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New plan for old public safety building

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The Department of Public Safety building on Maumee might have more life in it.

Previously, the building was proposed to be torn down and a new building to house the court built in its place.

But after calls from the community to preserve

the 1928 building, the city's architects, Partners in Architecture, devised a new proposal to save the building.

"We heard that," Mayor Christopher Boettcher said, "and we looked to our city manager and said, 'Talk to the architect. Just maybe, look for us, please.' And lo and behold we got something today."

Council heard the plan for the first time Monday,

Aug. 20, and did not take official action.

The proposal, which is preliminary and most likely will evolve — it hadn't been presented to the user group yet — calls for the addition currently housing the court and council chambers to be razed and renovations to the lower level of the original building. The second floor would largely remain untouched for the time being and

possibly be used for storage.

One of the main hang-ups of keeping the building was the cost to bring it up to code, namely the installation of an elevator which could cost between \$85,000 to \$125,000, said PiA Principal David Gassen. By restricting public access to the first floor, the city can forgo that upgrade, at least for now.

While the plans are still

rough, Gassen said going with the renovations could save the city approximately \$50,000 compared to razing the structure and starting from the ground up.

"Overall, it's very exciting," Councilman Chris Walsh said. "To think from a community standpoint, from our standpoint of being able to repurpose the Maumee facade on a number of different levels makes it a

better fit for the community."

Council gave directions for city management to continue working on the plan with the architects and user group.

The plan to tear down the public safety building originally came from the need to save space. After a proposed department of public works facility on Canyon Road fell

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Ordinance updated

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — After updating ordinances to be compliant with state statute, all six resident planning commission members were reappointed by council Monday, Aug. 27.

(Councilwoman Lauri Read) identified that in

fact the state statute which mandates planning commissions in local communities had been updated and we had never updated our ordinances or some of our practices to be consistent with state statute," Mayor Bob Denner said.

The biggest change to

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Day's sentence: 92 to 157 years

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

DETROIT — Gerald Day Jr. sat in green Wayne County Jail scrubs, back facing Wayne County Circuit Judge Kevin Cox, during his Aug. 24 sentencing for crimes com-

mitted in Detroit and Grosse Pointe Woods in 2016 and 2017, respectively.

Day, 29, will spend 92 to 157 years in prison,

"It was a very complicated and involved case that took all of the law enforcement resources of all the Grosse Pointes in cooperation with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and Michigan State Police and we were able to serve justice," said Woods Public Safety Detective Anthony Chalut, lead investigator in the Woods case. "And nothing can undo what happened to the victim in this case, but we do feel that justice has been served."

Prior to sentencing, the

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COURTESY PHOTO

The Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League team was welcomed back to the community at Woods city hall Friday, Aug. 24, after giving it their all in Williamsport, Pa.

World Series run ends in 1/4 final

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League team entered the World Series beaming with confidence.

The offense was scoring a ton of runs and the pitching was dominant.

However, in the first game of the World Series, Woods-Shores rallied from a 4-0 deficit to beat Idaho 5-4.

They were three outs away from defeat, but Ryan Knaebel singled with one out, scoring Jake Martin with the win-

ning run as the comeback kids did it again.

Woods-Shores couldn't touch Idaho's starting pitcher, Christopher Reynolds. But after Reynolds reached his 85 pitch count and had to leave the game, Woods-Shores went to work.

They scored a run in the fifth on a double by Jarren Purify, then put their game into second gear.

In the sixth, Preston Barr led off with a double, then a combination of four singles, a walk and two errors allowed Woods-Shores to tie the

game, 4-4.

Two days later, they hit a speed bump and lost 8-3 to Hawaii.

They actually led 1-0 the top of the first inning after Purify singled and scored on a Barr single. It went downhill from that point.

Hawaii scored six runs in the bottom of the second inning on only two hits. Three walks, two hit batters and a couple of wild pitches led to the six-run inning. It was 8-1 before Woods-Shores scored twice in the sixth, but the rally fell short.

In the elimination

bracket, Woods-Shores faced Iowa. One more loss and it would be the end of the road for the comeback kids.

The secret to their success is falling behind 4-0 and rallying to win. Iowa fell victim to this in a 5-4 Woods-Shores victory Monday afternoon.

Iowa led 4-0 before Woods-Shores scored one run in the bottom of the fourth, three in the fifth to tie it, and Reggie Sharpe delivered the winning single with nobody out in the sixth,

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GPYC hosts RS21's launch in North America

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Sailing enthusiasts will get the chance to experience the launch of a new model of racing sailboat in Lake St. Clair when the RS21 sailboat races in North American waters the first time.

On mission to advance sailing as a racing sport, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club is partnering with Premier Sailing League USA to host a demonstration of the RS21 sailboat at its Marine Activity Center 2 to 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8.

All are welcome to observe or participate in the free event.

Bringing the RS21 to GPYC is Ben Klatzka, who learned to sail the Opti as a child growing



The new RS21 in action.

PHOTO COURTESY RS SAILING

up in Munich, Germany. He went on to sail in other parts of the globe, including the east coast of the United States, where he co-founded Premier Sailing League. Klatzka moved to downtown Detroit last year.

“Like a football league,

you have just one football. When we want to play football, we just buy a football and we can play anywhere,” explained Klatzka. “So the idea is to have just one boat. ... I want to make sure everyone has the same boat nation-

wide.”

Klatzka said the league chose the RS21 as the ideal boat to promote its stadium sailing program — short windward/leeward races close to shore — a platform in which sailors of all backgrounds can compete and is excit-

ing for anyone to watch.

“This is an effort to combine what Ben’s trying to do with this new boat — the RS21 — which we hope we have enough of them to have stadium sailing,” said GPYC Sailing Director Wally Cross. “Stadium sailing is essentially six boats that can accommodate 12 teams. So six boats are sailing at one time and then the other six teams are watching. And they just go back and forth. And it’s real fast-paced racing, all within four hours.”

GPYC has offered stadium sailing with the J70 in years past.

Klatzka said the fleet-leasing model for the RS21 is in the works. Once sailors become familiar with the boat via stadium sailing, it has potential of becoming a choice of purchase

among skippers.

“It’s our hope that this boat will come in and Ben can put together a foundation that will own them, that can lease them out to teams to come, that they’ll lease them out for a stadium event, then give them back,” Cross explained. “That’s a whole new concept of sailing in this country.”

The 21-foot keelboat was first built in Southampton, England, by RS Sailing in January 2018 as a simple and affordable boat for keelboat clubs seeking to grow fleets for sailing training and racing competition.

“We’ll find out how peppy it is this weekend,” Cross said.

For more information about the RS21 and its North American launch at GPYC, visit premiersailingleague.com.



Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence held her fifth “Conversation with the Congresswoman” event at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods branch Tuesday, Aug. 14. Lawrence said part of her oath of office is to protect and serve and be in touch with her constituents. “I love this country,” she said. “This country has given me many opportunities.”

Congressional visit

Some of the issues Lawrence discussed were water, immigration, healthcare, skilled trade, climate change and foster care. She encouraged her constituents to vote, gave a congressional update and answered questions.



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New directors hired

IPS Realty, based in Grosse Pointe Park, recently hired Letitia Maxwell as development director and Grosse Pointe Woods resident Robert Graham as director of acquisitions, finances and sales.

Maxwell previously served as director of development for Detroit Waldorf School. Before that, she worked for Budco, J. Walter Thompson, A&W Restaurants and the Berline Group.

A graduate of Michigan State University, Maxwell will work with government, lenders, corporations and nonprofits to help generate development dollars for IPS Realty’s real estate investment efforts in Detroit.

“I see a lot of potential for growth in Detroit real estate,” Maxwell said. “This opportunity opens



Letitia Maxwell



Robert Graham

so many channels for redevelopment and neighborhood cohesion. I am excited to be a part of Detroit’s sustained growth.”

Graham has a history in mortgage lending, most recently with United Shore, and as a traveling musician who spent years touring with the Foo Fighters. His Detroit roots include mother Molly Abraham, a renowned food writer, and father James

Graham, press secretary for Coleman Young in the late 1970s and early 1980s, as well as generations of relatives devoted to media, banking and politics in Detroit.

“I come from a creative, entrepreneurial family,” Graham said. “I wanted to combine the two and help recreate Detroit, which led me to get involved with real estate. I like blending creativity with business and this is the perfect place to do it.”

Corrigan named to 2018 class of ‘Women Who Lead’

Butzel Long attorney Maura Corrigan has been named to the 2018 class of “Women Who Lead” by WJR-AM 760. Corrigan is one of 12 women who will be honored in October during a special broadcast of the Paul W. Smith Show.

Based in Butzel Long’s Detroit office, Corrigan concentrates her practice in litigation and appeals.

She served as a law clerk to Judge John Gillis of the Michigan Court of Appeals, later becoming a Wayne County assistant prosecuting attorney in 1974, and chief of appeals in the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Detroit in 1979. In 1986, she was promoted to chief assistant U.S. attorney, the first woman to hold that position. She became a partner at Plunkett and Cooney in 1989.

In 1992, Gov. John Engler appointed her to the Michigan Court of Appeals. In 1997, the Supreme Court named her chief judge of the appeals court. She was elected to the Michigan Supreme Court in 1998 and reelected in 2006. Corrigan is the only person ever to serve as chief



Maura Corrigan

judge of both the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. She served two terms as chief justice.

Corrigan left the court Jan. 14, 2011, to become director of the Michigan Department of Human Services under Gov. Rick Snyder.

From 2015-16, Corrigan was a visiting fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, a think tank in Washington, D.C., where she worked on poverty and child welfare issues. In that role, she testified in Congress, authored papers and book chapters and served as liaison to state secretaries of human services.

Corrigan has participated in numerous com-

munity and professional activities. She currently serves on seven nonprofit boards. She is a past president of the Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers and the Detroit Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. She served as a public member of the Michigan Law Revision Commission from 1991-98, executive board member of the Michigan Judges Association and member of the Judicial Advisory Board of the Center for Law and Organizational Economics at the University of Kansas Law School. She was vice president of the Conference of Chief Justices from 2003-04, is a published author in the legal and child welfare fields and holds seven honorary doctorates from Michigan colleges and universities, among numerous honors and awards.

Corrigan earned her juris doctor degree cum laude from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and her Bachelor of Arts degree magna cum laude from Marygrove College.

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Officers promoted

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — New badges were pinned to two current public safety officers signifying promotions within the department Monday, Aug. 13.

Antonio Trupiano was promoted to detective lieutenant and Thomas Shimko to sergeant.

Trupiano will take the place of retiring Detective Lt. Richard Rosati as the head of the detective bureau, with Shimko

moving into Trupiano's spot. Shimko, formerly assigned to the detective bureau, will take over as an assistant shift commander on the uniformed patrol.

"The promotional process is a long and arduous one," Deputy Director John Hutchins said, "consisting of a written exam requiring several months of study, an oral board comprised of various chiefs, both active and retired from outside the Grosse Pointes and Harper

Woods, and internal evaluations where each potential candidate is scored by all members of our command staff.

"Candidates must pass each phase of the promotional process and those who successfully complete it receive an average final score and are placed on a promotional eligibility list.

"Many officers who participate in the process do not successfully pass all three phases and the resulting list is always a short one."



Detective Lt. Antonio Trupiano's wife Kristina pins his new badge on his uniform Monday, Aug. 13.



Sgt. Thomas Shimko stands with daughter Olyvia, left, and wife, Kelly, right, after being promoted.

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Rollover

A rollover accident occurred in the 1500 block of Aline in Grosse Pointe Woods the morning of Monday, Aug. 27. Woods Director of Public Safety John Kosanke said the driver struck a parked vehicle, causing his own vehicle to flip. The driver refused medical attention.

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through, the city was forced to revisit its plan for public works. Ultimately, the city landed on a plan to construct a new, fully enclosed facility on Maumee — in the same spot of the current public works yard. Because of the space needed for the new facility, the old public safety building was proposed to be replaced by a smaller court in the same spot.

Both council and residents were pleased at the prospect of saving the 90-year-old George Kimber-designed building — which many feel is iconic of the city — but some neighbors still are bitter about the public works facility remaining on Maumee, even taking the city to court.

Rosalind and Michael Gietzen, who own two homes on Neff adjacent to the proposed facility, filed and were granted a temporary restraining order and injunction July 16 stopping the city from issuing bonds to build and expand public works on Maumee.

Wayne County Third Circuit Judge John Gillis Jr. denied their request for a permanent injunction and dismissed their case Friday, Aug. 10, clearing the way for the city to continue its plans.

The Gietzens argued the city should have gone back to the voters after Detroit rescinded its approval of the Canyon site, saying the public works portion of the August 2017 bond vote for improvements for public safety, works and the court was for the relocation of public

works to Canyon. Now that the plan has changed, issuing those bonds would be in violation of the ballot language, they said.

Gillis found the Gietzens' claims to be "factually untrue and without legal merit."

The bond proposal did not specify a location for the new facility. It simply requested voters approve the issuance of bonds "to pay the cost of acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, furnishing and equipping" new public safety and works facilities, as well as the new court.

This was done on purpose as a fail-safe. According to the May 8, 2017, city council meeting minutes, City Manager Peter Dame discussed the preferred locations for the public safety and works facilities but advised council the language did not restrict improvements to those locations.

"Both agreements are contingent upon the City obtaining financing for the purchase as well as completing due diligence efforts such as environmental assessments and municipal approvals as may be required," read the minutes.

The Gietzens also claimed the facility would be in violation of city zoning ordinances and cause undue harm to neighboring properties. Again, Gillis disagreed with those claims.

