate. The man stated it had been stolen at the job site earlier in the day. However, he was unable to produce a valid license and was arrested.

Lookout for
mutant turtles

A sewer lid was reported displaced in the southbound lane of Lakeshore near Webber around 9:45 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 31. It was replaced without incident.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Tequila taken

Police responded to a report of a theft from Village Market on Mack at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3. According to police, two males entered the store using a back door while a third male waited behind the store in a "beat up" Ford Focus. The two went directly to the liquor aisle, grabbed three bottles of Patron Tequila, valued at \$54 each, and when they discovered an employee had closed the back door, fled through the front door. According to the market's owner, they were the same individuals who

stole four bottles of liquor Wednesday, Aug. 30.

OWI

A 54-year-old Farms resident was taken into custody at 8:10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, and charged with operating while intoxicated after he attempted to enter the parking structure on the Hill through the exit gate. He also drove the wrong way down the one-way alley. An open bottle of vodka was found on the floor of the car. A Breathalyzer revealed a blood alcohol count of .12.

Suspicious
circumstances

Police were called to the former Golden Dragon restaurant on Mack at 4:40 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28, on the report of a broken window in a side door. Police found a window pane broken, but it did not appear entry was made. Police entered the building, but nothing appeared amiss. Fingerprints were found around the window.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Eggs thrown

Police were called to the intersection of Prestwick and Craig at 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3,

on the report of someone throwing eggs at a car. Police spoke with the driver and passenger, who was hit by eggs thrown through an open window. No injuries were reported.

Catalytic
converter taken

A catalytic converter was removed from a 2000 Honda parked overnight Saturday, Sept. 2, in the 2100 block of Hawthorne. A neighbor told police he heard a loud noise around 5 a.m. and when he looked out, he saw a dark car parked the wrong way across from the stripped car. Police remind residents to call police whenever they see something suspicious.

Bike thefts

A bike was taken around 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, from a driveway in the 800 block of Blairmoor Court.

A bike was taken overnight Saturday, Sept. 2, from a garage in the 1900 block of Lennon.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

All quiet

No reports were provided by Park Public Safety.

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

Help for hurricane victims

Menchie's, 341 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts a fundraiser to raise money to aid people affected by Hurricane Harvey. This Saturday, Sept. 9, Menchie's will donate 10 percent of its sales to The American Red Cross.

Menchie's is located inside Subway. Saturday hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

For more information, visit menchies.com.

Also, during September, all proceeds from the purchase of "Smile Fitness," by Mary Sue Stonisch D.D.S., and Faircourt Dental's teeth whitening will aid victims of Hurricane Harvey. To purchase a copy of the book or book a whitening appointment, call (313) 882-2000.

BUS:

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beginner salsa dance lessons to warm everyone up. Los Gatos performs at 8 p.m. and a DJ plays a variety of music in between sets. Again, food and drink will be available.

"After 6 has been incredibly well received," said Councilwoman Barbara Detwiler. "Chad Craig should be com-

mended. I have only heard wonderful, wonderful comments from people as to how much fun they've had at Kercheval After 6."



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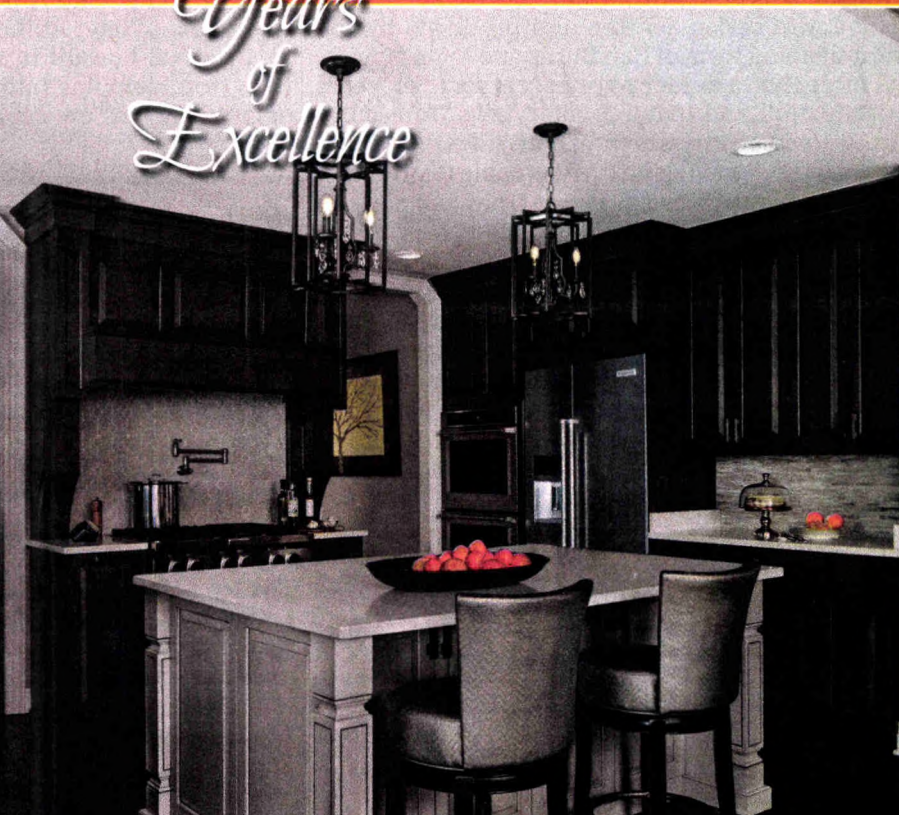
Joe Ricci, who is semi-retired, has served on the current city council for the past 5 years. He is still a fresh face and lends a new perspective, plus is willing to tackle all the issues. The long-time Grosse Pointer has lived in the Farms for more than 30 years and enjoys time with his sons and their families, all of whom also live in the community.

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OUR VIEW

When it rains ...
basements flood

Last week, Grosse Pointe Park was inundated with its second 100-year-plus storm within 11 months. While our woes are a drop in the bucket compared to what unfolded in Houston, if it is your basement that has flooded, it's a disaster.

Monday night, Aug. 28, some 3.6 inches of rain fell in just a few hours (2.5 inches in one hour), followed by 2.6 inches Tuesday — 6.2 inches in 12 hours, which NOAA qualifies as a 200-year storm. City Manager Dale Krajniak called it "unprecedented." Some 25 homes reported flooded basements.

The City, Farms and Shores all reported some basement flooding, though their rainfall was much

OUR VIEW

Burns, Novick
Vietnam series

The upcoming 10-part documentary entitled "The Vietnam War" was previewed Aug. 23, at The War Memorial before more than 200 veterans, their families and guests. If the preview's enthusiastic acceptance here is any indication of the films' audience appeal, it should be a series well worth watching.

The first installment will air Sunday, Sept. 17, on Detroit Public Television, which provided the free hour-long preview co-sponsored by The War Memorial. Nolan Finley, editorial page editor of the The Detroit News, served as moderator for a post-preview panel that discussed the film and its personal and historical relevance and importance.

The panel was composed of Michigan National Guard Brig. Gen. Michael A. Stone, who served deployments in Afghanistan and Iraq, and three representatives of veterans groups from southeast Michigan.

The entire series, written and produced by the award-winning team of Ken Burns and Lynn Novick, took more than a decade to research, some six years in production and features interviews from more than 100 living witnesses from both sides of the conflict, including graying North Vietnamese veterans.

The 60-minute preview, culled from key parts of 18 hours of narratives, film clips and videos, offers a fairly balanced but often gruesome and graphic recounting of the many long years of U.S. involvement in the Southeast Asian conflict. The film's vignettes features clips of scenes as familiar as John Kennedy's role in the outset and the humiliating evacuation of the U.S. Embassy in Saigon in 1975 to the grim anti-war rioting at Kent State and the brutal napalm burning of a young air raid victim.

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Grosse Pointe Woods resident Mary Zeock snapped this photo of a rose of Sharon blossom after a recent rain shower. The shrub is located in her backyard. "I love taking photos of flowers," she said. "The glistening rain drops seem to make the blossom even more beautiful."

PHOTO BY MARY ZEOCK

less. Isolated homes experiencing flooding generally find roots within the lines and connected or not extended downspouts.

Less than a year ago, an estimated 250 to 300 basements flooded in the Park during a similar deluge Sept. 29, 2016. Two 100-year-plus storms in less than a year.

The rub is that the Park — i.e., taxpayers — spent \$21 million 1999 to 2002 to separate its combined sanitary and stormwater system, the idea being stormwater runoff would be channeled directly to the lake and not overburden the sanitary system. Obviously, that was not enough to prevent basement flooding, and more than 100 homeowners joined a class action suit following last year's incident, claiming the city had not done enough to prevent basement flooding.

The City and Farms also are embroiled in litigation due to basement backups — the City from an event in August last year, the Farms from September 2011. Both basement flooding events were due to power failure at pump stations. The Farms case went to the Michigan Court of Appeals where it was upheld. The plaintiffs currently are in settlement negotiations with the city.

Clearly, too much rainwater is infiltrating the Park's sanitary system. Last year's storm caused sewage water in the Park's pump station to rise to the third level and flood the transformers, causing the pumps to shut down. It was the first time the pump station had flooded since it was built in 1938. The new transformers were mounted higher.

While the transformers and pumps weren't knocked offline this time around, the Park is limited on how many gallons per hour it can pump to the Great Lakes Water Authority for treatment. And due to a federal lawsuit in the mid-1990s barring the Park from dumping into Fox Creek, the city has no emergency outflow capability. Consequently, resi-

dents' basements become temporary holding tanks.

Not all basement flooding is due to sewer backups. Some are caused by collapsed or tree-root clogged sewer lines, nonworking sump pumps, poor water drainage away from houses and downspouts without sufficient extensions to keep water away from foundations.

With 100-year-plus storms increasing in frequency and municipalities' limitations, it seems basement flooding is always a possibility. What's a homeowner to do? A rider on your homeowner's insurance may cover some damages due to basement flooding, but wouldn't it be better to prevent the mess altogether?

A working sump pump and proper grading and sufficient downspout extensions to direct water away from the home are good first steps, as is a review of backyard drainage. Parjana Distribution of Detroit offers a system that disperses standing water. Foundation waterproofing is another good idea, albeit expensive.

A relatively inexpensive remedy is a backwater valve. It closes when water/sewage backs up to the house, preventing it from coming up through basement drains, showers and toilets. It must be installed by a knowledgeable, licensed plumber. It also is recommended that the weeping tile drainage system around the base of the foundation be disconnected from the sanitary sewer line and a sump pump installed.

Lastly, another good idea is to have a backflow alarm that alerts the homeowner that the backwater valve is closed and to not flush toilets or otherwise cause your own water use to flood the basement.

These suggestions are not meant to absolve municipalities of responsibility or culpability when warranted. But, to paraphrase Benjamin Franklin, an ounce of prevention is worth the possible elimination of gallons of grief.

In good hands

To the Editor:

I want to begin this letter by thanking the Liggett family for their service to this community for the past 10 years. I appreciate their efforts in sustaining our local paper, with perseverance, in a difficult era for print journalism. We are grateful for their wisdom and sensitivity in their choice of John and Terry Minnis to carry on the tradition of the Grosse Pointe News. The news of the recent purchase and ownership of the paper, in existence for over 75 years, was well received by our family. John and Terry have illustrated their dedication and commitment to this community with well-documented success. John's reputation as a caring and professional journalist was invaluable to the Grosse Pointe News for over 19 years.

With Terry, as both life and business partner, the Minnises have treated this area with gifts of quality local publications, with their successful magazine, Grosse Pointe Magazine, and others focusing on surrounding communities. The new owners'

involvement with several local organizations has kept them current, providing hands-on knowledge of the pulse of this community.

In the capable hands of John and Terry, I am confident the Grosse Pointe News will continue its legacy of being informative, intelligent and responsible.

