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Right, Grosse Pointe Woods brought its ladder truck to the end of the driveway at its public safety building and hung a flag in honor of the thousands who died Sept. 11, 2001. Below, Grosse Pointe Farms hung a memorial sign over its fire department doors on Kerby in honor of fallen heroes.



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New number, same results

Headlee recount renews budget planning

By Melissa Walsh
 Staff Writer
 proposal showed it failed by 13 votes.
 Results posted following the Aug. 7 primary showed the proposal failing by 11 votes.
GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Friday's recount of the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety and Public Services Millage and Public Services Millage
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County commits to fixing seawall

By Melissa Walsh
 Staff Writer
 federal financial assistance for long-term resolution to the pressing infrastructure issue, its director, Beverly Watts, has vowed a commitment to short-term repairs.
GROSSE POINTE SHORES AND FARMS — Deterioration along the more than three miles of Lakeshore seawall progresses as the fall season brings heavy winds and rough water.
 As Wayne County — the entity that owns the county road and its seawall — seeks
 Until this fall, emergency maintenance of the Lakeshore seawall, extending from the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in
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Public library asking for millage renewal

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Ahead of November's general election, Grosse Pointe Public Library Director Jessica Keyser gave an informational presentation to Farms city council on the library's millage renewal request on the ballot.
 The library is asking residents for an eight-

year renewal of its .6847 supplemental millage last approved in 2011.
 "The millage will be used for library operations, the purchase of materials, which includes books, magazines, newspapers and other resources, technology, building maintenance and improvements and we are still paying down the bonds for the Ewald and Woods branches," said Keyser.

The request is a renewal and taxes for library services will not be increased, noted Keyser.
 The current millage comprises approximately 30 percent of the library's budget, said Keyser. Without it the library would have to cut staffing, hours and services. It currently employs 30 full-time librarians and staff and 70 part-time student and substitute

staff, as well as operates three buildings.
 "Last year we circulated nearly half a million items," Keyser said. "We had 466,073 visits to the library — that's our three branches, Woods, Central and Ewald. We had 29,023 people attend programs and we answered 76,662 reference questions in one year."
 "So anybody that says Google has made librar-

ies irrelevant is wrong. Google will give you a million answers, but a librarian will give you the correct one."
 The current millage expires in 2019. Councilman Joe Ricci asked why the library is requesting the renewal this year, especially when the Grosse Pointe Public School System has a substantial bond request on the ballot.
 "We spent a lot of time

talking about the timing," Keyser said. "We talked about going in August, but we received feedback that people felt that was not an ideal time. Some people felt there wouldn't be enough awareness, both for people that had questions and people that were ardent supporters because people would be on vacation and there's
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Dame gets raise

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — City Manager Peter Dame received a raise July 16. Sort of.
 Council approved a salary increase to \$122,520 and a bonus of \$5,000 during its July meeting for the 12-year

city manager. While his salary increased 2 percent, Dame's yearly bonus is \$5,000 less than last year, decreasing his net pay by nearly \$2,500.
 Mayor Christopher Boettcher said the salary increase is because of Dame's job performance
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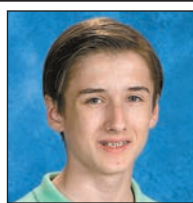
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Dog days of summer

Grosse Pointe Shores opened its pools to dogs Sept. 4. Human companions swam with their dogs in the big pool and the dogs swam in the baby pool as well. Sadie, left, was among the dogs to swim. For more photos from this event, see page 3A.

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Atticus Henry
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Serving up new courts

Grosse Pointe Shores cut the ribbon for its new tennis courts Saturday, Aug. 25, despite rainy weather. The Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation funded the project.

Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski and Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation President Brett Marshall, along with councilmembers, foundation members and Joe Fodell, who served as tennis pro 1990 to 2005, gathered in the rain to cut the ribbon.

School board candidates forum Sept. 18

Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education candidates will be in the Eastside Republican Club spotlight 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The ERC hosts a forum for the seven candidates — including two incumbents — running for three school board positions to be decided by voters Nov. 6.

“While the ERC typically covers broader issues, in this forum we bring the focus to our doorstep, right to Grosse Pointe and our schools,” said club chairman Dr. Annette DeSantis Feldpausch. “We want our nonpartisan school board candidates to get the attention they deserve and not to be overshadowed by

the fall campaigns for statewide races and proposals. The outcome is important to local residents, who will also vote on a proposed \$111 million general obligation tax bond, which could be a campaign issue. Our goal is to have informed voters.”