The city is not restricted by its own zoning ordinances if the property is used for government purposes and because the property will be fully enclosed — not open to the air as it is now — it will enhance the area, said Gillis, by containing

equipment.

Echoing Gillis, Councilmember Daniel Williams said Aug. 20, it's hard to imagine the proposed, fully-enclosed facility is worse than DPW's current state.

"I would rather have a new building that would eliminate the problems that were alleged — i.e. it's loud, it smells, I have to see trash — than to leave it alone," Williams said. "Again, respectfully to the folks that live in those communities and in this area, I appreciate your concerns, but when those homes were purchased, you knew the DPW yard was there and as it was described at the December meeting, an open-air trash pit with rats — as it was described by people who came to that meeting — is cer-

tainly far worse than having a state-of-the-art building."

The rest of council expressed regret over losing Canyon.

"In 13 years of doing this, the most discouraging day that I experienced was when I found out Canyon went away on us," Walsh said.

"This has been a critical need for a very long time and it's not going away," Councilwoman Sheila Tomkowiak said. "Yeah, I wish we were at Canyon, but that's off the table and there's nothing we can do about it."

The other project, the public safety building, set to go on the corner of St. Clair and Mack, moved one step forward Aug. 20, with council unanimously approving its site plan.

Rodeo results

The 70th annual Farms/City Family Fishing Rodeo took place Saturday, Aug. 4, at Pier Park. Nearly 1,300 people attended, including more than 500 adults. Lunch was provided, as was complimentary bait.

Prizes were awarded to all who attended, including the following children:

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Peter Weglarz — 4 1/2-inch Goby

Largest game fish
Farms
Aiden Clarke — 16-inch smallmouth bass
City

Lily Wodzisz — 8 1/2-inch perch

Largest fish any type
Farms

Skip Moody and Jayden Zawislek — 27 1/2-inch carp
City

Evelyn Wodzisz — 17 1/2-inch smallmouth bass

The Week Ahead

FRIDAY, AUG. 31

◆ Farms farewell bonfire, 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the Farms Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore.

MONDAY, SEPT. 3

Grosse Pointe Woods Community Bridge Walk, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Lake Front Park, 23000 E. Jefferson.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 4

Grosse Pointe Shores Doggie Days of Summer, 4 to 6 p.m. at Osius Park pool, 800 Lakeshore.

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Grosse Pointe Woods Community Tree Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

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Woods woman models living the dream

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

Woods resident Teresa Welc lives out the mantra: "Don't give up on your dreams."

"I was always very independent growing up and even before college I knew what I wanted to do," she said. "I knew that I wanted to be in the entertainment industry."

Welc said throughout her career she refused "to settle for complacency."

Welc, 37, grew up in Macomb Township, graduating from Dakota High School in 1999 before attending Oakland University as a stagecraft major and swimming for OU's swim team.

During her sophomore year she transferred to Michigan State University, where she worked at the Breslin Center as a production assistant. The job involved planning and logistics for the venue's athletic events and concerts.

Welc enjoyed the challenges as a "runner" for the artists coming to town and began setting her sights on behind-the-scenes entertainment work as a career.

Meeting the challenges of "running" cultivated a



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Welc, right, with husband, Steven, and son, Jack.

confidence in Welc, for example, when the rapper Bow Wow required her to "run" to find Cristal champagne.

"It's really hard to find Cristal on the campus of Michigan State University," she recalled. "Even though I wasn't 21 at the time, my job was to find the Cristal somewhere so someone else could pick it up."

Welc said when Matchbox Twenty played at the Breslin Center Oct. 16, 2003, she landed a big break in the industry, which wouldn't transpire until years later.

Welc recalled feeling "so stoked" when she learned she would be running for her favorite band. It was while picking up Matchbox Twenty lead singer, Rob Thomas, at the airport, she began learning from the band's head of security, Jason Browning, the ins and outs of the professionalism she would need.

Browning, who later became Welc's mentor, advised her, "You can't show your emotion. You can't show that you're a fan girl, because you have to remain professional."

Following the show, Welc said she told Browning, "If you ever need an assistant, I'd love to go on the road with you guys."

Following college, Welc worked for the Detroit Red Wings as a seasonal temporary marketing assistant. When the season ended, the organization found her a position with Olympia Entertainment as an event accountant at the Fox Theatre. Welc's work there centered on "settling shows," or working with the local promoter to handle behind-the-

scenes procurements and payments.

"I had no accounting experience whatsoever," she said. "But they saw potential in me. They knew I was passionate about the entertainment industry."

Four years later, after settling more than 150 shows, Welc's Matchbox Twenty encounter in college came full circle, when Browning, now the band's tour manager, offered her the role of assistant tour manager for the tour beginning the next day.

Though Welc enjoyed her job at the Fox, she seized the opportunity, immediately resigning to join the band in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., the next day.

"No notice. You kind of ruin your reputation with a really good, well-established company in the Detroit area, especially in the entertainment industry," Welc said. "So this was kind of a make-it-or-break-it thing."

Welc toured with Matchbox Twenty and other bands until August 2017, when she adjusted her career to suit changes in her personal life.

She met Steve January 2011, while working at a St. Clair Shores restaurant between tours. They

married October 2012. In December 2015, their son, Jack, was born. They're expecting their second son late November.

Welc said missing her family forced a necessary search for opportunity closer to home.

"I lost passion for traveling on the road so much," she said.

When Faculty and Management Productions in Los Angeles offered Welc a position as director of touring and production, she took the risk of asking if her new boss would allow her to apply her proven skills and years of experience in the industry while working from her Grosse Pointe Woods home. He agreed.

Managing the tours of popular entertainment artists remotely, Welc travels to LA periodically for meetings, which allows her work-life balance, as does playing hockey with the Grosse Pointe Chill.

Welc said her refusal to be complacent set her into a life she loves.

"I think the moral of my story is if you follow your dreams and passion, anything is possible," Welc said. "It's gotten me to a place where I still love what I do."

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scoring Oliver Service, who led off the inning by reaching on a throwing error.

In the big three-run inning, Marwynn Matthews and Purify reached on bunt singles. Knaebel singled to load the bases and Brennan Hill drove home two runs on a ground out to second base. Barr had the big two-out single to score Knaebel to tie it, 4-4.

In the last of the sixth, Service reached, Chase Mazey reached on a bunt single and Matthews was walked to load the bases. Sharpe then delivered the winner.

Woods-Shores was one of the remaining four U.S. teams in the tournament. The next game was scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 21, but rain postponed the game to the following afternoon. When the game with Georgia ended, Woods-



The Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League team was treated to a welcome-home celebration Friday, Aug. 24.

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Shores was eliminated with a 4-3 loss.

Service belted a two-run homer in the second inning and Purify connected for a solo dinger in the third. Sharpe pitched four innings in relief and shut out Georgia on three hits, but the damage was done early as the opposition scored two runs in the first and two more in the second.

Purify had two of the

team's four hits, with Service and Cameron Schafer netting the other two hits.

The other players on the team who chipped in throughout the run through the district, state and regional tournaments were Ryan Henderson, J.J. Schoeck and Elliott Nederhood.

Kurt Barr was the head coach and his assistants were Reggie Sharpe and Melissa Henderson.

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the ordinance establishes staggered, three-year terms for the commission's appointed members.

"The six appointed members of the planning commission, two of those members would have terms ending each year, so there would be an opportunity to look at one-third of the planning commission every year," Denner said. "So that's the key difference."

Read, who first raised transparency issues concerning the commission in June, said this was a good step.

"I think this does provide some clarity for our residents because we give in our ordinance when the terms begin and end and that was missing before, in addition to the staggered terms," she said.

Denner agreed.

"I think this will result in an improvement in our transparency with the community on how the planning commission functions," Denner said. "... I think it's going to be very positive."

As with the former ordinance, the mayor appoints commission members and council approves the selections.

"I think (the incumbent members) have done a very good job for our city as members of the planning commission and in fact have volunteered a lot of their time over the years and I really appreciate that," Denner said. "They represent a range of professions, a range of ages and I think served us well."

"I have decided after taking a look at the performance of these longstanding volunteers of the community to actually reappoint ... all six members of the commission."

With the establishment of the updated ordinance, members were appointed to one-, two- or three-year terms.

Reappointed to terms expiring September 2019 were current Chairman Frederick Olds and architect Jeffrey Graham. Realtor Michael Fikany and former Mayor Pro Tem David Gaskin were appointed to two-year terms and Mark McCourt, a financial

consultant at PricewaterhouseCoopers, and Malik Goodwin, an urban planning and economic development consultant, were appointed to three-year terms.

All six members were set to be reappointed in June; however, Read raised concerns the city didn't do enough to inform residents those seats would be up for appointment, especially for people who would be interested in serving.

At that time, the mayor tabled the discussion to review the city's procedures.

"It turns out there's a lot of interest in the community about the planning commission and planning commission appointments. All of the discussion we've had in the last few meetings, contacts I've had with interested citizens over the last, really over the last two to three years, have indicated there are a lot of people in our community that are interested in volunteering their time and talents to help our city," Denner said Monday. "... It shows a lot of enthusiasm for our city and I appreciate that."



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Drunken driver

A 68-year-old City woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, on Lakeland at Charlevoix.

Officers observed the woman take a wide right turn onto Lakeland from Kercheval, almost striking the outside curb. Her rear lights also were not on.

She said she had one glass of wine at dinner after officers noted a strong smell of intoxicants.

She failed the field sobriety test and a preliminary breath test resulted in a .208 percent blood alcohol content. It was her second OWI offense.

Joy ride

Four Detroit juveniles were arrested for breaking and entering and stealing a vehicle from a residence in the 800 block of Notre Dame Thursday, Aug. 23.

The victims returned home from their morning walk approximately 8:30 a.m. and discovered their garage open and vehicle missing. Their house was also rummaged through. The victims believe the suspects gained entrance through the unlocked rear door. While the vehicle was missing, nothing else was reported stolen from the house.

Approximately 9:25 a.m., Detroit police spotted the suspects and stolen vehicle at a gas station on the corner of Cadieux and East Warren. The suspects fled the scene and eluded police; however, a short time later the vehicle was found in front of Cadieux Cafe.

As police approached, three suspects exited the vehicle and fled on foot. The fourth juvenile surrendered immediately.

After a foot chase, one suspect was found in a shed in the 4400 block of Cadieux and the others were found in a garage on Waveney.

Bike stolen

A bicycle was reported missing from the 700 block of University. The bike was left on an unlocked rear porch and went missing between Saturday, Aug. 18, and Sunday, Aug. 19.

— Anthony Viola
Report information

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Suspended license

A 47-year-old Detroit woman was arrested 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, on Mack at Moross, for driving on a suspended license, lacking insurance and failing to transfer her vehicle's title. She was pulled over for expired registration. The woman provided a Michigan identification card and a signed title for the vehicle. A LEIN search showed the vehicle was in the previous owner's name and lacked insurance.

Gas station harassers

Public safety received a report of two men harassing customers for money at the Shell gas station at Mack and Moross 2:25 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26.

By the time officers arrived, one of the suspects had left the location and the other was still on the property, sitting on the gas price sign planter on the corner.

Officers caught up to one suspect, a 24-year-old Eastpointe man, who left the scene while walking to the hospital. He was issued a trespassing warning and released.

The man who stayed on scene, a 42-year-old Detroit man, was joined by another man and they were counting change as officers approached.

Police spotted a partially burnt cigar which smelled strongly of marijuana next to the men and conducted a search.

The Detroit man did not have anything in his possession and was issued a trespassing warning and released. The other man was found with marijuana and was arrested for possession.

Caught in the closet

A 29-year-old Detroit man was arrested for breaking and entering into a residence in the 400 block of Cloverly 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25.

Neighbors reported an unknown man entering the rear yard of the home, which is for sale and vacant.

When officers arrived, they observed pry marks on the rear door and heavy damage to the deadbolt. The door was still locked, however, by another deadbolt. Officers were able to find an unlocked window and entered the home to conduct a search.

They found the man hiding in a basement closet with a bag containing a pry bar, gloves and other tools.

When asked why he did not respond when officers announced their presence, the man said he was house sitting and scared because he was told not to have contact with police.

— Anthony Viola
Report information about this and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Park

Spiteful ex

An ex-boyfriend is suspected of stealing a \$3,000 camera and copper pipes from a residence in the 1100 block of Maryland. The victim reported the larcenies 8:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20, and believed the 30-year-old ex to be the culprit. The man also is a suspect in a series of retail frauds in Van Buren Township and stealing a vehicle in Highland Park.

Property damage

◆ An unknown person pulled on and damaged the driver-side window of a GMC Envoy in the 1100 block of Yorkshire 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15.

◆ A business in the 15000 block of Kercheval reported damage to a rear window occurring between 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17, and 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21. The damage was consistent with a BB gun.

Stolen tiller

A red Husky rototiller was reported missing from the 1100 block of Wayburn. It was stolen between 9 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21, and 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 22, from the unattached, open garage.

Attempted home invasion

A resident in the 700 block of Harcourt reported seeing her upstairs neighbor, a 34-year-old man, attempt to open her window noon Wednesday, Aug. 22.

Stolen trailer recovered

Two Detroit men, 32 and 38 years old, were arrested for receiving and concealing stolen property 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, on Mack at Bedford.

The men were pulled over after officers were notified they were towing a stolen trailer on Mack. The subjects were taken into custody without incident.

Lawn equipment stolen

An unknown person broke into a garage in the 1200 block of Wayburn between 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, and 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26. Two weed wackers, a lawn mower, hedger and bicycle were stolen.