With my blessings,
**LAUREN EDGAR
CHAPMAN**
Grosse Pointe Farms

Thankful
and humbled

To the Editor:

I was hoping to write individual thank-yous to all who participated in the wonderful project to improve our home, but because of a medical problem affecting my right hand I am not able to do that at present, so am using this means of communication.

How does one begin to say thanks for such blessings? First of all for the initial and ongoing efforts of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Sgt. Mike Almeranti, officers Greg Burks and Dan Eckert, and Sean Lane of Clean Up Clear Out.

Then the many businesses who supplied

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LETTERS

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Candidacy
devalued

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe News in its Aug. 24 editorial page chose to devalue, by insinuation, the candidacy of the Democratic winner of the District 1 State Representative primary election, Tenisha Yancey. On the other hand, Ms. Yancey received many endorsements for the primary election, including those of Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, Wayne County Executive Warren Evans, Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon and Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan.

These endorsements came because of Ms. Yancey's strong qualifications for the office of state representative. Ms.

Yancey has a juris doctorate from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and is a licensed practicing attorney. She is a member of the State Bar of Michigan. She is a former Wayne County assistant prosecutor. Ms. Yancey also is an elected member of the Harper Woods school board. She already has served her community and would well represent our district in Lansing.

The Grosse Pointe News showed its usual biases, both political and otherwise, with its editorial comment. Just when we thought new ownership might be more respectful and open minded.

**JOHN AND DEANNA
STEPHENS**
Grosse Pointe Shores

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I SAY By Mary Anne Brush

The blessing of a long, happy life



Hindu attire and having henna applied during Mehndi night to participating in a family dance choreographed to Pharrell Williams' "Happy."

My niece is getting married at the end of the month. It promises to be a grand affair: a blending of cultures with the central events a Christian marriage ceremony and luncheon followed by a Baraat — the groom's wedding procession — and Hindu marriage ceremony and reception. My family members and I are excited to take part in the festivities, from donning

My sister — the mother of the bride — has asked me to speak at the luncheon. I'm honored, though a bit daunted, by the request. As I reflect on what to say — what advice I can impart to these 20-somethings, each embarked on an illustrious career in the medical field — I find myself calling on my usual Muse: my father. He always had the right words for every occasion, usually in the form of a poem.

I have no such poem to

offer the bride and groom, but I can share what I learned from my father on five essential themes: love, happiness, marriage, parenthood and life.

I will begin with love. My father wrote a poem about love, even though he insisted it was about snow. In part, it reads: "So this is how / it comes, / no thunder, wind, / or windstorm's / violence to rend / our lower nature, / only a presence Without event / the miracle is here."

I could write volumes on what my father taught me about happiness. Mainly it wasn't what he said; it was how he lived, enjoying and appreciat-

ing life's rituals and traditions — even the most mundane. But here's an anecdote. My family was about to move to Grosse Pointe to embark on a new chapter in our lives. While talking with my father on the phone, I told him I didn't want to leave because I loved our life in Baltimore. "If you're happy where you are, you'll be happy where you're going," he said. I'm confident my niece and future nephew-in-law, too, will take their happiness with them wherever life leads them.

On marriage. My mother once told me that early in her marriage, she felt trapped. Her world, she feared, had narrowed to this one

man. She shared her feelings with my father. His response? Why, he said, I rather looked at it that my world had doubled. Knowing this young couple's two families, I believe this will be the case with them. Their lives combined will make for a more whole, more complete world — what my father meant in his poem, "Half," written for my mother: "the whole we were not till / the halves so met in us / made one, one love, one life."

Next, I suspect, comes parenthood. While my father was not one to impart parenting advice, he lived by one essential mantra: to be present. When we were fixing up

our family home after our parents were gone, we had difficulty closing the double doors in my father's study due to rusty, unused hinges. That's because over nearly 60 years, he rarely closed them.

And finally, on life. Shortly before my father died, my sister had the presence of mind to ask him what was the secret to a long and happy life.

"Marg," he said, "I'll tell you. Two words. Routine and destination."

I think I will close my toast with these words and the sincere wish my niece and her new husband begin their marriage with the blessing and promise of such a life.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1942

75 years ago this week

◆ **GAS RATIONING:** Signs show that gas rationing is coming soon. Executives in charge of the various area rationing offices do not have definite knowledge of such a move, but believe it is coming shortly.

◆ **PITIFUL SEND-OFF:** Fifty people in Grosse Pointe don't have to read this. Thirty-four thousand nine hundred and fifty should!

The hearts of 13 Grosse Pointers, now soldiers, must have been heavy Monday morning when they embarked for Camp Custer. They were the forgotten squad — except for a few friends, police and firemen from the five Pointes.

This was the eighth send-off parade since the war started. The first attracted a throng of more than 3,000 people. Subsequent send-offs have been attended by a smaller and smaller

crowd.

1967

50 years ago this week

◆ **GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS OPENING:** Grosse Pointe has been spared the turmoil and uncertainty currently plaguing many school districts in the Detroit area. The Board of Education concluded its contract with the Grosse Pointe Board of Education.

A beginning salary of \$6,100 has been adopted for 1967-68 for teachers with a bachelor's degree and no formal teaching experience. Teachers with a master's degree begin at \$6,710, and after 12 years of successful teaching experience, earn \$11,438. The pay range for teachers possessing a doctorate degree is \$7,625 to \$12,353 in a 13-step schedule.

◆ **OWNERS OF SAILBOAT SOUGHT:** Shores police are looking for the owner of, or

any information pertaining to, a sailboat found, with no one aboard, near the shipping channel in Lake St. Clair. The craft was towed and beached at Osius Park.

1992

25 years ago this week

◆ **WATER TEST RESULTS:** The Grosse Pointes, like communities nationwide, are in the process of conducting federally mandated tests for lead and copper in their drinking water.

Grosse Pointe Woods, Park and Shores passed their first round of tests and must conduct at least one more round.

Grosse Pointe Farms and City are in the process of completing their first round results.

◆ **BATTERED BEEF CASE SOLVED:** A 35-year-old Detroit man was arrested by Grosse Pointe Shores police on several charges, including stealing ground beef from the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The suspect, a cook at the yacht club, was pulled over by police for having a cracked windshield. He also had an expired license plate. Officers noticed a duffel bag on the front passenger seat with cod, not frozen, ground beef wrapped in paper.

The yacht club manager and head chef took the ground beef back to the club and compared it with other ground beef there. The samples matched — both had been mashed through a grinder and were improperly ground.

2007

10 years ago this week

◆ **COOK'S CUPOLA BELL READY:** It is somewhat poignant the cupola of the Cook Schoolhouse is back in place with local schools opening this week.

When Grosse Pointe Woods employees began inspecting the building a few months ago, several areas needed work, including the cupola. Matt Crook, a Woods resident and city

employee, built a new cupola. He measured every last detail of the old cupola, building the new one to the exact dimensions of the original.

◆ **RACING FOR KIDS:** Local IndyCar driver Robbie Buhl, along with driver Sarah Fisher, helped raise funds for Racing for Kids. During The Hill Association event, classic and dream cars lined Kercheval, while bands played, food served, faces painted and games played.

— Karen Fontanive

LETTERS: Special blessings

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major and small appliances and products, carpeting, painting, landscaping, workers, etc., even refreshments for volunteers. Also to individuals who donated money and gift cards.

We are truly thankful and humbled by this experience. Every day as we move about the house, we see the hand of God through all these participants' work and results.

Special blessings are wished for everyone involved. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Following is a list of those known to us:

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DOROTHY AND KRIS HOWETT
Detroit

Thank you

To the Editor:

My sincere thanks and gratitude to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Director John Kosanke, his staff and police chaplain. Also to city attorney Chip Berschback and his staff

for their kindness to me in a time of need. They were always ready to listen and help.

Thanks for all your help. I know the Grosse Pointe News will once again be the very best, just as the magazine is.

AUDREY LAWRIE
Grosse Pointe Woods



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Jennifer Palms Boettcher

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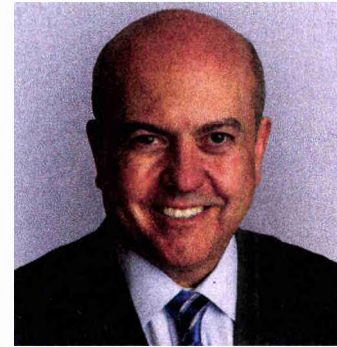
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Stagedoor opens doors for South senior

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Stagedoor Manor has welcomed through its doors famous alumni like Natalie Portman, Zach Braff and Robert Downey Jr. This summer Jackson Wujek, a senior at Grosse Pointe South High School, enrolled in the camp to see what doors it could open for him.

The theatrical training camp offers a total theater immersion experience, preparing performers ages 10 to 18 for the big screen and Broadway. Participants have the opportunity to meet casting agents, talk to producers and directors and bond with fellow student performers, all within a summer camp atmosphere in the Catskills.

For Wujek, it was the experience of a lifetime complete with lasting friendships, intensive training and the opportunity to play the lead in "Jesus Christ Superstar," one of 14 shows produced in the three-week session. "The production value was crazy," Wujek said. "The stage was beautiful.

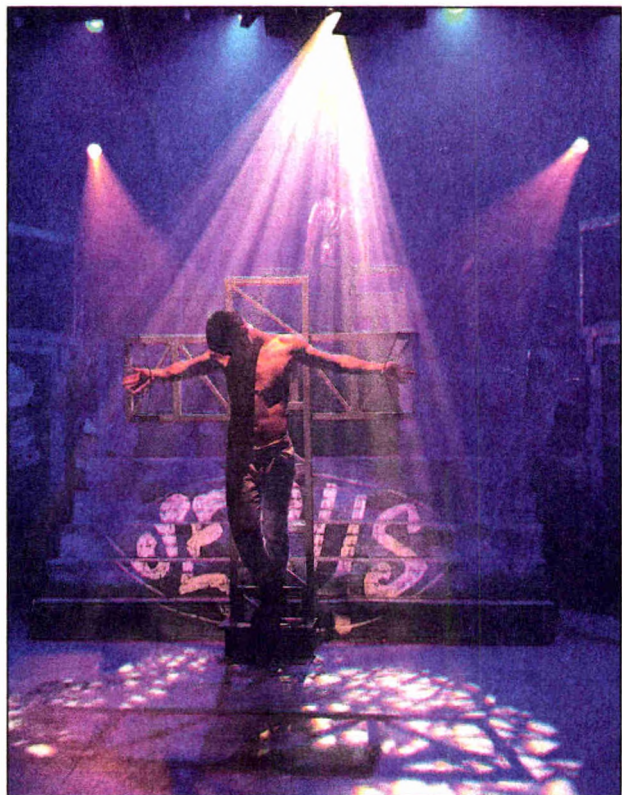


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Jackson Wujek played Jesus in a modern-day version of "Jesus Christ Superstar."

The set was gorgeous. The costumes were gorgeous. Everything was beautiful."

A first-timer at the camp, Wujek said he wasn't expecting anything when he arrived. In fact, he didn't even want

to go, preferring to stay home and prepare for upcoming college auditions. But his parents had put down a deposit and couldn't get their money back.

"I'm not going to get a lead," he said he told his

mother. "It's such a famous camp. Everyone's so talented. I'll be in the chorus; it'll be fun. I'll have fun and I'll meet a lot of cool people."

After several days of auditions, cast lists were posted. "I couldn't find my name," he said. "I looked at the top and the first name was my name and it says, 'Jesus' I kind of turned my head a little and I think I said out loud, 'I'm playing Jesus.' And then I walked away."

Cast members went straight to rehearsals. The remainder of time at the camp was spent with two-hour morning rehearsals followed by afternoon classes and more rehearsals at night to prepare for the two performances.

"We got treated like professionals," Wujek said. "It was not like high school. You learned a song and you needed to know it and your blocking the next day I was constantly learning."

Wujek said he followed the vision of his director, Nick Hrutkay, playing Jesus as a modern-day pop star.