Incumbents facing reelection are Brian C. Summerfield and Margaret Weertz. Other candidates include John Shook, Wendy Saigh, Christopher Lee, Walter Schwartz Jr. and Christian Fenton.

The forum is open to the public at no charge.

The Eastside Republican Club forum takes place the third Tuesday of the month September through May.

Opposition to Woods fence ordinance brewing

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — City council’s May 21 denial of a couple’s request to install a 6-foot-tall privacy fence on their Birch Road property fanned ire already stirring among residents over fence restrictions imposed by the city since January 2017.

The owners of the Birch Road property said the request was to promote the safety of their toddler and an infant they are in the process of adopting. The perceived threat was their neighbor’s German shepherd. Though the dog has no history of aggression, installing the fence, they said, would provide a safeguard in the event the dog grew aggressive.

The dog’s owners, who reside on the property behind the Birch Road property, concurred and appeared before city council supporting the request. However, council denied the request 4 to 2 with one absence.

Sections 8-281 and 8-282 of the ordinance restrict fences to 4 feet in height. Section 279-1 of the ordinance bans pri-

vacy fencing.

As fence-ordinance variance requests have been frequent the past year, Woods Building Inspector Gene Tutag presents the request and reason for the variance. City council then has full authority to approve or deny the request.

Two fence variance requests were approved during Monday’s meeting — a 6-foot-tall privacy fence to contain a special needs child and, on another property, a 6-foot-tall fence to replace an existing fence of the same specifications. The latter request is not grandfathered per the ordinance. Both requests were approved unanimously.

“I’ve been contacted by many residents upset about this 4-foot requirement. And this is something we need to look at in the future,” said Councilwoman Vicki Granger.

Woods resident Phil Whitman is scheduled to speak about the ordinance before council Sept. 17, advocating for residential rights to install private fencing as high as 6 feet. He told Grosse Pointe News new fence

ordinance regulations were approved January 2017, when “no one was paying attention.”

“(City council) pushed this through December 2016 during the Christmas holiday,” added Whitman.

The former municipal attorney for Lincoln Park believes the fence restrictions infringe on property rights and variances to the ordinance are arbitrarily approved or denied by city council.

“There’s quite a bit of anger in the community about the way this ordinance is being enforced,” Whitman said.

An event to launch a petition to repeal the ordinance is scheduled 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at Starbucks on Mack and Allard. Signature collection begins Monday, Sept. 24.

Whitman said signatures from 10 percent of the city’s registered voters, approximately 1,400, would add a proposal to repeal the ordinance to the November 2019 ballot. Signatures from 25 percent of the city’s registered voters, or approximately 3,400, would force

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RESULTS:

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Woods resident and Grosse Pointe Woods Millage Committee member Donna Abdo

submitted the recount request for the six Grosse Pointe Woods precincts at the Wayne County Clerk’s office Monday, Aug. 20.

Woods City Councilwoman Vicki

Granger said the recount demonstrated “the integrity and hard work of our city clerk that things were so very close. Voters should have great confidence in the hard work our city clerk and

her staff do in preparing for elections.”

The recount confirmed 2,928 “yes” votes were not enough against 2,941 “no” votes.

“We’ll develop strategies,” Woods Mayor Robert Novitke said of moving forward with financial planning without the additional 4 mills the Headlee override proposal would have brought into the general fund. “We’ve done it before and we will persevere. But I’m disappointed.”

The city’s budget currently shows a surplus of \$1.7 million, according to a presentation by City Controller Cathy Behrens.

Novitke said much of the surplus will support projects city council has committed to, including road work. He added the planned expenditure of a new fire truck “has already been taken into account.”

Rich Shetler said he was the only council

member present at city hall during Friday’s recount.

“Not a single member of council that was so worried about this Headlee showed up even for a minute,” Shetler said. “I think that says a lot right there, No. 1. No. 2, I also find it interesting that —and I respect what Councilman Todd McConaghy said tonight (Monday) about the Finance Committee, about watching things — I’ve been on this council seven years. Now I’ve watched the budgets for the last seven years. But more importantly, I wish that the city would have had that kind of conservative paradigm before I was elected, because it’s blatantly obvious now that we are paying for legacy benefits that we should not.”

Shetler said going forward expenditure decisions will have to be determined on a line-by-line basis, urging the introduction of a “fresh

set of eyes and fresh ideas.”