Caught in the act

A Park juvenile was arrested for attempted home invasion in the 1400 block of Nottingham 10:15 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25. He was caught attempting to enter a home through a rear window.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Angry drunk

Public safety officers responding to a report of a vehicle parked at a shop on Mack near Hampton 8:32 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21, found the driver slumped over in the driver's seat.

The vehicle was not running and the key was not in the ignition, but a witness reported seeing the man operate the

vehicle and stagger out of it before officers arrived.

An officer awakened the 29-year-old Woods man, who reacted with hostile language and smelled of alcohol.

Within his reach was a large sword.

An officer directed the driver to exit the vehicle, asking if he had been drinking.

The driver, who was mumbling incoherently, indicated refusal of field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test.

A database search showed he had a valid driver's license and one prior alcohol-related incident.

The driver was uncooperative during his arrest and resisted a warrant-mandated blood draw at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital.

He was cited for operating while intoxicated, obstructing police, obstructing justice and a concealed weapon violation.

Football jersey-wearing bandits

A resident in the 800 block of Sunningdale reported arriving home from work 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, to find suspected thieves fleeing his property.

Surveillance from his video doorbell showed two young black males sporting white Grosse Pointe North High School football jerseys standing in front of his front door shortly before he arrived home.

One of the subjects picked up a package delivered to the house that day.

Surveillance revealed a third male subject calling from a black Jeep Wrangler, "Is the door locked?"

A subject at the front door of the house nodded.

As the homeowner arrived, the same subject yelled, "They're here."

The Jeep drove off and the subjects at the front door fled on foot.

Swiped shoes

A 26-year-old man reported 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, 13 pairs of his shoes missing from his parents' house

in the 21000 block of Westbrook Court.

He said his parents were out of town.

Nothing else appeared to be missing.

Stealing from homeless dogs and cats

A Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society donation jar containing an estimated \$60 to \$100 was stolen from a store in the 20100 block of Mack 9:26 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22.

The suspect, captured on video surveillance, is a black male of medium build with short black hair, mustache and beard, wearing a white T-shirt, blue pants and brown shoes.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Trailing a boat without a license

When an officer stopped a driver approximately 11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, for towing a boat trailer with no trailer license plate, he discovered the driver also was driving with a revoked driver's license.

The 53-year-old Eastpointe man was arrested.

Wrong way

An officer stopped a gray Ford Fusion 2:48 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, for traveling northbound on Lakeshore in a southbound lane.

During the traffic stop, the 41-year-old St. Clair Shores woman told the officer she got lost heading home.

Detecting the odor of alcohol, the officer asked the woman if she had been drinking.

She said she had and submitted to field sobriety tests and a preliminary blood test. Her blood alcohol content was .16 percent, resulting in her arrest.

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

DAY:

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victim of the Woods crimes spoke before a full courtroom, expressing "deepest appreciation to my team who fought for me," which included Woods Public Safety detectives and officers and the Wayne County prosecution team, "and all those who cried with me and for me."

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Danielle Bennetts reminded the court Day was charged with home invasion and sexual assault crimes in the Grosse Pointes in April 2017, following his release on bond for a home invasion, where he tied a woman up and tazed her, while threatening her with a knife, Dec. 20, 2016, in Detroit.

Cox sentenced Day to 20 to 40 years in prison for

the jury convictions of home invasion and felonious assault in the Detroit case, to be served consecutive to a sentence of 50 to 70 years for convictions in the Woods case of home invasion, criminal sexual assault and assault with intent to commit armed robbery, plus another consecutive two years for a felony firearm conviction.

Reminding the court that Day, a habitual fourth offender, committed the Woods crimes while released on bond, Cox added, "(Day) breached the trust of the court and the criminal justice system," leading the court to find "a compelling basis to impose consecutive sentences."

Calling Day's actions "evil," Cox said, "You damaged the victim in countless ways, in unspeakable ways."

Cox also ordered Day undergo lifetime elec-

tronic monitoring and treatment as a sexual offender before advising him of his right to appellate review.

In jury trials beginning Aug. 27, Day faces charges for home invasion crimes in Grosse Pointe Farms April 23, 2017, the day he was arrested. Other acts evidence from those crimes and a home invasion in the City April 22, 2017, were allowed as part of more than 240 pieces of evidence presented to the jury in the Woods case.



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Helpful donation

Mike and Bernadine Sherwood recently donated \$1,000 to the Grosse Pointe Park Parks and Recreation Department for a maintenance fund. So far they have purchased tools with approximately \$700 of the donation. The remaining \$300 will be used for winter tools and equipment.

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I SAY By Mary Anne Brush

The myth of participation trophies



One of my favorite New Yorker cartoons depicts a man and woman sitting on a couch while a young child enters the living room brandishing a trophy larger than he is. "We lost!" reads the caption.

It's sure to draw a laugh because we all recognize the times we live in. Children nowadays, we're told, expect a trophy just for showing up.

But is that actually true?

I can only vouch for my own experiences with three children competing in multiple sports over the years, from Neighborhood Club to college. Maybe at age 4 or 5, they received participation trophies, but all they cared about then were the snacks anyway.

Once kids enter the realm of competitive sports, reality hits. Children as young as 8 try out for travel soccer teams. Not everyone makes the 'A' team and some are cut even from 'C' teams.

In Little League baseball, only a select few are chosen for the All-Star

game or tournament team.

I remember hearing a story about tryouts for travel hockey. These boys were maybe 9. The coach read aloud the names of players to go into the locker room and players to remain on the ice. One group made the team; the other boys were told to go home. No participation trophies, to my knowledge, were handed out.

Some kids mature faster than others and peak early, only to have their peers catch up or even surpass them. Others fall short of expectations or potential for a host of reasons.

Moving on to high

school, the talent pool often exceeds the number of spots. There are cuts in many sports even at the freshman level. Some kids make the team and sit on the bench, destined to be a sub rather than a starter. Many show up for practice every day, work hard, do everything the coach asks and still see little playing time.

Athletics teach a lot of things — discipline, perseverance, dedication, teamwork, time management. These are great reasons to encourage your child to play sports.

But if your goal is to build their self-esteem, you might want to pursue other avenues. Playing on an athletic team, in

particular at the high school level, is as likely to humble your child as boost their confidence.

What I learned as the parent of student-athletes is this: It's not the wins and achievements that build character and resilience; it's the tough moments. Getting cut from a team, sitting on the bench, losing a starting spot, getting yelled at by a coach, showing up for practice day after day even if you're injured — these all take personal grit and fortitude.

Your child may learn as much about leadership from cheering teammates on from the bench as they do from assuming the role as captain — and

they certainly gain more lessons in sportsmanship from accepting a loss with grace than reveling in a victory.

It's not easy as a parent to stand on the sidelines and watch while your child faces disappointment or manages the intense pressures of competition. But in the long run, it's worth it.

Your kids' memories of participating on a team — the pasta parties, spirit days, friendly rivalries and rituals passed down from team to team — will be part of the fabric of the ups and downs of their high school experiences and far exceed any number of trophies on their shelves.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1943

75 years ago this week

SERVICEMEN'S CENSUS SHOWS 2,000 AT WAR: The tabulation of the Grosse Pointe men in war service transcribed from the school census card is now completed and shows approximately 2,000 men from the Pointe area.

ESCAPED KILLER JUST WANTED TO JOIN ARMY: The Harold Gustafson who fled from the Michigan Reformatory a week ago and returned voluntarily Monday because he said he wanted to enlist in the army right away is the same party who sped through the streets of Grosse Pointe about a year and a half ago in a car in which was the body of his dying sweetheart.

MYSTERIOUS CASE SOLVED AT LAST: The mysterious case of the swearing speeder appears to be cleared up with an entry added to the Farms police blotter this week.

On Aug. 3, a female resident of McKinley road reported she had been sworn at by a youngster speeding up and down that street. The license number of the 1929 Ford involved was traced to a young-

ster in the Park who was hauled into police headquarters, lectured and made to apologize.

Later, he told his family he had nothing to do with the case because he had loaned his car to a friend. When police tried to check the story, the friend was out of town.

But this week everything is straightened out. A 15-year-old Park resident was sent to the Farms police headquarters by his mother. He admitted he was the friend and a second lecture was administered by the police and a second set of apologies accepted.

1968

50 years ago this week

SCHOOLS OPEN SEPT. 4: Classes for 12,850 students in the Grosse Pointe Public School System are scheduled to begin Wednesday, Sept. 4.

The 1968-69 year will bring with it many changes to the public school scene, the most dramatic of which is the opening of North High School with 2,000 students in grades 9, 10 and 11. South High will house grades 9-12.

Another important organizational change is the conversion of the three junior high

schools housing grades 7, 8 and 9, into middle schools containing most sixth-graders as well as those in grades 7 and 8. Most elementary schools will house kindergarten through grade 5.

SAFETY DIRECTOR REFUTES STATEMENT: Charges that Grosse Pointe Park has "a crime rate per capita that is actually greater than the two adjacent Detroit police precincts" have raised the dander of the city's top officials, who have produced figures to refute what they call "a false and misleading statement."

The allegations, made by the Park's Police men's Association, was first made by the association in a letter sent to city residents in mid-June.

Obituaries: Glenn F. Barr, Carl A. Berndt, Virginia C. Black, Lawrence Glissman, Ernest C. Graham, Gertrude Grindley, William H. Hetrich, Francis Huxley, George M. Ingram, Richard R. Jenzen, Hazel Lepire, Henry U. Sabbe, Frank J. Schwartz, Ruth Marjory Dailey Wilkins, Ruth A. Winnie

1993

25 years ago this week

SCHOOL DISTRICT GETS LONE BID FOR 389 ST. CLAIR: A lone bid may have sealed the fate of the Grosse Pointe school system's administrative offices at 389 St. Clair.

The district received one offer from a Grosse Pointe builder to buy the historic buildings for \$278,000. The cost to move the 389 offices to other school buildings would be close to \$900,000.

Since the district received only one bid that fell far short of the necessary amount needed to pay for a move, the board will probably reject the offer.

WORK UNDERWAY TO REPLACE KERBY PUMPING STATION: Deciding that it's less expensive to build a new pump station than repair the existing one, engineers have begun work on the \$6.45 million project to replace the Kerby Road sewage pump station.

Obituaries: C.G. Browne, Don G. Schatzberg, J. Lee Schoenith, Cecilia Sheean

2008

10 years ago this week

Water tower site studied: The Grosse Pointe Shores council this

month downgraded the idea of erecting a water tower at Osius Park, favoring instead to study placement inland behind the public works garage at the Village Hall complex.

Village trustees are studying construction of a 1 million gallon water storage facility to ensure steady water pressure at non-inflated prices.

Park council puts bite in pit bull ban: The city council approved a new ordinance designed to give the public safety department the leverage and discretion it

needs to deal with dangerous dogs, banning any breed commonly referred to as "pit bull."

The ordinance also sets minimum requirements for owning a dog in the Park, including licensing the dog with the city, keeping it on a leash or in a secured area at all times when outdoors and cleaning up any droppings left by the dog in public areas.

Obituaries: Helene Eagan, Ruth M. Hurley, Lida Holmes Mattman, Barry Michael Quinn, Mable A. Skaff, Patti Lynn Sulfridge

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School district welcomes new principals

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Three new principals joined the administrative team at the Grosse Pointe Public School System this summer and are getting ready to greet students for the start of school next week.

Ryan Francis, principal at Maire Elementary School, has three main objectives for his first year — building relationships, supporting instruction and continuing the school's culture of inclusivity “so that we have the most welcoming building we can possibly make.”

Francis is a familiar face in the district. He taught fourth- and fifth-grade 11 years at Mason Elementary School before making the transition from teacher leader to administrator.

Francis said the elementary age “was always a passion.” When he was a senior in high school, he was the only boy who chose to participate in a program offered by his school, in which he spent the last two hours of each day as an aide at his former school, Chippewa Valley Elementary, working with his fifth-grade teacher.

“That kind of started my passion for wanting to get into education,” he said. “When I went to Michigan State, it happens to have one of the best education programs in the nation, and I did my field work in Lansing and East Lansing. That got me into the classroom where I've been the last 12 years working with kids.”



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

New principals, from left, Sara Dirkse, Pierce Middle School; Ryan Francis, Maire Elementary School; and John Kernan, Richard Elementary School.

“I just enjoy the joy of kids — how fun school is, especially at the age of 5 to 11,” he continued. “They love school. They love their teachers. That's kind of driven me. ... I used to have 20 to 25 students and now I'm going to have over 300. It's kind of a big jump, but that's the exciting part of the job.”

Having worked in the district as a teacher leader will help with his transition, as many faces at Maire already are familiar to him.

“I have a relationship with the staff having been in the district for 12 years,” he said. “I've taught with some of them, teamed up as grade level leaders on several things. I've known them in different aspects. It's great that I have that relationship piece already started, being the new guy. ... I've got a little bit of a learning curve in the new role, it being my first year, but

my learning curve is a little bit less.”

Richard Elementary School Principal John Kernan is new to the district, but not the role of principal.

Born in Grosse Ile, he began his journey in education teaching third grade at a small Catholic school in Wyandotte. It was there he became interested in the leadership aspect of education and the notion of “working with adults to help kids,” leading to his earning master's and doctorate degrees in educational leadership from the University of Michigan Dearborn.

From 2008 through 2014, he taught a variety of grade levels — third grade at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Elementary School in Wyandotte, a grade 2-3 multiage classroom at Kenwood Elementary School in Clawson, fourth grade at

Pierce Elementary School in Birmingham and as an instructional specialist at Birmingham Covington School.