"We looked at (the characters) as humans and not stereotypes," Wujek said. "Each character was a real person, which was beautiful. The acting was hard and draining. I was very emotionally committed."

The show won top ensemble and Wujek earned best actor in a musical.

"I have nothing but good things to say about the kid," said Hrutkay. "He's extraordinarily talented. He's actually very advanced for his age acting-wise 'Jesus Christ Superstar' with professionals alone is typically a challenge because of how hard it was, let alone with teenagers. He did amazingly. He rose to the occasion, especially being that it is such an iconic role."

"He has a promising future," he continued. "He's hard working, kind to work with, an amazing actor, great voice. I'm looking forward to seeing what he does in the future."

For the immediate future, Wujek plans to participate in South's choir. He began the day after he

returned from Stagedoor Manor, taking part in "That's Entertainment," South's weeklong show choir camp. While it was his third summer enrolled in the workshop, it was his first as a South student. Wujek previously attended University Liggett School, transferring to South for his final year of high school.

Next up for the 17-year-old are college auditions for musical theater programs.

"People are always like, where do you want to go to college?" he said. "I'm like, I have to audition. Wherever I get in, I get in. All of the schools I'm applying to are great schools. If I get into one of them, I'll be happy."

He also is not worried about making friends. "I'm not worried because wherever you go in musical theater, it's such a great group of people, you always have your friend group. And I'll be with them forever, because we're all going to end up in New York anyway."

"And I know I'll end up where I need to be," he added. "I just know it."

Community divided on residency policies

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Opinions on the strength or weakness of requirements to prove residency in the Grosse Pointe Public School System vary. While some in the community believe residency requirements are too lenient and invite fraud, others feel they are too stringent, placing undue burden on parents and creating an unwelcoming environment.

Community members on both sides of the issue attended the Board of Education policy committee meeting Monday, Aug. 28. Recommending changes to make the process more accommodating were Grosse Pointe residents and parents Shannon Byrne, Kristi Crago, Jennifer Pierin and Annemarie Rogers. Representing Residents for Residency, a local grassroots organization formed to address concerns about residency fraud, was Grosse Pointe resident and realtor Diane Karabetsov.

Said Rogers, "We've asked that (the requirements) be less stringent, because one of the concerns is that there's a very vocal group of people who (the administration has)

kind of swayed their policies toward. We're not suggesting wanting to have an open district by any means; just that it makes sense and not put an undue burden on people."

A list of suggestions this group provided to committee members included eliminating the car insurance requirement or offering other options to accommodate people who don't own cars; providing

'We want to make sure we have an equitable policy that isn't targeting any groups.'

SHANNON BYRNE
Grosse Pointe resident and parent

extended hours in the residency office one night a week in the summer to support working parents; eliminating the requirement of a signed affidavit from the landlord for renters; and requiring all board members to go through the residency verification process each year to experience the process first-hand.

Another concern was the anonymous tip line. The group suggested anyone reporting a possible violation be tracked with a unique ID so the public would be aware if an indi-

vidual or group of individuals was targeting a particular family.

"We want to make sure we have an equitable policy that isn't targeting any groups," said Byrne.

Currently the district website posts the number of tips received, number of investigations and resulting student exclusions each year. For example, in 2016-17, 64 students were investigated, the district

received 100 tips and six students were excluded. The prior year, 190 students were investigated, the district received 157 tips and 30 students were excluded.

The group suggested the district track and post statistics on students' race and ethnicity to assess if there is a disproportionate number reported among certain populations of students, indicating a bias.

Also of concern were reports of children being followed home from school to determine if they had a valid Grosse Pointe residence.

"Some of the following around of children I've heard about is tantamount to stalking," said Rogers. "If you stalk a child, it's a five-year felony, so I'm just concerned that the district is aware and if it receives information or a specific complaint that they believe is stalking, that they are actually forwarding these complaints to the appro-

appropriate authorities. Nobody should be allowed to stalk a child."

Deputy Superintendent of Human Services Jon Dean told the Grosse Pointe News the administration would report such allegations.

"If I heard that any of our students were being followed going back and forth from school, we would call the police," he said. "That's a safety issue."

Courtney Bocci, a Grosse Pointe Park resident, did not attend the meeting, but said her children were followed home from school twice three years ago. "The second time I threatened to call the police," she said. She said other residents in the same area of Beaconsfield had similar experiences. One resident posted a photo of a man Bocci said was the same man who had followed her children.

Bocci, who has three children and currently resides on Wayburn, said as a renter she has issues with residency re-verification almost every year. She has a year-to-year lease and said she is only supposed to have to verify if she is changing schools or her home address, but each January receives a notice she needs to re-verify residency or her children will be removed from school.

"I understand having to verify every year," she said. "I don't have a problem with that. I have a problem being told in the middle of the year that we have to re-verify or our kids are going to be removed from the schools."

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Refined process shortens lines

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Each year, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education votes on whether to approve or decline schools of choice, a program allowing non-resident students to enroll in a district other than their own. At the regular board meeting Monday, July 31, the BOE voted unanimously to decline schools of choice, as has been done in the past without exception.

As a closed district, GPPSS requires families to verify residency when enrolling new students, kindergarteners, Young Fives or returning students who attended another school the previous year. Students entering sixth- and ninth-grades must re-verify residency. This process has been in place since 2013, according to Community Affairs Manager Rebecca Fannon.

The residency re-verification process went more smoothly this year than last, Fannon said. The goal was to space out registration throughout the summer to reduce long lines and make the process easier for families by providing a chart outlining the documentation required.

"Lines were much shorter this year and parents were very good about coming in," Fannon said. "We worked very hard to notify them through emails and robocalls and school notifications before the start of school."

Assuming families arrived with the paper documentation, the process took only two to three minutes, Fannon said, adding procedures are adjusted each year to make it more customer friendly, while at the same time ensuring students enrolled meet residency requirements. Early morning appointments were scheduled upon request to accommodate working parents.

To establish proof of Michigan residency, families must provide either a

Michigan driver's license or state ID. For proof of ownership, homeowners must present a current mortgage statement, property tax bill, closing statement (less than 12 months) or warranty or quitclaim deed. Renters have the option of providing a current lease or notarized landlord affidavit with expiration date. Proof of address requires two documents. Options are a utility, cable or cell phone bill, bank or credit card statement, renters or homeowners insurance, or car registration. Finally, all residents must provide proof of car insurance through a card or policy indicating the current address.

As a closed school district, only students who reside within the district or are otherwise entitled by law may attend school. According to Policy 5111, students are eligible if they:

- ◆ live with one or both parents or a legal guardian in a home they own or rent in the district. The parent or guardian must reside in that home as their primary legal domicile; merely owning or renting a home in the district is not sufficient to establish residency.

- ◆ have a parent or guardian who lives in the district, even if the student's permanent resident with a custodial parent or guardian is outside the district.

- ◆ live with a parent or legal guardian who lives with another person in the district.

- ◆ live with a relative in the district if their parent or legal guardian outside the district is unable to secure a suitable home for them. This placement may not be for educational purposes.

- ◆ are placed in a licensed home in the district.

- ◆ are homeless, lacking a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.

- ◆ are in foster care.

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TEACHERS IN THE SUMMERTIME

These articles are part of a series on teachers spending time in the summer to enrich their knowledge for the benefit of their students.



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Full Circle summer campers, staff members and volunteers enjoy an outing at the Detroit Zoo.

Summer program is a blessing

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

A special education teacher at Trombly Elementary School, Jodie Mellos spends the school year helping students with their academic needs. In the summer, she shifts her focus to young adults.

As director of Full Circle Foundation's summer program, Mellos helps students ages 18 and up with special needs work on daily living skills and participate in the community. This is her third summer with the program. She has a Master of Arts degree in special education with a concentration in autism from Oakland University and previously taught at Grosse Pointe South High School.

With the help of three staff members and a number of volunteers, Mellos helps students run the retail store, work

in the community garden and deliver flowers, herbs and vegetables to regular customers. This summer, in a special project to benefit Serenity Pet Resort in Warren, students made dog beds out of donated sweaters. They also learned to cook and acquired skills while working in the store such as checking in and tagging merchandise, working at the register and handling money.

Students also enjoyed field trips — opportunities to get out into the community and work on their social skills, Mellos said. The group went to the Detroit Zoo, a miniature golf course, bowling alley, a working farm and the Friendship Factory in Rochester for arts and crafts.

An annual tradition is a trip to Windmill Pointe Park.

"We have to go to the park," Mellos said. "We go swimming while we're

there — that's a big draw. We love doing that. We always get invited back. We're always on our best behavior. And everyone likes to get the ice cream."

Full Circle is a fully accredited charitable organization working in conjunction with the Grosse Pointe Public School System to provide training and opportunities for increased independence for individuals with special needs. The six-week, tuition-based summer program furthers life skills for these young adults.

"And they build relationships with each other," Mellos said. "A lot of them have made friendships where they can call, they can talk to each other, they can get together for breakfast and lunch."

"A lot of them have really come out of their shells," she added. "It's a blessing."

Total immersion
French teacher starts master's program

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Elizabeth Hill took a pledge this summer. For seven weeks, she would speak only in French.

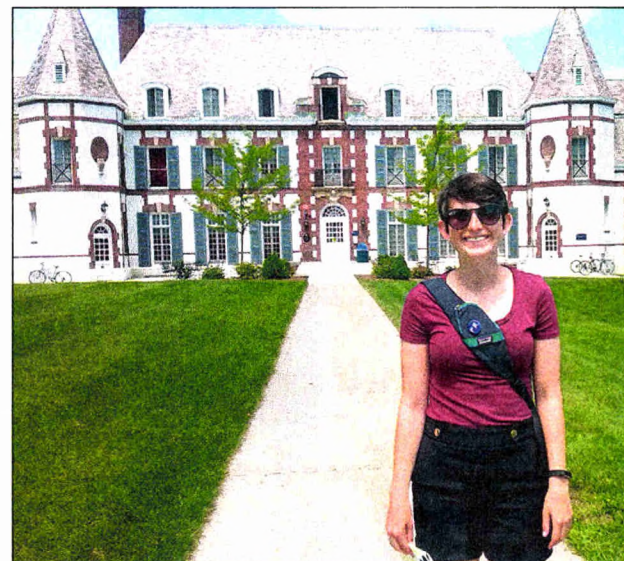
In July, Hill started her first of four summers of an intensive master's program at Middlebury College in Vermont. While enrolled in the program and living on campus, she played soccer and volleyball, wrote for the college newspaper and participated in theater — all while speaking exclusively in French.

Hill teaches French at Parcels Middle and Grosse Pointe North High schools. The French immersion program allowed her to earn a master's degree in French while improving her level of proficiency.

Whether attending class or not, "It was learning 24/7," she said. Of the 200 students enrolled, 80 were in the master's program and the rest were undergraduates. Levels for undergraduates ranged from beginning to advanced students.

"For some people it was their first time ever speaking French and they had a week to get used to it," said Hill. "They also had to speak French the entire time."

For the graduate students, speaking in French wasn't "that big of a deal." Hill, who received a bachelor's degree in French with a teaching certificate from Michigan



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Elizabeth Hill is pictured in front of Le Château, home of Middlebury College's French department courses, faculty offices and a theater for foreign language productions.

State University, spent a year in Normandy teaching French and was accustomed to adapting to not speaking in her native tongue. While she was already fluent, the experience helped her fine-tune her confidence and improve her accent.

"I had a couple of really helpful professors who would tell me, 'You're doing this with your tongue,'" she said, adding there were specific sounds she couldn't make previously that she now achieves by changing her muscle structure.

Hill looks forward to bringing back what she learned to her students at Parcels and North, in particular telling them about how the experience was "an example of how when you take on a language you do it for

your whole life if you want to. It's not like work; it's something you're constantly evolving and growing. I tell (the students) I'm still learning. I know what it's like to be in their place."

Taking classes on pedagogy, observing and learning from her professors, getting their feedback, talking with other French teachers and "reflecting on the whole language learning process" will help her in her future teaching endeavors, she said.

While in Vermont, she explored hiking trails around Middlebury and took advantage of proximity to Burlington and Montreal to travel and enjoy the sights — speaking French the entire time.

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"When you're renters, it's scary because you don't want to say the wrong thing and have somebody do that stuff," she said. "I get frustrated and angry. It is scary to have people threaten my kids' place at the school."

Karabetsos said she was concerned guidelines passed when Tom Harwood was superintendent were not being followed. She recommended the administration follow the same residency guidelines as Birmingham Public Schools, which requires both a signed lease and landlord statement form. According to the district website, Grosse Pointe renters have the option of a current lease or notarized landlord affidavit with an expiration date.

Birmingham's residency office also requires, from homeowners and renters alike, a current auto insurance statement and a choice of DTE energy bill, cable or satellite TV bill, or Consumers Energy bill. It does not accept credit card bills or statements.

Karabetsos submitted Birmingham's guidelines to committee members for their consideration.

"There are certain things in the (Grosse Pointe) requirements that allow people to fake (documents) to game the system, so to speak," Karabetsos told the Grosse Pointe News. "You turn in a gas bill at that address and electric or a cable bill, you are living there. I turn in a Macy's

credit card, I turn in a cell phone (bill), I can put any residence on there."

The requirement of a car insurance policy was added in 2014 at the recommendation of Residents for Residency, according to Community Affairs Manager Rebecca Fannon. A document Byrne submitted to the committee suggested this requirement be waived or an alternative provided, as some residents may not own cars. For example, they may be disabled, drive a company car or lack the financial means.

Educating community members "to make it clear eligible students do not have to physically reside in the district" was another suggestion contained in the document.

Board Vice President Margaret Weertz, who chairs the policy committee, said suggestions and complaints on residency verification procedures would have to go by the full board, with the board directing the administration to look into possible changes. She said she hadn't heard many complaints the current require-

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◆ do not live in the district, but attend special education programs hosted by the district under Public Act 18.

◆ have a parent called to active duty in the armed forces.

According to Policy 5111, the district may investigate credible information that a student does not meet these eligibility requirements, even if requisite documents have been provided.

Investigations may require further proof of eligibility where appropriate, although credible information "will generally not include anonymous tips or uncorroborated hearsay

ments were too weak.

"I think I would need a full discussion of the board to hear what we heard at the policy committee before we consider changing anything," she said.

The next regular board meeting is 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, at Brownell Middle School.

information."

The district tracks investigations on the website and provides an investigation tip line. Tipsters may provide names and contact information or remain anonymous. Required is the address of the student in question and a reason why the student is being reported. While those who provide contact information may be apprised of the status of the investigation, no information about the student may be divulged due to student privacy laws, Fannon said.

As of Sept. 1, only 44 families had yet to verify residency. That number includes out-of-district

families whose children attend Grosse Pointe schools for special education services, but still need to provide addresses.

"If families haven't verified, we continue our process to do our due diligence," Fannon said,

which includes placing personal calls and sending letters before launching the more costly process of a formal investigation.

The hope is to bring that number to zero "so we can keep our focus on the classroom," she added.

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Urgent care

Funds needed to ship medical equipment, supplies to Africa

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

A 40-foot shipping container is scheduled to ship to Moshi, Tanzania, Africa, in a few short weeks, to a medical facility. The building, while new, is absent any medical equipment and supplies.

World Medical Relief has \$400,000 of items to ship, but other fees remain to be covered.

Enter Camille Greaney, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident leading the way to raise funds for shipment.

"The cost for the container and shipping is \$6,800 and the cost of the medical equipment to be paid to World Medical Relief is \$9,000," Greaney said. "Although the numbers are high, they are low when compared to the value that the medical equipment would be for use in the facility and ultimately for the people."

Greaney first traveled to Africa three years ago at the prompting of a friend, Father Peter Asantebwana, a priest in the diocese of Moshi, Tanzania. She spent three weeks doing missionary work as well as visiting sites in the area, including Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre. She was astonished by what she saw: X-ray equipment dated to 1944; a fire hose roughly the size of a garden hose; mattresses lining the floors and cots lining the hallways due to overcrowding.

"People walk to the hospital," Greaney said. "Can you imagine if you get there and they can't take you, or they don't have a doctor or there's no medicine?"

"Family members are expected to walk long distances to bring food for patients," she continued. "The hospital has a limited supply of food. There are no TVs. There is no air-conditioning. The bathrooms are down



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Camille Greaney during a recent trip to Moshi, Tanzania.

the hall, shared by many. When you think of people bringing food in ... it's so sad. Think of what we have."

Greaney returned to Africa this July and was pleased to see a new facility, Mwenge Catholic University Health Center, had been built.

"A new medical facility was recently completed to serve the hundreds of village people who travel on foot for many miles to seek medical care," she said, adding the new building has "the capacity to provide services including surgery, labor and delivery, general health care and short-term stays. A medical staff is available; however, this new facility has not opened due to a lack of medical equipment and medicine."

Greaney was inspired to reach out to World Medical Relief for help. An application was submitted and approved, and Greaney was asked to sponsor the program. George Samson, CEO and president of World Medical Relief, told Greaney they could send the items in mid-September if the funds were there.

"The new facility is about five miles away (from the old hospital)," she said. "Because of its location, there would be access to health care for many more people in neighboring villages."

"The lack of medical equipment is prevalent in

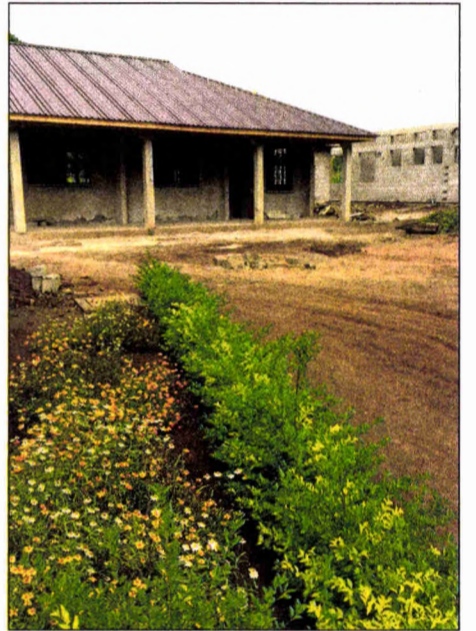
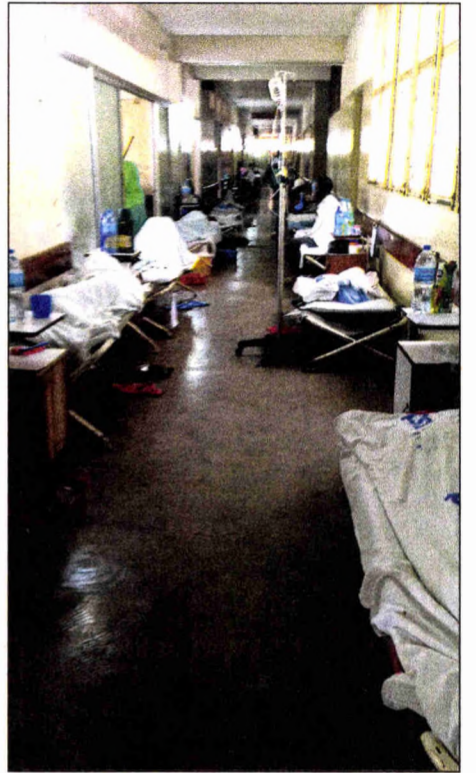
many parts of the world," she continued. "The reasons include limited availability for purchase in foreign lands, inadequate funds to make a purchase and frequently it is due to complications of delivery systems and shipping costs."

The World Medical Relief container, which Greaney was told will include a new X-ray machine, if shipped will arrive at Moshi in a month. She estimated she should already have \$6,800 by mid-September, leaving another \$9,000 needed.

Greaney is asking the community for help shipping the container through World Medical Relief.

The option to donate to the Moshi Tanzania project is available at worldmedicalrelief.org/donate. People also may write checks to World Medical Relief, with "Moshi Tanzania" in the subject line, and send them to 21725 Melrose Ave., Southfield, MI 48075.

"The most outstanding value that can be observed about the African people is their love and concern for each other," Greaney said. "They do not have material goods, including adequate clothing and food, but they are genuinely rich in caring for others. I think that's why they're happy — they don't know life differently. They have nothing, but they are so happy."



Clockwise from top left, patients not fortunate enough to get a bed lie on mattresses on the floor; patients lie on cots in the hospital's hallway; a new health care facility includes two buildings ready to use, but with no equipment or supplies; an X-ray machine dating back to 1944.

CMM raises funds for service dogs

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

It won't be long now before GP, the locally sponsored service dog in-training, finds his forever home.

"GP is ready to be paired," said Mary Lamparter, who locally has led the way raising funds for Guardian Angels Medical Services Dogs, founded and operated by Carol Borden. "Carol said he's one of the sweetest dogs they've ever had. She said had he not been sponsored and spoken for, she would

have kept him. She thinks he's an exceptional dog."

In the next month or two, Guardian Angels will host a pairing class with a veteran or first responder candidate from Michigan, Lamparter said. Fingers crossed, GP will find his match.

"We're hoping it will be soon and that it will be a person who is comfortable coming and visiting," Lamparter said.

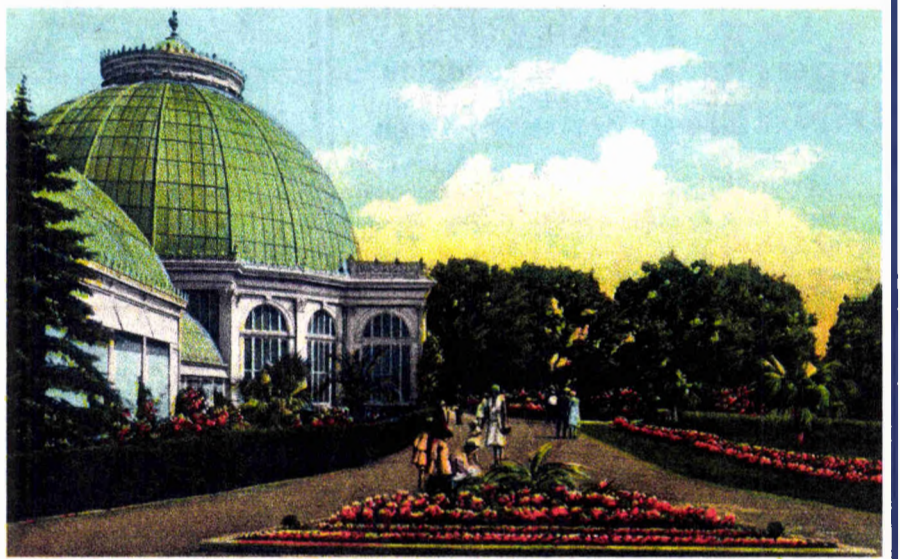
Two other Guardian Angels dogs and their recent matches will be introduced at

Lamparter's annual Celebrate Michigan's Military event 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at DC3S, 7205 Sterling Ponds Court, Sterling Heights. Tax-deductible tickets are \$125 per person.

"Carol Borden will be the biggest part of the program," Lamparter said. "She'll answer the question of how a dog is trained. It's hard to get your mind to wrap around (how a dog can tell) when it's a nightmare, not a dream, and

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AREA ACTIVITIES

BNI

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, Sept. 8, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 7:45 a.m. Friday, Sept. 8, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Rachel Nagorsen, sales and leasing manager with Presbyterian Village of Michigan's Lakeshore Senior Living facility, speaks. Reservations are not required; all are welcome. Breakfast is \$7. Call (313) 882-5330.