Since 2014, Kernan has served as principal at Hunter Elementary School in Gibraltar, where he served on the curriculum development team, education council, character education council, school improvement team, mathematics K-8 curriculum action team and as a professional learning community leader, among other roles.

“It was great. I loved it, but I saw that this opportunity opened up and it was something I couldn't pass up to come and be a part of the community here,” he said. “I love it so far.”

Kernan fell “in love with elementary education” because students that age are “fun, they're innocent enough to still

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A great school year lies ahead

By Gary Niehaus Ph.D.
Guest Writer

I am happy to welcome our community's children to another year of learning in one of the country's leading school districts. You already know this, but GPPSS is well regarded for educational excellence. Here is some evidence:

◆ We received an A+ grade from niche.com, an organization that also ranked our teachers No. 1 in the state and our district No. 5 in Michigan.

◆ Our test scores are considerably higher than the state and national averages.

◆ Our 96 percent graduation rate is well above the state average of 80 percent.

◆ GPPSS has National Blue Ribbon Schools — two in the last two years (Maire and Mason).

◆ All 5th-grade students experience band, orchestra and/or vocal music, as well as physical education and art leading to award-winning programs at the secondary level. For example, GPPSS has two Grammy Award Winning Music Programs.

◆ GPPSS has 30 high school sports and 120 high school teams. Sixty percent of high school students participate in at least one sport.

◆ Our Career and Technical Education program is expanding, adding an emergency medical technician program in partnership with Wayne County Community College and Ascension St. John Hospital to already successful programs such as TV production, marketing and business.

◆ And, 92 percent of parents participate in parent conferences — 100 percent at several elementary schools!

We plan to keep up the good work, following our Strategic Plan to provide our students with the tools and skills needed to succeed in the 21st century. In doing so, our staff is modeling our vision statement: One GP — where everyone learns, every day. This summer, many of our elementary staff have attended training in Leader in Me through the generosity of the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education. All of our administrative team attended training on restorative justice, ensuring our students have the relationships they need with our educators to learn most effectively. While we have again reduced staff commensurate with enrollment, through retirements we welcomed a bumper crop of more than 30 teachers

this summer who are new to the district. Dozens of teachers and support staff attended training on Schoology, our new learning management system. All of these training sessions focused on enhancing communication and building relationships.

We also build relationships through our programming, such as the expansion of our popular Young Fives program which is now at four sites — Defer, Mason, Maire and Poupard elementary schools. We build relationships through transparency efforts, such as our 16 facility town halls last spring that were attended by more than 300 community members. That information is all posted on our website. We build relationships at our Back to School Nights, our Homecoming parades, the North-South Tailgate we host with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Friday, Oct. 12, at North, and our annual Open House with the Board of Realtors 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, in each of our school buildings. We encourage you to come out and explore your public schools. Ask questions. Build relationships.

One final item. The GPPSS Board of Education has placed a \$111 million bond proposal on the Nov. 6 ballot. The bond proposal will affect every GPPSS student, school, and school facility.

There are four basic reasons the board scheduled this election — to keep students safe, warm, dry and connected.

Keeping students safe is a primary reason for this proposal. Many of the bond proposal projects call for replacing items that have exceeded their life expectancy — basics like roofs and boilers.

This bond proposal was designed to:

◆ help ensure our schools are safe, secure and up-to-date.

◆ continue to protect the community's investment in its schools.

◆ maintain and enhance Grosse Pointe's reputation for educational excellence.

If the proposal is approved by voters, the current tax rate will increase by 1.5 mills.

For more information, go to gpschools.org and click on School Bond 2018. Or call me at (313) 432-3010, or any school principal, for a tour of any facility.

This promises to be another great year in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Niehaus is the superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Qualifications add up to new role for math teacher

Strong qualifications amid a field of 110 applicants, 17 years of experience as an educator, coach and teacher leader and glowing recommendations from the hiring committee added up to the appointment of Grosse Pointe North High School math teacher Katy Vernier as North's next assistant principal.

Vernier has taught math at North since 2001 and chaired or co-chaired the math department since 2012. She replaces David Reed-Nordwall, who resigned this summer after accepting an assistant principal position closer to his home.

Vernier has taught classes ranging from pre-algebra to honors algebra II and worked four years



PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

North's administrative team attended the board meeting to support the appointment of new Assistant Principal Katy Vernier. Pictured, from left, are Assistant Principal and Athletic Director Michelle Davis, Principal Kate Murray, Vernier and Assistant Principal Geoffrey Young.

as a collaborative geometry co-teacher with a colleague from the special

education department. She also has taught summer school; participated

in the Galileo Leadership Academy for Teachers at Oakland University; led professional development sessions for the district; served as a class adviser and adviser for the Valkyries Club, a former community service club; and coached cross-country, volleyball and tennis.

Outside the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Vernier has been a People to People delegation leader for Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties, leading groups of students to Australia, France, Italy, Greece, Austria and Switzerland.

“We are very excited to have Katy on our team,” said Jon Dean, deputy superintendent of educational services, after the Board of Education unanimously approved Vernier's appointment at the regular meeting Aug. 27.

“I really am honored to have been selected for this position,” said Vernier. “I'm excited to have an opportunity to impact all the learners. Being a member of the North family for 17 years, I really need to thank all of the staff and the students ... for helping me grow, especially Kate (Murray).”

— Mary Anne Brush

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Three more schools join Leader in Me

School district continues to roll out character education program with help of GPFPE

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

When Sara Delgado went through training in the Leader in Me 7 Habits eight years ago as part of the Galileo Institute for Teacher Leadership, it changed her perspective so much she wanted everyone she knew to experience it. Now a principal at Kerby Elementary School, she had the opportunity to go through the training again while sharing it with her staff.

"I'm really excited to take out my two journals and look and see how my reflections changed over time," Delgado said. "This was one of those trainings you can go through multiple times when you're in different phases in life and you really reflect differently."

Experiencing it with her staff allowed her to discover new things about them while learning about how to incorporate Leader in Me principles into the culture at Kerby.

Kerby joins Mason and Trombly elementary schools as next in line to begin the process of becoming a Leader in Me school thanks to the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education's five-year funding campaign. The program kicked off for the new schools in August with three full days of training for all staff, two in the 7 habits and one in launching leadership.

With Poupard Elementary School — which received a grant four years ago — leading the way, Ferry in its third year and Defer its second, the Grosse Pointe Public School System is on target to achieving Leader in Me's designation as a lighthouse district, with all nine elementary schools adopting Leader in Me in a "One GP" approach. Slated next year are Maire, Monteith and Richard elementary schools.

What distinguishes Leader in Me from other character-based education programs is it invests in teachers "as human beings," Delgado said. "It takes them through the training for their own personal lives. I think it's a lot



FILE PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

From left, Gabriel Chambers, Amelia Nichols, Vivian Pope, Allison Harris, Ran'Zarehia Burns and Piper Hammel led the kickoff to Poupard's third annual leadership day March 28. Poupard is well on its way to becoming a Leader in Me "lighthouse school" — one of only 304 in the country and 350 in the world — leading the way for other schools.

easier to apply something to your students when you've gone through it for yourself versus, 'here's the workbook.' ... I think that's why the Leader in Me is really taking off in the way that it has because it invests in the people first as educators because they personalize it and then apply it."

In Mason Principal Roy Bishop's view, the program fits in with Mason's existing mission "to be a learner, be a leader and be kind."

"It's not new, it's not an add-on; it's simply taking what we already do and giving students ownership over their learning and allowing them to be leaders in our community," he said. "It's our job to make sure we're producing great global citizens, (preparing them for) middle school, high school, college, the real world. Those certain skills you need to handle any situation that is thrown at you is really what we are doing here. It all starts here at the ground level."

Like Delgado, he appreciated the reflective nature of the training.

"The training deals with the inside-out approach," he said. "You look at what you do in your own professional lives and how it impacts yourself, your family and the students that you service."

"It's been really enlightening to be able to go through that training and take a step back and say, here are the things that really help our students be successful in everything they are able to do," he added.

With his own two daughters at Mason, he looks forward to using common language at home.

"I can only imagine we'll all be at home talking about sharpening the saw and being proactive," he said. "That's definitely key — having the same language to know where your child is in their social, emotional and academic journey can really help you help them be even more successful."

'It's our job to make sure we're producing great global citizens...'

ROY BISHOP
Principal, Mason Elementary School

Bishop has received positive feedback from teachers from the training sessions.

"Once again, it starts with us," he said. "It's not something people feel like is being thrown at them or people feel as if it is being done to them. It's more about we're all in this process together and we're making things better every day."

For Walt Fitzpatrick, principal at Trombly, the training in the 7 habits — what he calls the core of the program — "created a mind shift for me on what the program is about. ... What I came away with first was it's more about us as leaders and as models for the kids than as something we do for or with the kids. What I came away with from the two days is to check how I function as an individual whatever role I have, whether it's a parent, principal, a friend, family member. It's about looking at things and how I handle things and how I view things. The key to me is that we then would model the behaviors and use the language that we would like the kids to

adopt."

The biggest lesson from the training he hopes to incorporate in his personal life is the importance of making room in his day for his biggest priorities — what Leader in Me calls his "big rocks." During training, a video showed an executive pouring into a bucket "all the little things that take up your

day" while leaving "all the big things — family, friends, vacation" for last, Fitzpatrick explained. There's only room for those big rocks if they're placed in the bucket first, with the little rocks filling the cracks and crevices.

"A lot of Leader in Me is about balance — finding that work-life balance and taking care of yourself because if you're not good, you're not going to be able to be at your best for your students," Fitzpatrick said.

In 24 years with the district, Fitzpatrick said this is one of the most exciting in his career.

"It's exciting because it's something new that I see that can help all the learners in this building. On top of that too, we have new administrators at the elementary level so there's a new buzz ... a lot of new, different perspectives," he said.

"It's going to be exciting and it'll be a journey, but we're going to take it together."

The 7 habits

- 1 Be proactive
- 2 Begin with the end in mind
- 3 Put first things first
- 4 Think win-win
- 5 Seek first to understand, then to be understood
- 6 Synergize
- 7 Sharpen the saw (care for body, heart, mind and spirit)

NEW FUNDING

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education received a \$25,000 grant from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Legacy Fund to support the expansion of the Leader in Me program in Grosse Pointe elementary schools during the 2018-19 school year. By developing and teaching life skills such as leadership, responsibility, accountability, problem-solving, adaptability and effective communication, Leader in Me will impact more than 1,665 students.

The Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Legacy Fund, which is separate from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation and administered by the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, was created to provide permanent, endowed support for program and initiatives reflecting Wilson's personal passions. In most cases, grants from the Legacy Fund support localized projects across the seven-county region.

In May 2017, GPFPE kicked off a five-year campaign to support Leader in Me because of the program's role in creating a culture of character building for students in keeping with the Grosse Pointe Public School System strategic plan. This grant enhances ongoing fundraising to support the program in all nine elementary schools.

Developed by Muriel Summers, principal of A.B. Combs Leadership Magnet Elementary School in Raleigh, N.C., Leader in Me is based on Franklin Covey's "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People," a synthesis of universal principles of personal and interpersonal effectiveness, such

as vision, integrity, teamwork, collaboration and renewal, according to the Leader in Me website.

"These principles are timeless," said Keith Howell, director of elementary education. "They're principles that will always support an individual no matter what path they choose to take. It's not just about education; it's really about living their life in the most enriched way."

New research supports the benefits of the program. For example, a study by the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research showed measurable academic outcomes from Leader in Me in behavior, discipline and attendance. In addition, the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning — the leading authority in the advancement of social and emotional learning in education — endorsed Leader in Me as a "CASEL SELect" program in March 2018, according to GPFPE board member Cynthia Sohn. This designation follows an intensive analysis of Leader in Me by CASEL reviewers to determine the program met their quality and evidence criteria.

New this year, GPFPE seeks community partners to support parent workshops. "The 7 Habits of Successful Families" is available to PTOs and other GPPSS supported organizations to help promote family engagement and reinforce Leader in Me principles at home. For more information, contact Karen Lawrence at lawrenk@gpschools.org or (313) 432-3058 or visit gpfpe.org.

Homegrown musicians

Three Grosse Pointe South High School alumni — Kellen Degnan '11, Harriet Steinke '12 and Jasper Zientek '10 — are participating in the Detroit Composers' Project, a collaboration between performers and composers in the Detroit area. In addition to creating more performance opportunities for new music, the project aims to connect early-career composers with chamber musicians in their community.

Degnan, a cellist, Steinke, a composer, and Zientek, a violist, are performing at the Detroit Institute of Arts 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9. Two hour-long concerts fea-

ture seven Detroit-area composers. The first concert will include six world premieres of works commissioned for this concert with funding provided by the Michigan Council for

Arts & Cultural Affairs. "I think the largest influence on my early education through GPPSS was my relation-

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TEACHERS IN THE SUMMERTIME

This article is part of a series on teachers spending time in the summer to enhance their knowledge and enrich their classrooms for the benefit of their students.

Scout's honor

Trombly teacher helps develop future leaders

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Devoting time to young people during the school year isn't enough for Steve Buckman. The Trombly Elementary School second-grade teacher spends time during the summer with youth ages 11 to 17, volunteering as a Boy Scouts leader. This summer, in addition to spend-

ing a week at an Ohio Boy Scouts summer camp, he was one of two crews from his troop to participate in a coral reef sailing adventure in the Florida Keys. The experience is "a great opportunity for youth to gain independence," Buckman said. "This year we went to Pioneer Scout Reservation in Ohio. It was a very well-run camp. The youth are kept busy all the time. ... It was a success where the youth earned rank advancement and more experiences in their lives."