Questers

The Pear Tree Questers hosts its first meeting of the season Friday, Sept. 8. The group and their guests will meet at 9:45 a.m. to carpool to Mt. Elliott in Detroit for a tour of The Parade Company. The visit includes a one-hour guided tour, visit to The Parade Company gift shop and a surprise. Cameras are encouraged. Lunch follows at Sinbad's. Madeleine

Phillips is the event coordinator.

PFLAG

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets 1:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. For information, email pflaggp@gmail.com.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores.

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

To register, visit redcrossblood.org.

Assumption

The Assumption Travel Group takes a motor-coach to Maine and Boston Sunday, Sept. 10, to Sunday, Sept. 17. Cost is \$889, double occupancy, and includes lodging; seven breakfasts and five dinners; guided tours of Portland, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Victoria Mansion and Pineland Farms; visits to Boothbay Railway Village and the

Seashore Trolley Museum with a countryside trolley ride; and tours of Lexington and Concord. Limited openings are available. Call (586) 779-6111.

Dedication

The unveiling and dedication of a 911 memorial takes place 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, at AMVETS Post 57, 19730 Harper, Harper Woods. The event features an address from a 911 survivor. Guests are asked to bring their own chairs.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

Senior Men

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe meets at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. George Arsenault speaks about Cicero's essays on old age. Cost is \$15. Men age 55 and older, retired or not, are welcome. Jackets are suggested. Call (313) 550-9661.

The group's next meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 26, features attorney Robert Sacco, who discusses protection against scams.

Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce presents a Business After Hours event 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, at Duffey & Co., 15120 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park.

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association presents the following programs:

◆ 2 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 12 to Oct. 3, Acrylics with Al Sonnenberg.

◆ 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 12 to Oct. 3, Pen and Ink with Al Sonnenberg.

◆ "Pastel Passions," a solo exhibit by artist Scott Brown, has moved to Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. An opening reception is planned 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14.

◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, Mixing to Match & Color Specificity: a workshop with Rachel Reynolds Z.

For information, call (313) 881-3454.

Family Center

The Family Center, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Training & Treatment Inc. and the Grosse Pointe News present Mental Health First Aid Training for adults working or interacting with youth 5:30 to

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Book signing with a buzz

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Elizabeth Weigandt, author of "Queen Bee," a novel for ages 8 to 12, hosts a book-signing event noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at Barnes & Noble, 19221 Mack, Detroit.

Copies of the book, about a honeybee's quest to save her dying hive, will be available.

The event also includes a talk by Brian Peterson-Roest, educator, beekeeper and founder of Bees in the D, a nonprofit dedicated to honeybee conservation and education.

All ages are welcome. Call (313) 884-5220.

Volunteers needed at historic Detroit landmark

The National Trust for Historic Preservation's HOPE Crew, or Hands-On Preservation Experience, recently announced HOPE Crew Community Day 2017. In partnership with the City of Detroit Recreation Department, Historic Fort Wayne Coalition, Michigan Historic Preservation Network, Preservation Trades Network and National Park Service's National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, HOPE Crew is calling for

volunteers to help rehabilitate Fort Wayne Sunday, Sept. 10. The expert-led, volunteer-driven project is an opportunity for participants, regardless of skill or ability, to learn about and support the layers of history at Fort Wayne.

Historic preservation contributes to stronger, safer neighborhoods, jobs and economic development. Restoring Fort Wayne will help catalyze plans for the site while preserving the unique characteristics of the

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PASTOR'S CORNER By the Rev. Jim Rizer

What the world needs now

August was a bumpy month. From the tragedies in Charlottesville and Barcelona to Hurricane Harvey and the historic flooding that followed, we have experienced a lot and have had a wide range of reactions. Some flared to anger from senseless violence. Some are filled with sadness. Some are disgruntled these events have interrupted our business as usual. Some are overwhelmed by the brokenness in our world. Some are prone to despair.

Is there an appropriate response to all these things? Biblically, we are given space for our initial reaction to be anywhere on the range above, but we are further taught to be quick to monitor our hearts. This is the wisdom we find in Ephesians 4:26: "Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger." While an initial flash of

anger is part of life, what we do with it after that flash is even more important.

One of the things God's people are called to do is to tend a heart of love. Jesus's disciples are called to love God, love neighbors, love each other, love those in need and even love their enemies. The Greek word most often used for love in these instructions is agape. Agape is an unconditional love for the other, desiring God's best for them in every circumstance. The unconditionality of agape includes overcoming our assessment that others may not deserve it or we may not feel like loving them at all.

To best understand this love, we look at Jesus. He came meeting people where they were, but loved them to something more. He was patient with disciples who seemed to be perpetually slow to

understand. He repeatedly and respectfully engaged those seeking to thwart his mission. He spoke the truth in love to those with misunderstandings and false assumptions. He reached out in love to the one who was actively betraying him. Even from the cross he prayed for forgiveness for those who crucified and mocked him.

Why? Because the world needs love. "God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." Jesus came to reveal what love really looks like and its incredible power to transform hearts and lives. What our world needs now is for individuals to experience this love and reflect it to the world.

Rizer is the pastor at Living Hope Evangelical Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents "Fresh Start: A Healing Ministry for the Divorced, Separated & Civilly Remarried," 7 to 9 p.m. two Thursdays each month, beginning Sept. 7. The program helps Catholics divorced, separated or remarried outside the Church share experiences and dialogue with others in a confiden-

tial group setting. Cost is \$10 for materials.

To register, email Deacon Bill Jamieson at bjamieson@stpaulon-thelake.org or call (313) 885-8855, Ext. 145.

GPW Presbyterian

Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, presents a free community pancake breakfast 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10. Gluten-free pancakes also are

available. Special programs include "Fur, Feathers and Scales" 10 to 11 a.m. with Michigan wildlife, including a bald eagle, from the Howell Nature Center, followed by live music by The Bald Duck Mountain Ramblers 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Admission is free. Call (313) 886-4301.

Memorial

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a Blessing of the Backpacks during worship Sunday, Sept. 17. Call (313) 882-5330.

OBITUARIES

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

Mary Jane Kennedy Nutter

Mary Jane Kennedy Nutter, 91, died Friday, Aug. 25, 2017.

She was born June 10, 1926, to Frank and Frances (nee Pearson) Kennedy and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and Edgewood Park Manor Junior College. At age 50, she returned to school and earned a registered nursing degree and worked many years subsequently.

Mary Jane was an active member of the Junior League of Detroit, working on the J.L. Hudson fashion show fundraiser to co-sponsor The Young Peoples concert series with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. She raised funds for The Senior Center in Detroit and was a docent at the Detroit Institute of Arts. One of her greatest passions and for which she worked diligently was the Poison Control Project in conjunction with Children's Hospital of Michigan to treat and prevent accidental poisoning.

Most of all, she was a devoted, loving mother and friend to many. Mary Jane is survived by her daughters, Frances Rine (Nicholas) and Carol Jantz (Robert); grandchildren, Alicia Krall (Martin), Jenna Mertz (Ralph), Russel H. Nutter III (Adrienne), Lindsay Hyland, Matthew Hyland, Tom Hyland (Beth) and Bridget Nutter and nine great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her son, Russel H. Nutter Jr. (Jane) and brother, Robert Kennedy. A private service will be held.

Donations may be made to Bayview Yacht Club Junior Sailing, 100 Clairpointe, Detroit, MI 48215.



Mary Jane Nutter



Ruth Duffield Keogh

Nutter Jr. (Jane) and brother, Robert Kennedy. A private service will be held.

Donations may be made to Bayview Yacht Club Junior Sailing, 100 Clairpointe, Detroit, MI 48215.

Ruth Duffield Keogh

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Ruth Duffield Keogh, 90, died Monday, Aug. 28, 2017, in Grand Rapids.

She was born Aug. 24, 1927, in Detroit, to Muir B. and Ruth M. Duffield and graduated from The Liggett School, in Detroit, in 1945. In 1947, she graduated from Pine Manor Junior College in Wellesley, Mass. She married F. John Keogh Jr. Aug. 27, 1949, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit. She was a homemaker who cared for her husband and their six children.

Ruth enjoyed vacationing in Falmouth on Cape Cod. She loved visiting with family, music and reading. She also loved

dogs. She was a member of Tau Beta and Junior League of Detroit and for many years, volunteered at Cottage Hospital. She also served as a deacon at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Ruth is survived by her children, Julie (Doug Kluge), Christina, John, Ruth, Jamie (Kimberly) and Elizabeth (Brian Burrough); grandchildren, Jeremy, Ben, Patrick, Edward, Daniel, Kathrine, Blake, Megan, Jamie, Edward, Jack, Julie and Peter and great-grandchildren, Evelyn, James, Maggie, Harper, Nolan and Oscar.

She was predeceased by her husband, F. John Keogh Jr.; parents and siblings, Virginia Blake, John Duffield and Bethune Duffield.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, 2017, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Gail and John Urso

Film, discussion center on suicide

Q: Why should I see the documentary film "Death is NOT the Answer," which will be shown at The War Memorial Wednesday, Sept. 27?

A: More than 43,000 people will die by suicide in the United States in 2017. That is one person every 13 minutes. Many of us have been touched by suicide either through the death of a loved one, a friend or a colleague. They say every death by suicide touches more than 100 people. It's in the best interest of the community at-large to be informed.

When our son, Kevin, took his own life at age 41, we were shocked and

devastated. We never imagined this could have happened to our son. In dealing with our grief, we learned as much as we could about suicide. We were amazed to learn how common it is. We also were surprised so many agencies exist to fight what is a "suicide epidemic." There have been excellent books written for loss survivors of suicide and there are people devoting their lives to suicide prevention. Why didn't we know any of this? Why didn't we know the signs that someone might be suicidal?

Because we didn't know any of these things,



we figured other people didn't know either. It became our mission, therefore, to let people know what we didn't know. To accomplish this goal we founded Kevin's Song, a 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to generate public awareness about the causes of suicide, its prevalence in society and possible preventive measures. We fulfill this goal through conferences, workshops and the film "Death is NOT the Answer," which

Kevin's Song inspired and executive produced with award-winning filmmaker Keith Famie. The documentary unearths the roots of depression and explores the reasons for suicidal tendencies through personal stories and scientific reasoning.

Following the film there will be a panel discussion with an opportunity for the audience to ask questions of the panelists: Gigi Colombini, LMSW; Rabbi Daniel Syme; Amelia Lehto, coordinator of the Common Ground Crisis Center and Gail Urso, loss survivor.

Gail and John Urso are co-founders of Kevin's Song and members of

SAVE the DATE

"Suicide: The Silent Epidemic. What Do We Know? What Can We Do?"

Presented by The Family Center, Kevin's Song, Grosse Pointe News and The War Memorial, at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Register for this free event online at familycenterweb.org or call (313) 447-1374.

The Family Center's Association of Professionals. Kevin's Song is presenting its second annual conference "The Silent Epidemic: A Conference on Suicide," Nov. 9 to 11, at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. Visit KevinSong.org for more information and to register.

The Family Center's mission is to serve the community through pro-

grams and resources vital to today's families. As a nonprofit organization, it is completely supported by community donations. To learn more, visit familycenterweb.org, call (313) 477-1374 or email info@familycenterweb.org.

The Family Center has moved to 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, and its new phone number is (313) 477-1374.



Encore Years: Carolyn Geiger

By Chris Hudson
Guest Writer

Carolyn "Carrie" Geiger is simply one of a kind. The left-handed, upbeat senior is known for accomplishing feats that defy aging stereotypes. From building top-notch tree houses for her grandchildren, to renovating and retiling bathrooms, to being a

part-time therapist in "retirement," Geiger constantly is trying to find a new challenge.

Geiger formally retired a few years ago from her post as clinical director for VonSchwartz Associates, where she taught rehabilitation programs for misdemeanor offenders in the Ypsilanti area. Now she works part time with

substance abuse clients and drivers, even though being a therapist was not originally one of the challenges she thought she would take on.

When not involved with her new part-time career, Geiger can be found doing any number of things.

"I am always active or I at least try to be always doing something," she

said. "I really like to do things with my hands because that is just what keeps me energized and focused."