COURTESY PHOTOS

Steve Buckman and his crew set off on a coral reef sailing adventure in the Florida Keys.

Buckman started volunteering when his son was a Boy Scout. While his son earned Eagle Scout status and is now in college, Buckman witnessed the opportunities for growth the experience afforded him and believes so strongly in the program, he continues to participate to



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develop other young leaders.

The trip to Florida for sailing, SCUBA diving and fishing in July — "We call it high adventure" — was for older youth in the unit who had already developed some skills, Buckman said, adding, "It provides them with opportunities that kind of put them outside of their ordinary comfort zone. They can fish (in Grosse Pointe), but you can't land a 3-foot blue tuna and cook it within minutes on the boat around here."

Buckman, too, gets out of his comfort zone, making sure he is adept or

familiar enough with any situation "so I'm that safety net when things might not go so well. By what the Scouts are doing, they cause me to raise my game."

He already is planning ahead for next year, having traveled to Washington, D.C., earlier this month to check out where his unit is going next summer — not as part of a program, but independently — to ensure they have the resources they need to make the most of the week.

Buckman says his experience as a Scout leader helping develop leaders pays dividends in the classroom and his classroom experiences benefit him as a leader. For example, this year he hopes to bring what he has learned to Trombly as the school embarks on its quest to become a Leader in Me school. In fact, he worked as a course director for this type of leadership development training last February.

"The two go very much hand in hand," he said. "It's all about the ages and stages. It refreshes me to be able to carry what I do into the classroom into scouting and vice versa."



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ships with my teachers," wrote Steinke in an email. "I was in orchestras under James Gross from 6th to 12th grade — where I met Jasper and Kellen — and choirs and musicals under Ellen Bowen throughout all of high school.

"As a composer, your early development and success hinges almost entirely on your relationships with other performers and ensembles," she continued. "My teachers in high school really encouraged my writing, giving me these opportunities for performances and readings of my work by the school ensembles. Ellen Bowen took a group of students to the Michigan Youth Arts



COURTESY PHOTOS

Kellen Degnan Harriet Steinke Jasper Zientek

Festival composition workshop, where I had my first encounter with a professional composer; James Gross facilitated an independent work study with South's freshman orchestra so I could have time to write and workshop pieces my senior year. Both of these teachers went out of their way to offer professional development and mentorship opportunities — not to mention devoting time

in classes to include my pieces in rehearsals and concerts. My experiences with the music program under these teachers, particularly in high school, were undoubtedly my first developmentally significant experiences as a composer."

Tickets are free with museum admission. The concert takes place in the recital/lecture hall across from Kresge Court.

— Mary Anne Brush

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be wide-eyed, but smart enough to have adept conversations at times. ... You can really set a foundation for the kids at this age. I think you make the biggest impact here."

Like Francis, he sees his leadership role as having an impact on both students and adults working toward unified goals.

"I find it to be even more rewarding to see other people succeed, and then see their kids succeed," he said.

His goals are to "get to know people, get to learn about Richard and get to learn more about the community ... and become part of the community. I know that Richard has a rich history and I want to become part of that history. I know we're going to make changes moving forward, but we need to know where we came from before we move forward. ... I think that's going to be our school focus for this year, to get to know each other, get used to each other and go slow to go fast."

With his son starting kindergarten this year, Kernan knows what it's like to be a parent and hopes to bring that understanding into his new role.

"It's a whole new world sitting on the other side of that table," he said. "You appreciate what a parent is going through and you appreciate what the other side is thinking."

New Pierce Middle School Principal Sara Dirkse agrees it's important to understand a parent's point of view. Her daughter, Alison, will start first grade at Monteith Elementary School.

"It gives you a whole new perspective when you're a parent and you're sitting on the other side of the table and so I always try and remember that when I meet new parents or talk with kids," she said.

Dirkse began her career as a high school English and history teacher and her "first foray into administration was high school as well," she said. She was an assistant principal at Dearborn High School and in Gull Lake Community Schools

before she served as principal of Woodworth Middle School in Dearborn three years.

However, she found herself drawn to middle school.

"I just have always been curious about middle school," she said. "It's a neat age. You're not elementary, you're not high school; it's middle ground and I feel there's a lot of growth that happens at this point."

Her goals "first and foremost are to understand the successes of Pierce and where I can (provide) support," she said. This begins with understanding the needs of staff, students and parents and "stepping back and taking a look at everything."

Before school begins, she is spending time getting to know other administrators, many of whom are also new to the district or their administrative roles.

"We're all learning together," she said. "It feels like a really tight-knit group that works very hard, but likes to enjoy and learn from each other. It's fun to be a part of that energy."

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Budding stars

Youth on Stage offers workshops, classes for youngsters

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

In advance of its 18th season, Grosse Pointe Theatre's Youth on Stage program is offering dance and vocal workshops for children interested in auditioning for its fall production of Disney's "The Lion King Jr."

Since 2001, GPT has provided a youth program for ages 6 to 14. Led by City of Grosse Pointe resident Emmajean Evans, Youth on Stage provides youngsters basic acting and performance techniques under the guidance and direction of theater actors and directors.

One of the ways that guidance is offered is through one-day workshops. This is the third year they've been offered.

"Some kids were afraid to come to auditions," Evans said. "Once they got on stage they were fine, but walking through the door (they were nervous). We thought if they did workshops, they'd be familiar with the music, familiar with the script. They learn how to sing a song, learn how to do one dance. So when they come to the audition, (we) see how much they learned."

The dance workshop takes place Saturday, Sept. 8, and the vocal workshop is slated Wednesday, Sept. 12.

Auditions for "The Lion King Jr." are Saturday, Sept. 15, for ages 9 to 15. Rehearsals will take place 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church. Once a week, youth use space at GPT headquarters, 315 Fisher, to work on music.

"At the church, we do



Students perform "We're All in this Together," during last year's production of "High School Musical."

all the blocking, the choreography," Evans said. "And I can still go into another room while the choreographer isn't using one group of kids, so they're not sitting there doing nothing. I try to keep them busy."

The program doesn't just teach students certain roles. Through Youth on Stage, students are able to develop a positive self-image while learning about audition preparation, rehearsal process, acting techniques, character analysis and development, improvisational skills, speech projection and clarity, as well as mental and physical preparation for roles.

Evans said the earlier students participate in something so enriching, the better. This is shown in another recent addition to Evans' repertoire — Young Acting Classes, for ages 6 to 8.

This year's Young Acting Classes begin

Saturday, Sept. 29, and run 10:30 a.m. to noon for six weeks, ending in a showcase.

"We introduce them to the concept of theater — how to walk on stage, stage lingo like stage right or stage left," Evans said. "We do this by doing exercises and playing games. They don't understand if you're just talking. There has to be movement. Then they remember it right off the bat."

Evans said with younger children, the showcase features little dialogue and lots of action. Even though they're not old enough to know the word "improvisation," she added, "that's pretty much what they're doing."

No matter the age, Evans said, theater teaches lifelong skills at every level.

"They learn confidence, being able to speak one on one or to

many people at the same time," she said. "One of the biggest things is confidence and being sure of yourself. How to help others even on stage. ... Sharing is big. Not everyone can have the lead role. Your one line is as important as the 30 lines of the lead. Your one line can make or break the show. I tell them this all the time — make your one line work for you."

Evans, who began her career with GPT in 1972, said it's the love of theater that keeps her going.

"Theater has so many aspects — technical, music, dialogue. If I wasn't doing this, I don't know what I would be doing. I like keeping active and theater keeps you active, because there are so many segments to it. And it's never over. When you stop one show, another one begins."

Evans has had several positions during her tenure — from props and

scripts to producer and stage manager.

"I've done everything," she said. Currently, the executive director of the youth program also does outreach for the theater. She was a board member several years and served as president twice and secretary, though nothing quite compares to her work with Youth on Stage.

"I enjoy it. It keeps me sane," she said. "And I love what I do. I like the kids. At my age, the kids keep me young."

"My next step is trying to have more classes within the age group that are more concentrated on one thing," she continued. "I'd like to start technical classes — designing sets, painting sets, researching and finding props."

Evans said she's had much success with the youth program, including helping shy students come out of their shell.



Emmajean Evans

"You never know what's going to hit them," she said. "I tell them, 'You can sit and watch, you can participate at any time.' They knew I wasn't going to yell at them, I wasn't going to do anything. Somehow they get the confidence to give it a try."

Past Youth on Stage students also have had success along the way. Some have been or still are on Broadway, Evans said.

"When I look back at those kids, a tear comes to my eye," she said. "What a joy to know they enjoyed theater so much it allowed them to pursue other things."

Attendance in the workshops and classes is limited. The registration deadline for the workshops is Wednesday, Sept. 5.

"The Lion King Jr." will be performed Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 16 and 17, at South Lake High School, St. Clair Shores. Next spring, Youth on Stage performs Disney's "Cinderella Kids." Auditions take place in January.

For more information or to register for workshops or classes, visit gpt.org.



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Historical society's Bicknell lecture series returns

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society welcomes the return of its Dr. Frank Bicknell Lecture Series, beginning with a program about "The Faygo Book," Wednesday, Sept. 19, at Cook Schoolhouse, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods.

"The Faygo Book" is the social history of a company that has forged a bond with residents of southeast Michigan more than a century. The story of Detroit's beloved soda pop began 107 years ago with two Russian immigrant brothers looking to get out of the baking business. Starting with little more than pots, pails, hoses and a one-horse wagon, Ben and Perry Feigenson reformulated cake frosting recipes into carbonated beverage recipes. Out of more than 40 bottlers in Detroit's "pop alley,"

Faygo remained the last one standing.

Author Joe Grimm, a 25-year veteran of the Detroit Free Press and Michigan State journalism professor, leads the discussion.

The lecture series continues at Cook Schoolhouse Wednesday, Oct. 17, with "Michigan's Polar Bear Soldiers of WWI: A Centennial Perspective," presented by Mike Grobbel, grandson of a "Polar Bear" and president of the Polar Bear Memorial Association.

One hundred years ago, 5,000 U.S. soldiers, the majority of them from Michigan, were stranded in the Arctic region of Russia, engaged in bitter combat with the Bolshevik Red Army. They would not be withdrawn from this obscure military intervention until June 1919, by which time

230 of them had died. The remains of 56 members of the American Expeditionary Force are buried in plots surrounding the Polar Bear Memorial in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery in Troy.

Grobbel will draw on the experiences of his grandfather and other veterans of that campaign, including Harry Mead, father of Grosse Pointer Hudson Mead.

The third lecture is planned Wednesday, Nov. 14, at which time the book "Alexander Girard, Architect: Creating Midcentury Modern Masterpieces," by Deborah Lubera Kawsky, is discussed at Cook Schoolhouse.

While much has been written about Girard's vibrantly colored and patterned textiles for Herman Miller, the story of his Detroit period,

encompassing interior and industrial design, exhibition curation and residential architecture, has not been told. The book is the first comprehensive study of Girard's architectural projects, specifically those concentrated in Grosse Pointe.

The Bicknell series takes the winter off and continues next spring with the March 20 program "Guardians of Detroit: Architectural Sculpture in the Motor City." The book includes more than 700 original photos and is a unique effort to explore, explain and document Detroit's collection of architectural sculpture on a building-by-building basis. Author/photographer Jeff Morrison leads the discussion.

Wednesday, April 17, the series explores "Fruits of Perseverance: The French Presence in

the Detroit River Region, 1701-1815," by author Guillaume Teasdale, who leads the discussion at Cook Schoolhouse.

Founded by French military entrepreneur Antoine Laumet de Lamothe Cadillac in 1701, colonial Detroit was occupied by thousands of French settlers who established deep roots on both sides of the river. Exploring the French colonial presence in Detroit, from its establishment to its dissolution in the early 19th century, this book explains how a society similar to the rural settlements of the Saint Lawrence valley developed in an isolated place and how it survived well beyond the fall of New France in 1763, covering the era through the end of the War of 1812 in 1815.

The lecture series wraps with "Benson

Ford: A Historical Perspective," Wednesday, May 15, at Country Club of Detroit, 220 Country Club Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Benson Ford, second son of Edsel and Eleanor Clay Ford, left Princeton after two years to work at Ford Motor Co. before enlisting in the Army Air Corps during World War II. As Ford Motor Co. director and vice president, he led the Mercury Division from 1948 to 1956, then served as Ford's chairman of the Dealer Policy Board until his passing in 1978. Additionally, Mr. Ford worked extensively on behalf of local charities.

Presenter Mark Heppner, vice president for historic resources at the Historic Ford Estates, leads the discussion.

For more information, visit gphistorical.org or call (313) 884-7010.

AREA ACTIVITIES

BNI

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, Aug. 31, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe

Shores, offers an architecture tour of the estate 12:30 to 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31. Cost is \$15 for members, \$18 for non-members.

The Ford House hosts house and grounds tours 6:30 to 8 p.m. Fridays, Sept. 7 and 28.

The Ford House hosts grounds tours 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11.

Visit fordhouse.org for

tickets or more information.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts blood drives 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31, at Pointe Fitness, 19556 Harper, Harper Woods, and 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza. Register at redcrossblood.org.

NAMI

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

Rotary

Grosse Pointe Rotary meets 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Jeffrey Huebner and Dan Hughes speak. Huebner is chairman of the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation and Hughes is the "mastermind" behind the Concours d'Elegance at Pier Park. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

Woods Community Center

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza, offers a trip to Frankenmuth Thursday, Sept. 6. Cost is \$12 for Woods residents, \$15 for non-residents, and includes a carriage ride or river cruise, chicken dinner and shopping. Reservations are required by Tuesday, Sept. 4. Call (313) 343-2430.