Her ability to find creativity and innovation began when she was young. She made mosaic pots and worked alongside her dad, fiddling with his tools to construct anything imaginable.

"I followed my dad

around a lot because he was always up to something interesting and would let us try what he was doing," Geiger said.

Today, she follows that lead with her grandkids, doing hands-on projects she loves with them and letting their imaginations grow.

"They see the things that I do and want to give it a shot," Geiger said. "We then get to



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Carolyn "Carrie" Geiger

spend quality time together and I can see what is going on in their world and how they are doing."

The strong relationship Geiger shares with her four grandchildren is one of her top priorities.

"Our relationship is extremely important for them and for me," she said. "Helping out on their replica Parthenon project for school or just the time dedicated to be with them in general, being in each other's company, built a trust between us that matters a lot to me."

Geiger continues to create new ways to keep the bond they share a meaningful one and also keep herself energized each and every day.

"I try to learn as much as I can about them and what they like and also about things I can do — and I do what's fun," she said.

Geiger said she believes all people her age should be doing what makes them happy and should not let aging stereotypes stop them.

Hudson is a summer intern at Services for Older Citizens.

Do you know someone who is breaking the stereotypes of aging? We are looking for individuals who are doing any number of things that previously were not associated with people 60 or older. Have a suggestion? Call or email Deb Miller at (313) 649-2104 or dmiller@socser.org, or Jody McVeigh at (313) 343-5590 or jmcveigh@grossepointenews.com.

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Lights, camera, action ... 'Detroiters'

The cast and crew of the Comedy Central show, "Detroiters," were in town Aug. 15, filming scenes for the show's upcoming second season. The show took over the basketball court in the Woods Lake Front Park, shooting a basketball game for an episode that will focus on a family reunion for one of the main characters, Sam Duvet, played by comedian Sam Richardson. Extras with Duvet Family Reunion T-shirts filled the stands along the court while Richardson and his co-star, Tim Robinson, filmed a basketball shot that took several hours to perfect. Robinson, who plays Duvet's brother-in-law and business partner, Tim Cramblin, is a former cast member of Saturday Night Live. The show centers on an advertising agency run by Richardson and Robinson and is filmed in and around Detroit. According to a spokesperson for Comedy Central, the show will begin its second season in February.



PHOTOS BY KATHY RYAN

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community.

While the original 1848 limestone barracks building, 1845 star fort renovated in 1861, restored commanding officers house, Spanish-American War guard house and Tuskegee Airmen Museum are open to the public, the ongoing effort to save and restore Fort Wayne to prominence is not possible without community volunteers.

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The event takes place 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at Fort Wayne, 6325 W. Jefferson, Detroit. Volunteers may register in advance online at savingplaces.org/fortwayne. Participants, who will receive a free shirt, should wear closed-toe shoes.

SENIOR Living

Older adult falls are dangerous, costly Combination of risk factors among seniors could lead to deadly fall

By Debra Kaszubski
Special Writer

Every 20 minutes an older adult in the United States dies as a result of a fall, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Many more are injured. Cindy Shields, a geriatric nurse practitioner with St. John Providence, said although accidents happen, many falls can easily be prevented.

Approximately 55 percent of falls occur inside the home and another 23 percent happen outside but near the house, according to the CDC. Low-lying or unstable furniture, beds or toilets that aren't the right height, clutter, broken or uneven steps and loose throw rugs are a few of the culprits inside the home. Even something as simple as inadequate lighting can cause someone to stumble.

"My cat likes to race down in front of me every time I go into the basement and that's something you need to look out for," Shields said. "Pets that get under your feet, especially small dogs and cats, can be a big hazard."

Medications, especially tranquilizers, sedatives or antidepressants, can cause confusion and increase the risk for falls. Even some over-the-counter medications can affect balance, Shields said.

Age-related factors lead to falls as well. Lower body weakness is a cause, as older adults tend to lose muscle tone and reflexes aren't as sharp. Those with dementia or cognitive impairment may not have an awareness of what's safe and what's not.

Gait and balance may be affected by certain conditions such as osteoarthritis, stroke, diabetes or any condition that affects the joints.

"Certainly vision and hearing impairment are a factor for falls as people age," Shields said.

Most of the time, falls

are caused by a combination of risk factors. The more risk factors a person has, the greater their chances of falling.

Falls cause broken bones, including hip fractures, and serious head injuries. Sometimes people who fall once develop a great fear of falling again, "so they might not be as active as they could be because they have that fear," Shields said.

In addition, falls are costly. In 2015, the costs for falls to Medicare alone were more than \$30 billion. The average cost for a hospital stay

due to a fall injury is more than \$30,000 and the cost of treating fall injuries goes up with age, according to the CDC.

Ask your doctor or healthcare provider if you're at heightened risk for falls. Ask your doctor or pharmacist if prescription or over-the-counter medications may make you feel dizzy or sleepy. Make sure you have enough lighting in your home, keep walkways clear, buy slip-resistant rugs for the bathroom and wear non-skid socks around the house. Take strength and balance

classes through the Area Agency on Aging 1B or at the Services for Older Citizens in the City of Grosse Pointe. Be aware of your pet's location when you're moving around the home. Install grab bars. Watch for outdoor hazards such as uneven lawns, broken concrete or loose objects,

like the garden hose.

At St. John Medical Center's The Wilson Center: Senior Resources for Independent Living, older adults receive a comprehensive evaluation to determine their fall risks and other factors. The assessment is covered by Medicare and most insurance.

"It's an in-depth look at the overall wellness and well being of the patient. It results in a list of recommendations that go back to the primary care provider," Shields said.

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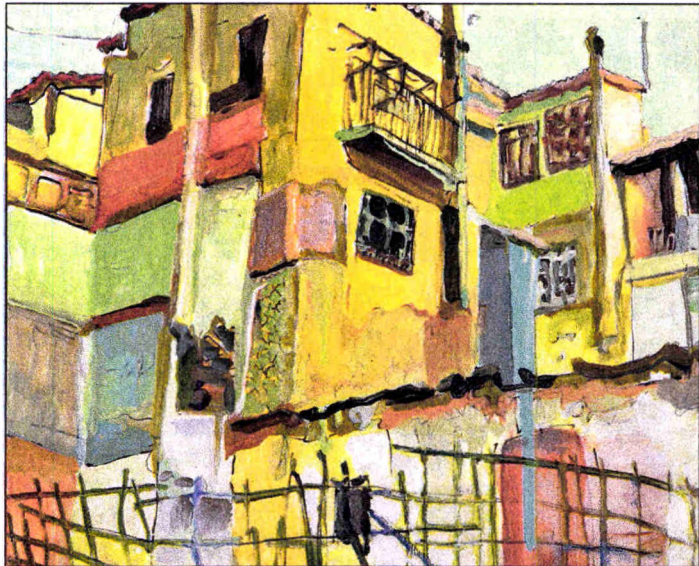
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Meet GPAA teachers, students

"Art Makers at The War Memorial" is an exhibition featuring work done by teachers and their students in Grosse Pointe Artists Association classes at The War Memorial.

The exhibit features more than 75 pieces.

The community is invited to meet the teachers and their students 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The reception also marks the opening of the Art Association's fall schedule of art classes and

workshops.

In response to requests, the GPAA education committee has:

- ◆ included new instructors,

- ◆ lured back some instructors who had retired and

- ◆ scheduled some evening and weekend classes for more accessibility.

"Our goal is to live up to our motto — merging creativity and community," said GPAA President Karen Pope, "and that means listening and responding to requests. Please check

out our website at grossepointeartcenter.org or call (313) 881-3454 for details on our classes and come to the reception to meet our teachers. Hopefully you will find a class that will interest you."

The student/teacher exhibition will be displayed through Friday, Sept. 29. Hours coincide with those of The War Memorial, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

Members of the GPAA education committee are Kay Burt-Willson, Jackie Rybinski and Kathleen McNamee.

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9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 13 and 20, at Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Register by calling (313) 447-1374.

SOC

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

- ◆ 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays through October, Full Circle Farmers Market. The market, sponsored by Beaumont Hospital, includes fruits and vegetables, as well as flowers.

- ◆ 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, Sept. 13 to Oct. 6, "A Matter of Balance Workshop," with Jackie Thomas and Rosanne Ficaro. Reservations are required.

- ◆ 11:30 to 11:45 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, September birthday celebration. Seniors with September birthdays are invited for a free lunch, cake and keepsake photo. Reservations are required.

- ◆ 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, "Keeping You Fit at Home — Core Strengthening Exercises," with Craig Miller. Reservations are required.

- ◆ 10 a.m. to noon Fridays, Sept. 15 to 29, genealogy series, including "Introduction to Genealogy," "Genealogy: What's in the Library" and "Genealogy: History and Research." Learn to use genealogy forms to extract important information.

For information, call (313) 882-9600.

Lake House

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

- ◆ 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, WaterMark Bar & Grille, 24420 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, donates a portion of food sales to the Lake House when the Lake House is mentioned.

- ◆ Tuesday, Sept. 19, euchre tournament. A \$10 donation includes pizza and cards.

For more information about these activities, call (586) 777-7761.

Herb Society

The Herb Society of America Grosse Pointe Unit hosts its first meeting of the fall Thursday, Sept. 14, at Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. Krystal Maxwell, unit president, welcomes members and guests at 7 p.m., then provides an overview of the history, mission and benefits of belonging to the organization. A business meeting follows the program.

Libraries

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

- ◆ 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, Blues in the Stacks, with The Paul Carey Group. The event includes food by Village Market and an open bar. Proceeds support library programming.

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

- ◆ 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, "Seed Saving Workshop" with Ben Cohen of Small House Farm.

- ◆ 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, "Preserving the Harvest." Learn ways to store garden-grown vegetables and herbs for use during winter.

- ◆ 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, "An Evening with William Rapai," author of "The Kirtland's Warbler" and "Lake Invaders: Invasive Species and the Battle for the Future of the Great Lakes."

Veterans Club

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans Club Inc. meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. John DeLora, a U.S. Navy veteran, discusses the Navy battle of "The Monitor and the Merrimac." Admission is free and guests are welcome. Call John Bates at (313) 881-4125.

Kids on the Go

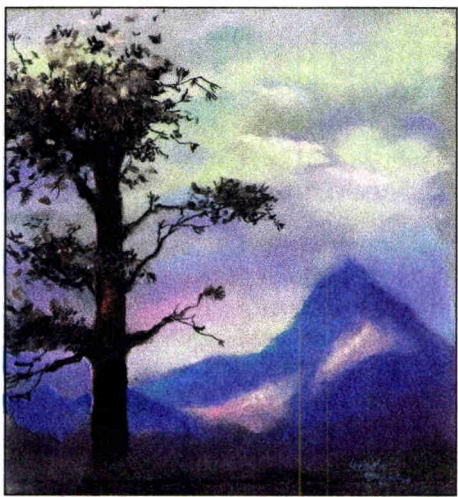
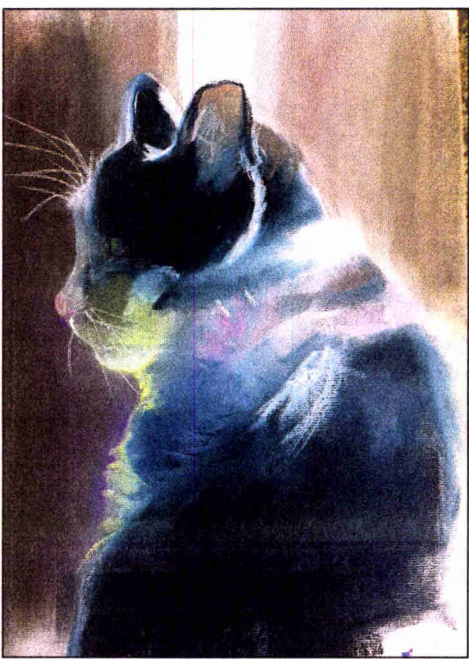
Kids on the Go hosts the fundraiser Cards for Kids at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, at Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods. The event includes Texas Hold 'Em poker and euchre tournaments, prizes, a silent auction, dinner and a cash bar. Cost is \$75 for cards, \$50 for dinner only. Visit kidsonthegocamp.com.