The center offers an Oktoberfest luncheon and sing-along at the historic Dakota Inn Rathskeller Thursday, Oct. 4. Cost is \$24 for Woods residents, \$26 for non-residents, and includes a German-style lunch, piano-led sing-

along and desserts. Reservations are required by Tuesday, Sept. 4. Call (313) 343-2430.

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association hosts "Painting with Watercolor" 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 6 to 27, with Bette Prudden, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call (313) 881-3454.

Questers

Questers Grosse Pointe Pettipointe Chapter No. 243 meets the first Thursday of each month at various locations. Its first meeting of 2018-19 is 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, at Carolyn Barth's house in St. Clair Shores. The topic is Temari Balls, a folk art form and Japanese craft originating in China. Balls are made of thread and hand embroidered. At the meeting, presenter Bernadine Biske demonstrates how to make them. For more information, email Dorothy Tepatti at quest4golf@

wowway.com.

PFLAG

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. Email pflaggp@gmail.com.

Grannie Nannies

Grannie Nannies, for grandmothers who babysit their grandchildren, meets 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at Big Boy Restaurant, 20710 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 882-9600.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 8 a.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Dr. Peter Henry, pastor and head of staff at Memorial, speaks. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

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Record amount of grants awarded to nonprofits

The Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan has awarded nearly \$1.2 million in grants to 46 organizations through the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Legacy Funds. Each grantee organization is performing critical work within the seven counties of southeast Michigan — Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Washtenaw, St. Clair and Livingston.

Last year, the foundation awarded \$720,000 to 33 organizations from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Legacy Funds.

The Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation established these endowment funds at the Community Foundation to provide support to issue areas that were important to Wilson during his lifetime: Caregiving, Design and Access, Community Assets and Youth Sports. Endowment funds are designed to grow over time and provide funding in perpetuity for charitable causes according to the Wilson Foundation's wishes.

"The grants stemming from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Legacy Funds are a true testament to Mr. Wilson's values," said Mariam C. Noland, president of the Community Foundation. "His legacy will live on through the impact created by each organization's grant-funded project."

To learn more about grants offered, visit rcwjrf.org.

- ◆ American Cancer Society — \$25,000 for Caregiver Resource Guides for cancer patient caregivers in Wayne County.
- ◆ Certified Senior Solutions — \$25,000 for a caregiver employer education and resource program.
- ◆ Detroit Horse Power — \$20,000 for the expansion of summer and after-school horseback riding and youth development programs
- ◆ University Liggett School — \$25,000 for a new youth sports coach academy in southeast Michigan
- ◆ Chamber Music Society of

Detroit — \$11,550 for a new series of chamber music concerts at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial

- ◆ Full Circle Foundation — \$23,780 to formalize a job training program for special needs adults, ages 18 to 26, transitioning out of the school system

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Artists Association — \$25,000 to build capacity to better respond to community requests for more arts programming

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education — \$25,000 to support "The Leader in Me" program in Grosse Pointe elementary schools

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Historical Society — \$25,000 for building awareness of the history of each of the Grosse Pointes and attracting web visitors, researchers, participants, and supporters

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra Society — \$13,500 for increasing outreach and accessibility

- ◆ The War Memorial — \$25,000 for SummerFest 2018

- ◆ Services for Older Citizens Inc. — \$17,500 for technology upgrades to build capacity

- ◆ University Liggett School — \$25,000 for a community education series focused on child well being and community improvement.

Grosse Pointe Historical Society Vice President of Development Stuart Grigg said the grant will help the society digitize more of its assets.

"It can't be used for capital expenses," Grigg said, noting the society just announced plans to build a new home for the organization and its archives. "We're using it for building micro-websites for each of the Grosse Pointes. It's important when people go to the web to search, if they're buying a home in the Park, for example, to learn about the history and see things from the Park's past. We'll have subdomains, small portions of the site about each community."



Turning back time

Time Traveler's Camp Session V took place Aug. 7 to 9 at the Provencal-Weir House. Campers studied the Presque Isle Windmill and the village of Fairview, learned about a windmill near Grosse Pointe Park used to grind grain for the locals, read two stories out of "Legends of le Detroit," painted miniature windmills, built a small model of the Detroit Jockey Club and painted three horses. Campers also churned their own butter to make a blueberry crisp with fresh Michigan blueberries. Above, Ella Smith paints her windmill.



Above, Izzy Donnelly, Grosse Pointe Historical Society director of education, collections manager and camp leader, dishes up made-from-scratch blueberry crisp to campers Ella Smith, Cassidy Cleland and Ava Smith. Left, Donnelly watches as Gabrielle Gargasoulas churns homemade butter.



Nicole McEnroe paints a horse for the Detroit Jockey Club model.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Assumption campers learn about solar power

Cass Community Social Services Executive Director the Rev. Faith Fowler recently visited participants of Assumption Nursery School & Toddler Center's summer camp. Fowler and her assistant explained to children ages 12 and younger about solar energy panels and why they are needed.

Several children assisted in powering up a light bulb, demonstrating how a solar panel absorbs natural light. Fowler spoke about the need for Cass's solar energy projects in Puerto Rico — formerly homeless men and women are building 15 portable solar panels that will be delivered to hurricane-ravaged Puerto Rico — and its plans for Liberia.

"Rev. Fowler was very impressed with the children and the children and staff were extremely pleased with the opportunity to share time together to discuss ways to conserve Earth's natural resources, help others in need, here and around the world, and to inspire the future generation to be innovative for good cause," said Chris DeWaele, camp director.

Assumption's summer camp contin-



ues through August for ages 7 to 12 and toddlers through age 6. For more information, call (586) 772-4477.



The Rev. Faith Fowler explained to Assumption campers why solar energy panels are needed.

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OBITUARIES

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

John Michael Poplawski

John Michael Poplawski, 79, passed away Monday, Aug. 20, 2018, in St. Clair Shores.

Born in Detroit to John A. and Harriet Poplawski, John was raised in Hamtramck where he was a star athlete at St. Florian High School. He attended Wayne State University where he excelled on the football and basketball teams. In 1959 he married the love of his life, Mary Constance "Connie" Bednarski.

After finishing his degrees at Wayne State, he taught at Pershing High School in Detroit and served as assistant headmaster at Detroit Country Day before being named the first headmaster of the newly established Grosse Pointe Academy. He continued with that position until 1982. At that time, John joined the Bosquett Insurance Agency in Detroit. It was there he pursued his second career.

Upon retirement from the insurance business, John resumed doing what he loved — teaching young people. He became a substitute teacher for the Grosse Pointe Public School System. As earlier in his career, his students affectionately called him Mr. P.

John was a member of the Polish Century Club where he had co-chaired the club's golf committee and served on the scholarship committee. John was a member of the National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame.

Besides his wife Connie, John is survived by his children, Lynne Doyal (Greg), Lisa Buis, Cary Poplawski (Antoinette) and Jay Poplawski (Laura). He was affectionately known as Papa to his grandchildren, Meg, Michael, Antonell, Emily, Sam, William and John and great-grandchildren, Nicolas, Aaliyah and Leo.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 24 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores.

Donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Academy, 171 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Rita Marie Brady



An interment Mass for former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Rita Marie Brady will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, in the columbarium at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Rita passed away Friday, June 15, 2018.

George James Baer II

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident George James Baer II passed away peacefully Sunday, June 24, 2018, in Houston, surrounded by his family after a series of illnesses. He was 74.

Skip, as he was known to family and friends, was born Sept. 17, 1943, in Grosse Pointe to Dr. George and Ruth (nee Olson) Baer and spent the majority of his nearly 75 years in the Grosse Pointe community he loved dearly. He graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1961 and headed to Durham, N.C. to attend Duke University — the same school his father and brother attended and graduated from — a huge point of pride in his life. From Grosse Pointe High to Duke University, Skip was always a Blue Devil.

Skip was the loving husband of Cherie (nee Martin) the past 28 years; proud father of George (Kristin), Ingrid (Geoffrey) and Keith (Sarune); stepfather of Christine Crawshaw (Chris) and Katie Reichert (Ted); grandfather of Gary, Emma, Torey, Margot, George IV, Lukas, Charley, Lina and Evie; step-grandfather of Jack, Kate, Ally, Charlie, George and Henry; brother of twin sisters, Kiki Botsford and Mimi Hemmeter (John) and brother, Richard (Toni).

Skip was predeceased by his parents, Dr. George J. Baer and Ruth Baer Clifford.

Upon graduation from Duke, Skip began his work life in sales at IBM before starting his career in real estate serving the Grosse Pointe community more than 35 years. He started his real estate career under the direction of Cal Purdy as a salesman for then Purdy and Toles, before meeting James P. Danaher, with whom he formed their own company, Danaher & Baer, in the 1970s and later expanded this business with two additional partners to form Danaher, Baer, Wilson & Stroh. One of Skip's proudest business accomplishments was his success in securing a separate jurisdiction for the Grosse Pointe market from the National Board of Realtors, where after years of work with his fellow colleagues, they were granted new REALTOR Board status in 1985, establishing the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors. Skip was one of six founding members of the GPBR and served as its president in 1992. It was during this process, he met his future business partner, Cathy Champion, and in 1985 established Champion & Baer Real Estate, which quickly became a leader in the community.

Skip was a kind man. A constant presence on "The Hill" in Grosse Pointe Farms where he anchored his career, he always had a smile and a kind word for those he encountered. A former member of both the Bayview and Grosse

Pointe yacht clubs, Skip loved spending time at both of these special places with his family and friends. He enjoyed tennis, golf, bowling, trips to Hilton Head Island and cheering on the Detroit Lions and Duke Blue Devils.

He will be missed by those who truly knew him.

A celebration of life ceremony will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan Road, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Gerald E. Warren

Gerald E. Warren, "Jerry," died peacefully Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018, at his home in Grosse Pointe Farms, surrounded by his loving wife and family. He was 94.

Jerry was a strong man with a warm, loving presence. He was a leader from the beginning and a mentor to many. His wisdom and strength of spirit could always be counted on. Jerry was known for his kindness and the twinkle in his eye. He loved music — jazz, opera or classical was always playing in the house. Jerry loved learning new things and stretching his mind. He enjoyed being outside, working in the yard and lunches in the garden with his wife, Joan. Generous and gracious to a fault, he was a true gentleman and loved by those who were touched by his presence.

Jerry was born in 1924 in Bay City. He enlisted and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1943 and received an honorable discharge in 1945. His strongest memories were his flights in support of ground troops at the Battle of the Bulge. He attended Michigan State University on the GI Bill and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the School of Public Administration in 1948. While at MSU, he was elected president of the student government as well as the Blue Key Honor Society and the Senior Men's Honor Society, Excalibur.

He worked 10 years with the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce and was the leading force for building the coalition to support the deepening of the St. Lawrence Seaway. He was recognized for his efforts in Washington, D.C., by President Eisenhower in 1954.

In 1959, Jerry was asked to join National Bank of Detroit and assisted organizing the newly created marketing division. He served as president of the Bank Marketing Association and chairman of the marketing division of the American Bankers Association. He was an active leader in the metro Detroit business and civic community, serving on the boards of Detroit Renaissance and Detroit Zoological Society. He was president of the Central Business District Association and chair-



John Michael Poplawski



George James Baer II



Gerald E. Warren

man of the Metropolitan Detroit Convention and Visitors Bureau.

He retired from NBD in April 1989 as senior vice president, member of the senior management committee. In retirement, he served as president of the Detroit Economic Club from June 1990 to 1995.

He was a member of the Country Club of Detroit and Detroit Athletic Club.

Jerry often expressed feeling blessed. The most important event in his life was meeting his wife, Joan Bordner in 1957. Together they raised four children and were married 61 years.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Joan; daughters, Susan and Barbara; son, David and wife, Christy, and their children, Allie, Max, Jack and Abigail; and his son, Christopher and wife, Elizabeth, and their children, Rachel, Grace and Christopher.

A funeral service will be 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 31, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 61 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Detroit Zoological Society, 8450 W. 10 Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48067 or at detroitzoo.org.

Robert A. Walker

Robert A. Walker passed away peacefully Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018, surrounded by his family. Born Jan. 22, 1936, in Brockville, Ontario, Canada, Bob attended the Trinity School in Port Hope, Ontario, and Syracuse University where he earned bachelor's and MBA degrees. He also graduated from the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School. His entire career was spent in the transportation industry, culminating with 25 years at Grand Trunk Western Railway system in Detroit.

Bob is survived by Judene, his wife of 58 years; daughters, Heather Walker Flowers of Hilton Head Island, S.C., and Holly Walker Kisskalt (Michael) of Pacific Palisades, Calif., and six grandchildren.

Upon retirement Bob and Judy moved to Sea Pines Plantation on Hilton Head Island. He served on the board of the Deep Well Project and the Hilton Head Orchestra League board. He was a past president of Baynard Park Property Owners Association and served as president of Baynard Cove Club Association for many years. He also volunteered for Second Helpings and the Coastal Discovery Museum.

The family will hold a private service at a later date.

Donations may be made to the Deep Well



Robert A. Walker



Christine C. Leibbrand

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Christine Curtis Leibbrand

Christine Curtis Leibbrand, 95, passed away Tuesday, July 24, 2018. Born March 20, 1923, in Cambridge, Mass., Christine, "Crit," loved her family relationships, above all her husband of 67 years, Keith; their three surviving sons, Curt (Louise Wright), Todd (Jane) and Brad (Carol); seven grandchildren, Adena Louise Leibbrand, Charles Daniel Leibbrand, Alexander Quinn Leibbrand, Lara Kristine Allen, Robert William Allen, Christine Elizabeth Leibbrand and Michelle Elise Leibbrand; five great-grandchildren, and numerous extended family members. Listening, supporting and compassionate care were hallmarks of her life, though she also enjoyed a lively debate.

Crit graduated from Wellesley College in 1945 with a degree in economics. She enjoyed making regular pilgrimages to her Wellesley reunions and used those trips to visit relatives around Boston. Also in 1945, She met Keith at the Officer's Club in Copley Square, Boston, and they married in 1951. Crit carried her tennis racket and golf clubs on the honeymoon; they became part of the fabric of Leibbrand life.

Crit was attentive to and supportive of her children, their friends and extended family members. She developed deep, lifelong friendships with many college friends, as well as those with whom she participated in church activities, sports, bridge and volunteer organizations, as well as neighbors.

Crit was an active member of Christ Church Grosse Pointe since arriving in Michigan in 1959. She taught Sunday school, served on numerous committees and was a regular at the Wednesday evening Bible discussions. After raising her children, she served many years as a Stephen minister. Crit greatly enjoyed working at the Thursday pizza lunches the church sponsored for

Grosse Pointe South

High School students.

Additionally, she was an avid reader, including the funny pages, and loved art, the symphony, ceramics, Questers, book clubs, Hilberry Theatre and her women's investment club. Crit was a past president of the local Wellesley Alumnae Association and American Association of University Women, for which she directed and participated in many used book fundraisers. She was a proud founding member of the Happy Housewives tennis group which helped raise funds for the tennis courts at Elworthy Field. For a time, she taught reading at the Marcy School in Detroit.

Crit and Keith joined Indian Village Tennis Club in Detroit as soon as they arrived in Grosse Pointe. Crit liked to point out they were two of, if not, the oldest living members of the club. A self-described tomboy, she loved to play and watch sports of all kinds. She played competitive tennis from age 7 to 87 and rarely missed a Grand Slam tournament on TV. She taught her sons how to play and how to act on the court.

Crit also made sure her children knew how to ski and golf. She started the family skiing by going on regular trips to Skyline in Roscommon and skied out West until age 87. Golfing at Goldenhawk became a ritual. She also greatly enjoyed competitive card games, especially bridge, hearts, up and down the river and STOP.

She rode her bike, with metal bicycle baskets, to Kroger to get groceries until age 90.

Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, 2018, in Miller Hall at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 16 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Friends of the Children - Detroit Chapter, 44 NE Morris St., Portland, OR 97212 or Maroon Foundation, c/o Seber Tans, 555 W. Crosstown Parkway, Suite 304, Kalamazoo, MI 49006. Indicate Kalamazoo Central High School Men's Tennis Team on the memo line.

OBITUARIES:

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Doris J. Krusz

Doris "Dorie" J. Krusz, 86, died at Advantage Living Center, Harper Woods, Monday, July 30, 2018.

Born Aug. 13, 1931, in South Bend, Ind., to Ralph and Katherine Terrell, Dorie grew up in Oak Park, Ill., and attended Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., where she studied fine art. It was there she met Arthur and it was "love at first sight." They were married in 1951 and moved to New York so Arthur could pursue his art career. The obituary picture is a photo of a painting Art did of Dorie some years ago.

Dorie was talented and creative. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, needlework and furniture refinishing. She built large model clipper ships and wrote a book, "The Amateur Ship Model Builder," published in 1972. She became an accomplished miniature furniture and dollhouse maker, spending nearly four years creating a 6-foot-long, 3-foot-high

dollhouse which ultimately ended up in a museum and featured in Architectural Digest magazine. Upon completing this, she wrote "Building Miniature Houses and Furniture," published in 1977.

Dorie is most known in the metro Detroit area for her sculptures, many of which can be seen around town and in homes. She was honored to have been a friend and student of Ed Chesney, a well-known and gifted sculptor. Dorie also worked many years doing restorations for art houses as well as individual clients. Her restorations were impeccably done, without any trace of damage to be seen.

Dorie also loved cryptic crossword puzzles and going out for dinner and a movie with Art every Friday night. She had a great sense of humor, loved to laugh and had many dear friends.

Dorie loved her family and adored her grandchildren. She never missed an opportunity to let her friends know how amazing they were. Dorie looked forward to becoming a great-grandma and, happily, shortly before she died, was able to meet her great-grand-



Doris J. Krusz

daughter.

Dorie was predeceased by her husband, Art and son, Jim.

She is survived by her son, Tom and his wife, Tracey; grandchildren, Alex (Hui), Andrew (Marti), Elizabeth, Matthew and Mary and great-granddaughter, Autumn Francis. She also is survived by her brother, David and his wife, Diana.

Dorie was fortunate to have had devoted caregivers, allowing her to stay in her home until one month before her passing.

A private service was held.

Donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Artists Association, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

PASTOR'S CORNER By the Rev. Ben Van Arragon

Glorious repetition

Throughout our community, students and teachers are getting ready to go back to school. In our household, the first day of school is greeted with excitement. Kids jump out of bed unprompted, eat breakfast without complaint and are waiting at the door, bags packed, well before we parents have had our first cup of coffee. This scenario lasts about a week. By day seven, we've slipped into opposite world. Everything requires Herculean effort — waking up, getting homework and lunches in backpacks, finding shoes and getting out the door. What happens between days one and seven?

The novelty wears off. Heading off to a new classroom or job or project is easy the first couple of times. But then it becomes the same old thing. Repetition threatens to make everyday life nearly intolerable. And yet, repetition is the stuff of life; it's the fabric of reality. This theme is repeated throughout the Bible. Psalm 136 celebrates God's masterful hand at work in every facet of the universe. The psalm identifies instances of miraculous provision and intervention — like God's rescue of the nation of Israel from slavery. It also sees God's hand in the most predictable and routine rhythms of the natural world: the rising and setting of sun and moon, the ebb and flow of seasons and tides, the steady provision of food chains and crop cycles. Life is only possible when built upon and bathed in consistent, glorious routine. God created human beings to partic-

ipate in God's great work of shaping and tending the stuff of creation. Human nature comes to expression in moments of acute artistic and productive brilliance, but also in chronic, committed, intentional (and often boring) routine. In our routines — making beds and making lunches; changing diapers and changing shifts; playing scales and running drills; getting up and showing up and, at times, putting up — we are doing God's work. We're supporting life and giving shape and order and beauty to creation.

In "Orthodoxy," G.K. Chesterton writes, "[Children] want things repeated and unchanged. They always say, 'Do it again'; and the grown-up person does it again until he is nearly dead. God is strong enough to exult in monotony. It is possible that God says every morning, 'Do it again' to the sun; and every evening, 'Do it again' to the moon. [It] may be that God makes every daisy separately, but has never got tired of making them."

At the start of this new season, try treating every day like the first day of school. Savor each task, no matter how repetitive or mundane, as a meaningful contribution to God's good work of making life right. In the process, rediscover a childlike — and Godlike — delight in glorious repetition.

Van Arragon is pastor at First Christian Reformed Church of Detroit, 1442 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park. Visit firstcrcdetroit.org.

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- ◆ Bring a list of medications including prescriptions, over-the-counter medication and any vitamins or supplements.

- ◆ List any past allergic reactions.
- ◆ Write down any questions and the specific reason for the visit with a cardiologist.

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CHURCH EVENTS

St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts its parish picnic Sunday, Sept. 9, beginning with Mass at 3 p.m. The picnic runs 4 to 9 p.m. and includes dinner, a bounce house and raffle prizes. Call (313) 885-8855.

Jewish Council

The Grosse Pointe Jewish Council hosts High Holiday services, observing Rosh Hashanah, Sunday, Sept. 9, and Monday, Sept. 10. Services on Yom Kippur take place Tuesday, Sept. 18, and Wednesday, Sept. 19. Rabbi Joe Klein officiates with cantorial soloist

Bryant Frank. Special children's services occur both holidays. The Grosse Pointe Jewish Council offers religious services as well as educational and social events. For information about High Holidays or membership, call (313) 882-6700.

First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts Rally Day '18 at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 16. The casual youth-led worship event features a bounce house. Call (313) 884-5040.

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Derby day

Grosse Pointe Woods hosted its annual Perch Derby Aug. 4 at Lake Front Park. Trophies were awarded for biggest fish, biggest perch and most fish caught. Left, Johnny Koslakiewicz brought his lucky Mickey Mouse pole in hopes of catching some fish.

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Above, Aidan and Nadia Kissau liked what they got in their goodie bags — a coupon for TCBY and a fish necklace among other things. Left, Frank Yoakam and Frankie Yoakam show off their catch. Young Frankie won a trophy for the biggest perch caught by someone younger than 12.



Above, Emmett Fox holds his ticket hoping his number will be called for a raffle prize. Left, Louis Demick shows off two bluegill he caught off the pier.

Fall gardening events just around the corner

A variety of events are available for gardening enthusiasts during the month of September.

The fun begins Tuesday, Sept. 11, with the Grosse Pointe Garden Center's Garden Party on Belle Isle 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory. The event features cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, musical entertainment by Ben Sharkey and images from Piet Oudolf's gardening world.

Proceeds from this year's event support the renovation of the staircase and flagstone path at the back entrance to the conservatory's sunken gardens. Once renovated, the path will allow public access to the area and serve as a link between the conservatory grounds and the planned Piet Oudolf garden.

Tickets must be purchased by 4:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. For tickets, visit belleisleconservancy.org.

Two days later, a perennial swap takes place 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at ShorePointe Village, 26101 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Guests will be able to tour the landscaped courtyards, learn to divide and propagate perennials from Master Gardeners

and swap perennials. Local vendors are on hand and prizes are raffled.

The following week, the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, hosts "An Evening of Roses" 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20. The evening includes signature rose-inspired cocktails and a selection of rose desserts. Guests are invited to create their own perfume, learn to make potpourri and other crafts. Tickets are \$50 for Ford House members, \$60 for the public.

Next up, the Garden Center's annual Trial Gardens Awards Tea takes place 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The event features herb-infused refreshments and the presentation of awards. All are welcome.

Finally, the deadline for the Garden Center's 13th annual Fall Bulb Sale Fundraiser is Sunday, Sept. 30. A variety of bulbs are available, including two popular seasonal selections of amaryllis, as well as erythronium, crocus, muscari, iris, narcissi, tulips, allium and lilies. More information and an order form are available online at gpgardencenter.org/2018-fall-bulb-sale.

For information about these events and others, visit gpgardencenter.org/ events.



From left, Tomasine Marx, COO/CFO, Ascension St. John Hospital; Cathy Patterson, oncology financial counselor, Ascension St. John; Karen LaBarge, committee co-chairwoman; Cindy Merry, chairwoman; Katie McSkimming, co-chairwoman; and Sherry Augustine, development officer, Ascension St. John.

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Fundraiser benefits Needy Patient Fund

Approximately 110 golfers attended a fundraiser at Lochmoor Club Aug. 8, which also included lunch and a special auction. Proceeds from the Lochmoor Fights

Cancer event benefit the Needy Patient Fund at Ascension St. John Hospital's Van Elslander Cancer Center. More specifically, donations will be used to support cancer

patients and their families with financial hardships by providing assistance with their mortgage payments, utility bills, car payments and gift cards to grocery stores.



Aeriana Spinosa held out her "wings" in hopes of attracting butterflies to land on her during Pollinator Palooza, which took place Aug. 19 at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.



Buzz about town



Above, Matilda Konieczki was able to get a butterfly to land on her finger. Left, Cecelia Clarke and her brother, Jonathon Clarke, closely inspected the flowers for butterflies or bees.

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Above, Brian Roest-Peterson, with Bees in the D, explains to Robert Cox and Isaac Cox how a beehive works. Left, Kaitlyn Kassin dressed up for the event.

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Football

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

South, Liggett win openers

Blue Devils sink Phoenix

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Tim Brandon and his Grosse Pointe South football team enjoyed a successful season opener last week, beating visiting Detroit Renaissance 45-7.

"We capitalized on their mistakes and were consistent on offense and defense," Brandon said. "We kept our foot on the gas, outside of a few minutes at the end of the first quarter and into the second quarter. Other than that, I liked the intensity and play on both sides of the ball."

The defense forced a fumble on the first series of the game, which senior Patrick Dougherty recovered at the Phoenix 15-yard line. Four plays later, the Blue Devils scored as senior quarterback Ryan Downey ran in from a yard out. Senior Scott Rosati kicked the extra point to make it 7-0 Blue Devils at the 9:37 mark of the first quarter.

On their second possession, the Blue Devils drove 56 yards in several plays as senior running back Conor McKenna capped the drive with a 6-yard touchdown run. Another Rosati PAT and it was 14-0.

The Phoenix scored their lone touchdown on the ensuing possession, cutting the deficit to 14-7.

The Blue Devils scored two more touchdowns in



South senior quarterback Ryan Downey looks downfield for a target during the Blue Devils' season-opening win over Renaissance.

the second quarter to bump the lead to 28-7 at the half.

McKenna scored on a 5-yard run at the 3:57 mark, and after a Rosati interception, the home team needed only three plays to score again. McKenna had his third TD run of the half, going in from five yards out with 1:57 left. Rosati converted both PATs.

Freshman Will Johnson picked off a pass at the horn to end the first half. The home team was rolling and the fans were into it.

In the second half, Rosati kicked a field goal, the defense scored on a fumble recovery and Downey scored on a 2-yard run. Rosati kicked each extra point to give him nine points in the

game.