Henry Ford Health System

Henry Ford Health System presents its annual Clambake for the Cottage fundraiser 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. A VIP reception begins at 5:30 p.m. The event includes dinner, open bar, entertainment by Ben Sharkey and Bonfire Bash. Ticket prices vary. Call (313) 874-6349.

Woods Community Center

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, continues its Lunch and a Movie series with "Lion," Tuesday, Sept. 19. Lunch is served at noon, followed by the movie. Cost is \$10 for Woods residents, \$12 for non-residents. Call (313) 343-2408.



Above, "Purple Mountain" by Linda Boyle. Left, "Sophia Green" by Sherry Sangster.

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interfere. She'll explain ... so people will understand."

Of the four dogs sponsored largely through last year's event, two recently paired pooches will take center stage with their new owners, who also will have the opportunity to talk at the event.

"People can now see

the direct results of what their money has done," Lamparter said.

Andiamo caters the event, which includes a silent auction featuring a custom-made dog house.

Guardian Angels calendars and books, as well as assorted other wares, also will be sold.

"We try to keep it simple," Lamparter said. "We want the money to go where it needs to go."

Sponsorships alone so far have raised \$120,000

this year. With additional ticket sales, CMM and its donors could sponsor another four or five dogs.

"It's taking off. It's becoming quite huge," Lamparter said. "Grosse Pointe is just a little part of what's happening with what Guardian Angels is doing in Michigan."

The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors is largely responsible for funding GP and already has started raising funds for a second dog. Their

donations go directly to Guardian Angels.

"It's all for the cause," Lamparter said. "What makes this event so special is the message. Everyone seems to be thrilled with raising money for veterans and pairing them with dogs. It's something that people really seem to take to heart. And you can see the results."

"I'm looking forward to a really special event this year," she continued.

"Now we've got some four-legged angels that people can see."

Lamparter said she had hoped the event would serve to introduce GP and his new owner, but understands the importance of not rushing the pairing process. With any luck, GP's Passing of the Leash ceremony will happen before year's end.

"We'll literally pass the leash from one person to another, with the person

responsible for raising the money and making it happen passing the leash to the new owner/veteran," Lamparter said.

"Carol just raves about GP," she continued. "He's an exceptionally sweet dog. I know there's a wonderful person out there who can help make this work."

For more information or to purchase tickets for Celebrating Michigan's Military, visit bit.ly/2e13K7w.

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Football

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen dominate Lancers

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North finally started its 2017 football schedule last weekend, crushing host L'Anse Creuse 42-7.

The Norsemen didn't have a week No. 1 opponent, so they had to wait an extra week to get a game in the books.

"We had two weeks to get ready for this game and we played well," head coach Frank Sumner said. "We threw the ball well and ran the ball well. However, we had too many penalties, which we need to clean up before our next game.

"Overall, it was nice to

start the season with a win."

On the Norsemen's first offensive play of the season, senior quarterback Bjorn Bjornsson threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Peter Ciaravino. Less than a minute into the game, the visitors had a 6-0 lead. Senior John Lizza kicked the extra point and it was 7-0.

The Norsemen used a second straight shanked punt to start a drive in Lancers' territory. A personal foul put the Norsemen 15 yards closer and it took only two plays to score. On the first run, senior tail-



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

North's Sheldon Cage breaks free of a would-be tackler during the Norsemen's big win over L'Anse Creuse.

back Sheldon Cage gained 23 yards and he scored on the next run to give the Norsemen a 13-0 lead. Lizza added the PAT to make it 14-0 midway through the first quarter.

Cage scored again on a 15-yard run and Lizza's extra point made it 21-0 late in the first quarter.

Ciaravino and Bjornsson connected for the fourth touchdown on a 30-yard pass and Lizza's PAT gave the visitors a 28-0 lead.

With no time left on the clock, the Lancers were able to run one final play due to a Norsemen penalty. It was an ill-advised pass that Ciaravino intercepted at the goal line, which he returned 100 yards for a touchdown. Another Lizza PAT gave the Norsemen a 35-0 lead at the half.

It was a running clock throughout the final two quarters and the Norsemen put their final

TD on the board in the third quarter when Bjornsson ran one in. Lizza finished off his six-point night with another extra point.

The Lancers scored with only six seconds left in the game.

For North, Cage finished with 141 yard rushing on 12 carries with two touchdowns, while Bjornsson threw for 118 yards and two touchdowns. Ciaravino had three receptions for 78 yards and two touchdowns, plus had two interceptions. Senior Tyler Hill also had an interception and the duo of juniors Zachary Hogrebe and Erickson Glazard combined for a couple of quarterback sacks and several tackles at the line of scrimmage.

Grosse Pointe North is 1-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division.

Next is their home opener at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, against Romeo.

Cross country

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Thumbs up in first meet

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The three local high schools had competitors in last weekend's annual Center Line Early Bird Invitational cross-country event.

No team scores were kept, but medals were handed out to the top 75 finishers.

"We had a great first meet last night," Grosse Pointe North boys' head coach Diane Montgomery said. "Eight North runners won medals in the varsity race. The hard work over the past couple of years and especially this summer has really paid off.

"In the varsity, seven runners ran new personal records (Garrett Schreck, Kavin Satyadev, Noah White, Evan Nyquist, Ben Seagram, Andrew Spiteri, Michael Lynch). Nyquist was the

surprise of the day. His time represents a two-minute drop from his previous best time."

For the Norsemen, senior Michael Ciaravino was seventh with a time of 16:15.6 and junior William Hofmann placed 12th at 16:36.4.

Schreck was 15th with a time of 16:45 and he was followed by senior Calvin Riley, who was 31st with a time of 17:13.5 and Satyadev was 36th with a time of 17:21.2.

Other varsity runners were White, 52nd at 17:39.5; Nyquist, 63rd at 17:55.9; Seagram, 65th at 17:57.1; Spiteri, 87th at 18:28.3; senior Sean Panlilio, 138th at 19:23.2; Lynch, 155th at 19:48.1; and senior Shane Gafa, 172nd at 20:50.9.

Next for the Norsemen is the 30th annual Muskrat Invitational Saturday, Sept. 9.

Volleyball

LIGGETT

Tough foes

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett girls' volleyball team finished 1-3 in the Ann Arbor Greenhills Tournament early last week.

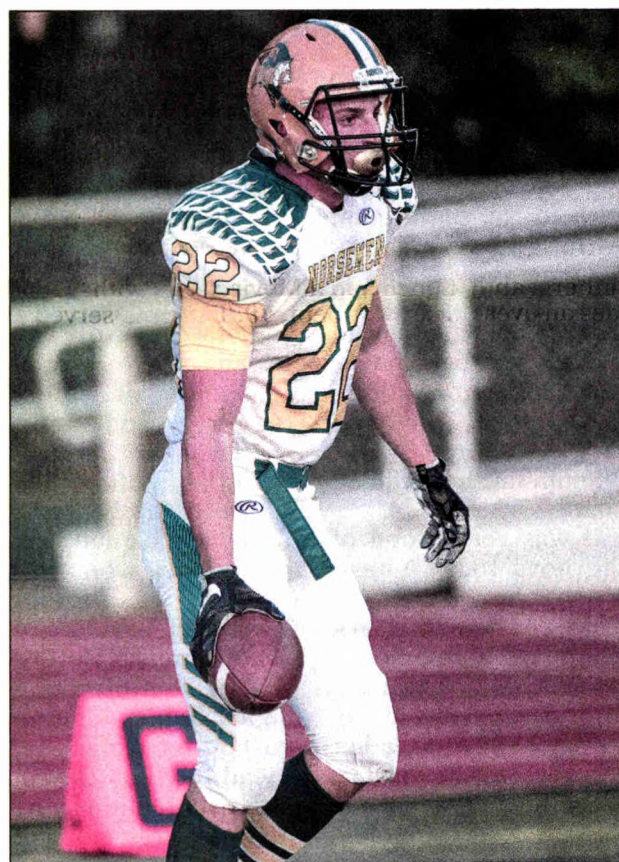
The Knights beat Belleville and lost to Greenhills, Whitmore Lake and Milan.

"It was a good tournament with a lot of competition," head coach Derek Arena said. "We were in every match, but

we got outplayed overall. I think it showed us that we have to work harder and be more focused in practice."

Later in the week, Liggett traveled to Allen Park Inter-City Baptist and won 25-15, 25-7, 25-19 to see its record move to 8-4-1 overall.

For the Knights, Tegan Jones had 10 kills and 10 digs, while Teagan Cornell finished with 13 service points and 15 digs. In addition, Delaney Bando had 25 digs.



North's Peter Ciaravino scores the first of his three touchdowns in the Norsemen's win.

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Football

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

The kick is good

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Senior Cam Shook kicked a school-record 54-yard field goal to lead the Grosse Pointe South football team to a 16-14 win over Utica.

It was the Macomb Area Conference White Division opener for both schools.

"Utica is a very good team and this was a very hard fought game," head coach Tim Brandon said. "Kids really showed a lot of guts in the comeback effort. Still making a lot of the 'young' mistakes, but we really improved from last week, especially on defense."

In addition to a school record, the field goal was the ninth longest in state history.

The Chieftains took a 7-0 lead in the second quarter, but the Blue Devils came back to cut it to 7-6 when senior quarterback Davis Graham threw a 22-yard touchdown pass to junior receiver Ryan

Downey. The two-point conversion run was stopped.

Shook kicked his 54-yard field goal midway through the third quarter to give the Blue Devils a 9-7 lead and the home team made it 16-7 midway through the fourth quarter when junior running back Conor McKenna ran 13 yards for a touchdown. Shook's extra point was good.

With two minutes left, the Chieftains blocked a punt and recovered it in the end zone for a touchdown.

The extra point was good and all of a sudden it was a two-point game.

The Blue Devils were able to hold on for the win to even their record at 1-1 and go to 1-0 in the MAC White Division.

One key to the win was the ability to control the time of possession.

They held the ball for 12 minutes more than the Chieftains and had 15 first downs, including nine rushing.



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

Senior Cam Shook kicks his school-record 54-yard field goal.

The defense had three interceptions and Graham completed 9-of-19 passes for 88 yards with the one TD.

McKenna ran the ball 20 times for 66 yards and the leading receiver was Downey with the one scoring catch for 22 yards.

Junior tight end Riley Francis had three catches for 20 yards. Grosse Pointe South

heads to Fraser for its next game at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8.

Record

The longest field goal in state history was kicked by Warren Woods-Tower's Doug Kochanski.

The kick came from 59 yards out during the Titans' battle with Marine City on Oct. 28, 1994.



Junior running back Conor McKenna scores the Blue Devils' first touchdown, which gave them the lead in the second half.

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Tennis

LIGGETT

Still rolling

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The pre-Catholic League slate is complete and the University Liggett boys' tennis team made it through without a loss.

Last week the Knights went indoors to Wimbledon to blank St. Clair and Sturgis 8-0 to move to 11-0 overall.

"The kids just keep on winning, but they are winning with solid efforts against top 10 competition from all four divisions," head coach Mark Sobieralski said.

The win over St. Clair gave the Knights a 2-0 record against teams from the Macomb Area Conference Red Division. They blanked Port Huron Northern 8-0 earlier in the season.

The toughest of the matches against St. Clair

came in singles. William Cooksey won 6-3, 6-1 at No. 1 singles and Christian Ilitch won 6-3, 6-4 at No. 2 singles.

Casey Scoggin won 6-2, 6-4 at No. 3 singles and Andrew Staricco won 6-3, 6-1 at No. 4 singles.

The doubles teams, Alec Azar and Maddie Foza at No. 1, Tommy Van Pelt and Spencer Warezak at No. 2, Craig Buhler and Matt Lesha at No. 3, and Patrick Ilitch and Victor Logan at No. 4, won with relative ease.

Nobody was pushed to the limit against Sturgis. Ann Arbor Skyline was scheduled to participate, but did not show.

"Now we have five tournaments under our belt, so we should be ready for the tough Catholic League matches ahead of us," Sobieralski said.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Confidence builder

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South boys' tennis squad began the season by placing fifth in the eight-team Ann Arbor Huron Tournament.

Bloomfield Hills won with 27 points, followed by Ann Arbor Pioneer with 20.5, Huron with 20, and Midland Dow with 18.5.

South finished with 13 points.

"I was very proud of the boys today," head coach John Willard said. "They competed well in a very tough tournament."

Sean Miller earned a third-place medal at No. 1 singles and consolation winners were Teddy Sweeney and Turner Sine at No. 1 doubles, Sam Packer and Mickey Kuchta at No. 2 doubles, and Alex Acker and Jackson Marchal at No. 4 doubles.

Earlier in the week, South lost 6-2 to Detroit Country Day and 6-2 to Huron.

Against Country Day, Jacob Harris won at No. 4 singles and the No. 2 doubles squad of Packer and Kuchta won.

Against Huron, Kenny Prather won at No. 3 singles and the No. 3 doubles team of Dylan Haggerty and John Lynch won.

In other action, the Blue Devils finished third at the Novi quad last week. Novi won, followed by Cranbrook-Kingswood second and West Bloomfield fourth.

Harris won his No. 4 singles flight, winning two third-set tiebreakers, to lead the Blue Devils' efforts. In addition, the No. 4 doubles team of Acker and Marchal was second, finishing 2-1.

The day before, South blanked Grosse Ile 8-0 to improve to 1-2 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Runner-up

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys' tennis team placed second in its home quad match last week.

Rochester Hills Stoney Creek won with 24 points, followed by North with 16, St. Clair with 11 and Allen Park with 3.

"What a great day for tennis," head coach John Van Alst said. "It's a little windy, but it's cooler and everyone has done a great job."

Finishing a perfect 3-0 was the No. 4 doubles team of junior Joe Haney and senior Kenny Heaton. All of the Norsemen's doubles teams played well.

The No. 1 doubles team of seniors Ethan Aziz

and Blake Graham finished 2-1, as did the No. 2 doubles squad of seniors Blake Danna and Sonny Mulpurri.

At No. 3 doubles, senior Billy Steigelmann and junior Chris Mourad finished 2-1 and the No. 5 doubles duo of seniors Adam Naimo and John Smith finished 2-1.

Junior Hunter Williams was also 2-1 in his three matches at No. 1 singles.

The remaining three singles players, senior David Daher at No. 2, senior Bella Gallant at No. 3, and sophomore Charlie Ramsdell at No. 4, each finished 1-2.

"Playing some good competition gives us confidence heading into our upcoming division schedule," Van Alst said. "We will be ready."

LIGGETT



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Upended

University Liggett junior Danny Bowen tries to make a catch during the Knights' home opener last week against Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest. Things didn't go the Knights' way in a 27-8 loss, dropping them to 0-2 overall. Next for Liggett is a home game at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, against Climax-Scotts. The Panthers compete in the Southern Central Athletic Association, which is home to schools in the Battle Creek area, such as Bellevue, Burr Oak and Pittsford high schools.

Field hockey

LIGGETT

Knights have mojo

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' field hockey team improved to 4-0 last week, beating host Oakland 3-0.

Kate Birgbauer, Ella Karolak and Eve Bournias scored goals and Naomi Yoshida controlled play from her midfield position.

Defensively, Morgan Kelley and Kate Carron were stellar, according to head coach Jayant

Trewn, and goalkeeper Madeleine Wujek had her second shutout of the young season.

"The highlight of the game was the returning players involving six rookie players that translated into tremendous growth in skills and confidence in these players," Trewn said. "Returning players are involving rookie players and encouraging them through failures, but relentlessly keeping them involved."



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Team captains, from left, Morgan Kelley, Naomi Yoshida and Kate Birgbauer, and their teammates remain unbeaten after defeating Oakland.

"True leadership that is translating into a maturing team on a fast track laced by wins." The victory was also

the Knights' third in Division 2 of the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association.

Soccer

LIGGETT

Solid work

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It took a little longer than anticipated, but head coach David Dwaihi finally coached his University Liggett boys' soccer team in its first game of the season early last week.

Liggett hosted Allen Park Inter-City Baptist and these programs have a history of playing hard-nosed games.

This game was much of the same as gritty play dominated the field. However, Liggett prevailed 2-1 on goals by Nolan Ondersma and Stewart Smith.

Smith's goal came off

a rebound from Ondersma's shot on net that the goalkeeper couldn't corral.

Two days later, Liggett played its first game in the Catholic League Intersectional 1 Division, defeating host Detroit Cristo Rey to move to 2-0 overall.

Ondersma scored the first goal off a crossing pass from Tre Holmes.

Ondersma also scored again off a deflected corner kick.

Top defenders were Zach Elliott, Nick Connell, Will Nicholson, Nisi Kefalonitis and Harry Durno. Anthony George was tough in goal.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Time to go

Right, Grosse Pointe South's Gwyneth Tiderington, No. 24, and her teammates suffered a 4-0 loss to host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood in a Michigan High School Hockey Division 1 contest. The Blue Devils also dropped a tough 2-1 game to Chelsea. Against Chelsea, the Blue Devils fell behind 2-0, but battled back behind senior captain Hannah Voytowich, who scored the goal, assisted by senior captain Elise Whitney. Head coach Amanda Amine applauded the effort of her players, including defenders Hannah Miller, Emery Mathews and Tiderington. Tori Potter played well in net.



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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



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Edged out

South's Connor Stencil scored the Blue Devils' lone goal in a 2-1 loss to visiting Romeo last week. With the loss, South dropped to 1-1 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 2-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen start with solid effort

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It was a good day at the office for head coach Paula Cornwall, who led her Grosse Pointe North girls' field hockey team to a season-opening 1-0 win over West Bloomfield.

"Not bad for the first game of the season," Cornwall said. "The passing was good and the spacing was good. They generated a lot of shots, especially in the second half."

It was a scoreless opening half, but junior Clare Murphy scored the lone goal with only 12:27 left in the game to give the host Norsemen the victory.

The Norsemen had several other chances to add to the lead, but West Bloomfield's goalie was up to the test.

Goalkeepers Ally Saigh, a junior, and Carly Lemanski, a senior, played well. Saigh played the first half and had three saves, while Lemanski was in net for the second half.

The Norsemen's schedule begins to get busy as they host Pinckney at 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, before taking the road to Warren Regina for a 4:30 game Wednesday, Sept. 13.

Both games are against Division 2 squads of the Michigan High School Field Hockey

Association. playing with confidence," Cornwall said. "We look forward to

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Baseball

GROSSE POINTE FARMS-CITY



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Champs

The Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League 8U Gold team won the local tournament championship Monday, July 17, at Elworthy Field with a 16-5 victory over Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores. GPFC lost its opening pool game to Macomb 7-5, but bounced back to beat Grosse Pointe Park 9-2, Lac St. Clair 15-2 and the GPFC Blue team 18-7. J.T. Ricci started the championship game on the mound, going 2 2/3 innings only giving up one run. Matthew Bartoszewicz relieved Ricci and pitched another 2 2/3 innings, while Brody Vinyard got the last two outs to secure the victory. Vinyard also led the offensive attack hitting a grand slam with two outs in the top of the fourth inning with GPFC leading 4-1 to break open a close game. Charlie Michelotti and Riley Edwards also both had strong games at the plate and were on base several times. Ethan Zann was the star defensive player of the game catching two difficult fly balls in the outfield, one of which ended up being a double play when he threw a runner out at second base. Players above are J.T. Ricci, Charlie Michelotti, Charlie Thomas, Oskar Grand, Brody Vinyard, Riley Edwards, Quinn Steinhebel, Matthew Bartoszewicz, Will Gryzenia, Alex Young and Ethan Zann. Coaches are Jay Ricci, Matt Vinyard, Tim Grand and Joe Michelotti.

Basketball

LIGGETT

Liggett grad gets job at Detroit Mercy

One of the top basketball players in Michigan history and a familiar name in Grosse Pointe joins the Titan women's basketball family with head coach Bernard Scott officially announcing the addition of Madison Ristovski as a women's basketball assistant coach last week. "Today is a great day for our program," coach Scott said. "Madison is a great addition to our staff. She has been around the game since she was old enough to hold a basketball. Her basketball IQ is very good and she played at a high level, which gives her a great advantage. "She was Miss Basketball in Michigan and is well known and respected in the area. The moment I met her I knew she'd be a part of my staff one day. I know Madison will have an immediate impact on the Detroit Mercy women's basketball program." Ristovski is the first new hire as assistant coach since coach Scott brought current assistants Tara Fleming and Molly Bateman to Detroit Mercy just after he was hired in 2015. Ristovski has strong ties to the University of Detroit Mercy with both of her sisters, Haleigh and Lola, playing in the red, white and blue. Haleigh just recently finished her career for the

Titans, while Lola enters her junior season in 2017-18. Madison's uncle, Dean Ristovski, also was a former assistant coach for the women's basketball program. Madison was a four-year letter winner at the University of Michigan and left the program as the all-time leader in wins as a player with 83 and career games played with 137. "I am incredibly grateful to coach Scott and the entire University of Detroit Mercy Administration for the opportunity to be a Titan," Ristovski said. "I am eager to be working alongside and learning from a staff that is committed to excellence and passionate about their talented student-athletes. I believe in coach Scott's vision for this team and can't wait to continue to build upon the success of the last few years." During her playing career with the Wolverines, Ristovski earned the Big Ten Sportsmanship Award in 2016 as a senior and was Big Ten All-Academic for three years from 2014-16. She was named to the WNIT All-Tournament Team and also earned the Bob Ufer Award, presented to high-achieving seniors at Michigan, in her final year at Michigan. During her sophomore season, she set the school

record with a single-season record for 3-point field goal percentage (46.6). The Michigan Miss Basketball award winner in 2012 and Michigan Gatorade Player of the Year the same year, Ristovski was First Team All-State all four years in high school. She helped lead University Liggett School to a state championship game appearance in her final year of prep basketball, playing alongside both of her sisters, Haleigh and Lola. Ristovski finished her standout high school career with 2,412 points, the seventh-best total in MHSAA history. She was a four-time Team MVP and captain in high school. Ristovski graduated from the University of Michigan with two degrees, a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Master of Arts in Education Studies. She was a senior mentor during the 2015-16 school year at Michigan and spent time for various departments within the University of Michigan Athletic Department. She also has served as a coach at the Joe Dumars Fieldhouse for many years, teaching the fundamentals of basketball to all ages and helping run camps and clinics. — Adam Bouton

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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



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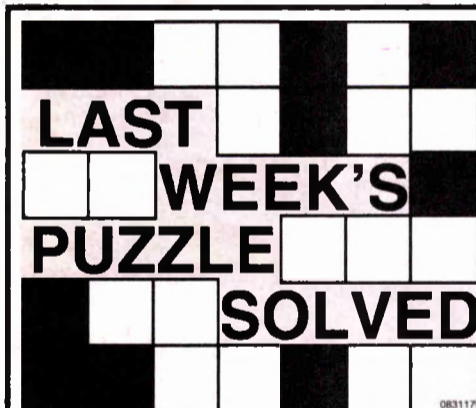
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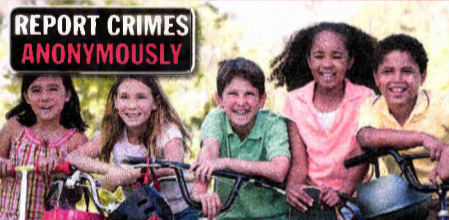
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