Downey completed 7-of-10 passes for 68 yards and ran for 31 yards on six carries with two touchdowns. McKenna had 55 yards rushing on 20 carries with three scores and caught two passes for 13 yards.

Senior fullback Collin McQueen rushed for 44 yards on six carries, and junior Devyn Griffin had six carries late in the game, gaining 29 yards.

The defense forced five turnovers and kept constant pressure on Phoenix quarterback RaeQuan Beal.

Grosse Pointe South is 1-0 overall, and hosts Utica Ford in its Macomb Area Conference White Division opener at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights beat CMA

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School football team already matched its win total from a year ago after beating Detroit Communication Media Arts 14-6 in its season opener last week.

It wasn't easy, but the host Knights made enough key plays in the second half to edge the Pharaohs.

"They were very excited, and we're proud of the effort," head coach Dan Cimini said. "Our older guys were great, and the younger players did a nice job, too. I thought we dominated the game, and I could see the guys playing with a lot of confidence against a team with some big, strong players. It was a good effort in our opener."

Junior quarterback Ian Narva was solid, completing 14-of-25 for 220 yards and one touchdown, plus he rushed for 76 yards on 20 carries with another touchdown.

In the final drive, which sealed the victory, the Knights started on their 30-yard line and ran out the final five minutes, thanks to three CMA penalties, and eight runs by Narva. In total, the Knights ran 11 plays before Narva kneeled on the final two plays when CMA couldn't stop the clock.

The Knights held a slim 2-0 lead at the half. The defense recorded a safety when the CMA center snapped the ball over the quarterback's head and it rolled out of the end zone with 31.9 left in the sec-



University Liggett School head coach Dan Cimini, left, sends in a play to his starting quarterback, junior Ian Narva.

ond quarter.

It was a different story in the second half as the Pharaohs scored on their first possession of the third quarter, but missed the extra point try. CMA had a 6-2 lead 63 seconds into the second half.

The home team regained the lead late in the third quarter when Narva hit senior wide receiver Danny Bowen for an 8-yard touchdown pass. The two connected for a big 36-yard gain earlier in the possession.

The extra point was missed, but the Knights led 8-6. They recovered an on-side kick on the ensuing play, starting the possession at the Pharaohs' 45-yard line.

It took nine plays and three CMA penalties to get into the end zone. Narva scored on a 3-yard run with 9:52 left in the fourth quarter. The PAT was missed, and the

Knights had the eight-point lead.

The Knights recovered a second straight on-side kick, but didn't do anything with the next possession. CMA had the ball back, but the Knights' defense held on a fourth down to get the ball back.

This was the final possession of the game as Narva and the offense burned the final five minutes off the clock.

Bowen led all receivers with seven catches for 118 yards and one touchdown. Freshman Matthew Belcrest caught three passes for 28 yards, and freshman Justin Nazarko had two receptions for 2 yards.

Junior Drew Zelenak had 14 tackles to lead the defense.

ULS is 1-0 overall, and hosts Melvindale Academy for Business and Technology at 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30.

Soccer

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT

Successful starts

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys soccer team shrugged off a season-opening loss to Orchard Lake St. Mary's to come back and beat Allen Park Inter-City Baptist squad 4-2 last weekend.

Matthew Summers opened the scoring on a shot from distance, with Stewart Smith setting up the play.

Alec Azar later scored off a corner kick taken by Nolan Ondersma, and Smith scored two break-away goals to give the Knights the victory.

The first of Smith's goals was assisted by Adam Serratos, and the second came from Doug Wood.

"We finish out our pre-season with games at home on Monday and Thursday this week against Lutheran North and Bishop Foley, respec-

tively," head coach David Dwaihy said. "Should be two very tough games and hopefully we'll come out ready when we travel to Riverview Gabriel Richard for our first official Catholic League game on Sept. 4."

ULS is 1-1 overall.

North results

The Grosse Pointe North boys soccer team is off to a 3-1 start under first-year head coach Brad VandeVorde.

The season started with a 4-2 victory over Davison, and that followed with a 2-1 win over Lapeer and 1-0 win over St. Clair Shores Lakeview in the Macomb Area Conference White Division opener.

On Monday afternoon in the hot, steamy weather, North hosted Utica Eisenhower and lost 8-0.

Leading the Norsemen in scoring in the first

week with two goals apiece are George Graham and Nick Miller.

North is 1-0 in the MAC White Division.

South results

Head coach Francesco Cilano closely watched his Grosse Pointe South boys soccer team during its three-games in the annual early season Detroit Country Day Tournament.

He gets playing time for all of his players, and uses the tournament to evaluate who excels at different positions on the field.

The Blue Devils finished 2-1, beating Oxford 1-0 and Royal Oak 2-0, while losing 1-0 to Country Day.

Matt Moran tallied against Oxford, and it was Moran and David Langenburg who scored against Royal Oak.

South plays its division opener this week.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH



PHOTO BY PAUL KANIA

On the road

Grosse Pointe North's football team took to the road for its 2018 season opener last weekend, facing Warren Michigan Collegiate at Madison Heights Bishop Foley. The debut of head coach Joe Drouin was soured by a 26-14 loss. One highlight was the Norsemen defenders, above, recovering a fumble. Grosse Pointe North looks to even its record at 1-1 when it travels to Utica for a 7 p.m. game Thursday, Aug. 30.

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Girls cross country

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Running start

The Grosse Pointe North girls cross-country team placed fourth out of 11 squads in last weekend's season-opening South Lyon Invitational. Sylvania Northview and Plymouth tied for first with 78 points, followed by South Lyon with 84 and North with 94. The Norsemen's top runners were Sara Michalik, Elise Nyquist, pictured right, Annaliese Thomas, Caroline Mrsan, Jackie Albo, Michaela Cosgrove and Anna Lisa Lynch. The top five earned a medal, and the top finishers for the Norsemen in the junior varsity race were Vivian Liagre, Lyndsay Kluge, Audrey Rakozy, Eleanor Bernas, Amelia Schock, Jordyn Foulkrod and Haley Burson.



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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Nice start

Grosse Pointe South girls cross country runners Lizzy Bellovich, left, and Sarah Rabaut both earned a medal in the season-opening Anchor Bay Cleverly Invitational last weekend. The team kicked off its 2018 season placing fifth out of 12 squads. Anchor Bay won with 63 points, followed by Rochester with 67, Lutheran North with 80, Stevenson with 93 and South with 96. Head coach Steve Zaranek watched four of his runners earn a medal, which is finishing in the top 25. Medalists were Devon Krasner, second; Sarah Bellovich, 20th; Lizzy Bellovich, 22nd; and Rabaut, 24th. The Blue Devils won the junior varsity race with 19 points. Top 20 finishes were posted by MaryClaire Diamond, Dianne Dollison, Lizzy High, Grace Reyes, Bridget Clark, Grace Miller, Kate Beardslee, Lily Mackrell, Annabella Joseph and Megan Rabaut.



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Field hockey

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT

Victories for two, one falls

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Emma Huellmantel's debut as the Grosse Pointe North girls varsity field hockey head coach was a smashing success.

The host Norsemen beat Warren Regina 10-0 behind the five-goal performance from senior Clare Murphy and a stifling defensive performance.

"It was a nice effort, and nice to see the solid passing up front," Huellmantel said. "I was happy with our play."

Senior goaltender Ally Saigh saw only one shot as the defenders in front of her kept Regina's forwards from gaining any sort of momentum.

The Norsemen built a 6-0 halftime lead, and ended the game via the 10-goal mercy rule with a little less than three minutes remaining in the second half.

Junior Ruth Fradeneck scored two goals, while sophomore Erin Murphy, senior Maria DiSanto and senior captain

Natalie Wietecha had one goal apiece.

Grosse Pointe North is 1-0 in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 2 standings.

South results

The Grosse Pointe South girls field hockey earned its first win in the Margi Whittingham coaching era, 7-0 over visiting Pinckney.

"We started playing better in the second half of our opener and that play carried over to this game," Whittingham said. "We had a good practice the day before, and I saw the girls really working hard to implement the things they worked on. It was a nice team effort at both ends of the field."

The Blue Devils held a 2-0 halftime lead, thanks to goals by junior Kylie Stackpoole at the 16:26 mark and senior Elizabeth Byarski four minutes later.

It was all Blue Devils in the second half.

Stackpoole scored

again, this time just 90 seconds into the stanza, to make it 3-0.

Junior Caitlin Rionda stole the show after that, recording not just a hat trick, but adding a fourth goal with 1:13 left in the game. Rionda scored at the 25:30, 24:09, 5:40 and 1:13 marks of the second half.

Senior goalkeeper Tori Potter was stellar in net, making a dozen saves, including three in a span of 10 seconds in the first half when it was a 2-0 game.

In the season opener, South lost to visiting Brighton 3-1 as its record is 1-1 in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 2 standings.

Liggett results

The University Liggett School girls field hockey team dropped its season opener last week, losing 1-0 to host Dearborn.

The home team scored in the first half, and held on as the Knights pressed the entire second half, but couldn't score the

equalizer.

Head coach Jayant Trewn said it was a well-deserved win for Dearborn as the Knights fell to 0-1 in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 2 standings.

After the first week of the regular season, Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard and Brighton are 2-0 for six points, while a host of teams were 1-0 with three points.

The league is back to a full slate of games when school starts for most of the teams Tuesday, Sept. 4.

The first meeting between the three city rivals is Friday, Sept. 14, when Grosse Pointe South hosts ULS at 6 p.m.

ULS and North play at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, at North, while North and South play at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, at North.

Hockey

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Silver medalist

City of Grosse Pointe resident Heath Stidham earned a silver medal as a member of Team Orange at the State Games of Michigan hockey tournament in Grand Rapids July 20-22.

Team Orange consisted of a select group of 16U players representing Southeastern Michigan, who competed against squads from regions across the state.

Stidham is 14-years-old.

Tennis

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Positive all around

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys tennis team is off to a great start, beating Midland Dow 6-2 and tying Ann Arbor Huron 4-4.

Huron is a perennial state player in Division 1 and Dow was the Division 2 runner-up last season.

"The team played very well this week," head coach John Willard said. "All of their hard practice this summer really showed in their results. The experience of our upperclassmen really showed as we were able to prevail in several very close matches."

The team was scheduled to play an eight-team tournament last weekend, but rain forced its cancellation. Instead, the Blue Devils played a dual match against Dow.

The Blue Devils swept the four doubles matches as each was over in straight sets.

At No. 1 doubles, seniors Mickey Kuchta and Turner Sine won 6-2, 6-2, and seniors Sam Packer and John Lynch won 6-3, 7-5 at No. 2 doubles.

It was junior Kenny Prather and sophomore Jackson Marchal winning 6-2, 6-1 at No. 3 doubles, and sophomore Will White and freshman Blake Discher won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 4 doubles.

They also played a No. 5 doubles match with South winning 6-1, 6-2 behind juniors Patrick Hopper and Miles Jamieson.

In singles, senior Sean Miller won 7-6, 6-1 at No. 1, and freshman Alex Prather won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 4.

Senior Michael Willard lost 6-0, 6-1 at No. 2 singles, and sophomore Jacob Harris lost 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3 singles.

In the tie with Huron, Willard won 7-6, 6-0 at No. 2 singles, and the Blue Devils won three of the four doubles matches.

Kuchta and Sine won 6-2, 6-4 at No. 1, while Packer and Lynch won 6-4, 6-3 at No. 2.

Kenny Prather and Marchal also won, 6-7, 7-5, 7-6 at No. 3 doubles. The duo of Hopper and Jamieson also won 4-6, 7-6, 7-6, but the fifth doubles outcomes don't count in the overall team score.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys tennis team earned its first win of the season last week, beating Yale 5-3.

"We don't have a senior in the lineup, so our younger guys are going to have to work hard to get wins this season, but so far I see they have a ton of fight," head coach Mark Sobieralski said.

Helping with the victory was junior Max Wiegel, who won his match at No. 2 singles.

The Knights also played Traverse City St. Francis and lost 7-1. Earning the lone win were freshmen Rocco

Scarfione and Jack Estes, who played No. 4 doubles.

ULS also played Grosse Ile in the home quad with Yale and St. Francis.

Sophomore Vincent Maribao and freshman Bennett French played Nos. 3 and 4 singles in the quad, while the Nos. 2 and 3 doubles squads of sophomore Ryan Warezak and Jacob Tomlinson and freshman Bode Neumeister and junior Alex Deimel won two of their three matches.

Sophomore William Cooksey is at No. 1 singles, but will join the squad Sept. 1.

ULS is 1-4-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Improving

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North boys tennis team kicked off its 2018 season Aug. 22, playing well in a 5-3 loss to Jenison.

Luke Deskins won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 2 singles to give the Norsemen one point in the four matches.

In doubles, they took two points as Chris Mourad and Joe Haney won 7-6, 6-3 at No. 1, and Matt Mourad and Jonathan Smith earned a 6-3, 3-6, 11-9 victory at No. 3.

In other recent action, senior captain Hunter Williams played a tough three-set match and won

6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

It was the lone point Grosse Pointe North would get in a 7-1 loss, which dropped the Norsemen to 0-2 overall.

Van Alst's other singles players were Matt Mourad at No. 2, Gavin Gregorec at No. 3 and Simon Stallings at No. 4.

At doubles, Chris Mourad and Haney played at No. 1, but lost in two close sets 6-4, 6-4, while Charlie Ramsdell and Mitchell Mills also dropped a tough two-setter 6-3, 6-3 at No. 2. At No. 3 doubles, Simon Olk and Smith lost 6-0, 6-4, and it was Zoia and Johnathan Hartley falling at No. 4, 7-6, 6-0.

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