Citing the tax burden already imposed on Woods residents as too high, Shetler added, “The city has about \$10 million in cash right now. Granted, that’s devoted to certain departments, but they still have \$10 million in cash on hand.”

Shetler stepped down as council representative for the Friends of Grosse Pointe Woods millage committee less than two weeks prior to the Aug. 7 primary.

Marlin Stewart from the millage committee was at city hall for the recount.

Councilman Art Bryant, who was out of town during Friday’s recount, said, “I’m very sorry the recount didn’t go our way to pass (the proposal). We really needed the millage and I’m sorry the voters didn’t support it. I’m not sure which way we’ll go now.”

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SOC serves seniors 40 years

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

Forty years ago, a group of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods residents formed Seniors Onward for Change, an organization to aid area seniors.

"The founders envisioned an organization that would be a one-stop shop for an array of services that would help residents remain in their own homes with dignity," said Peggy Hayes, executive director of Services for Older Citizens.

"In September 1982, (Seniors Onward for Change) changed its name to Services for Older Citizens and began to coordinate all those services under one roof,"

Hayes said.

Today, SOC provides myriad services for thousands of area seniors every year and Hayes expects that number to increase.

"It's no secret Americans are getting older," Hayes said. "There's going to be an event happening very soon, a first in history, where residents over the age of 65 are going to outnumber those under the age of 17."

From providing door-to-door bus transportation through Pointe Area Assisted Transportation to delivering hot meals through Meals on Wheels, SOC continues to strive to ensure seniors in the Grosse Pointe area can continue to live at home as they

grow older.

Hayes said SOC also provides help with minor home chores, Medicare counseling, tax preparation, medical equipment loans, language and ballroom dancing classes, bingo and card games "and a wide range of other services and programs designed to encourage social interaction, health and wellness and recreation to people over the age of 60."

But it doesn't come cheap.

According to Hayes, SOC's annual budget comes in around \$1 million. Most of that money — 70 percent, said Hayes — comes from donations and contributions.

"We only get about 20 percent from state and

federal and local government funding, 7 percent from programs and services and few other from miscellaneous sources," said Hayes.

SOC is one of the only senior service providers in southeast Michigan independent from local government. Hayes said most of Grosse Pointe's neighboring communities provide senior services through their parks and recreation departments.

"SOC has a storied history of delivering tangible services that many in the community might not realize are needed. When you think of Grosse Pointe and socioeconomic, et cetera, you forget that there are seniors who are in need of transportation and food," Park

City Councilman Daniel Clark said.

According to Hayes, SOC provides meals to seniors currently on the waiting list for the Detroit Area Agency on Aging Meals on Wheels program.

"Some people on our list have been on the waiting list for three or four years," Hayes said. "When you need to eat, you need to eat today, not in three or four years. So we fill in all those gaps. It's an important, important service."

Also important are the volunteers who contribute thousands of hours every year, said Hayes.

With only about 15 part-time and full-time staff, SOC relies on 400 volunteers.

"We could not do what

we do without those volunteers," Hayes said. "They are amazing and they help us run a lot of the programs that we do."

With 40 years under its belt, Hayes said SOC is looking forward to serving the community another 40.

It is currently going through strategic planning and will rebrand its services, said Hayes, and will announce the changes in the next few months.

"While we may change our name or we may change our mission statement," Hayes said, "we are not going to change our basic core mission of what we do, which is to provide an array of services to help residents remain in their own homes and make sure our community is the place where people feel comfortable growing old and living in the homes they grew up in."



Constantina Bournias swims with Lilly, her Shichon puppy. Bournias swam closely with her dog to keep an eye on her in the pool.

A sign of summer's end



Five-month-old rescue dog, Maggie, didn't want to go in the water no matter how much Kelly and Emily Lorelli tried to coax her. Grosse Pointe Shores opened its pool to pooches the day after Labor Day, signaling the end of swim season.

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Above, Kirby looks on as Sadie takes a turn with the orange ball.

Right, George Prokop jumps in and his corgi, Scout, follows behind.



The Week Ahead

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Town Hall meeting, 10 a.m. at the municipal building, 795 Lakeshore.

MONDAY, SEPT. 17

◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers, 17147 Maumee.
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 18

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at the municipal building, 795 Lakeshore.

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the last year and is consistent with other city employees' compensation and inflation.

"The council every year comes up with objectives and goals and he's been able to weather the storm, if you will, in terms of all the challenges that he's had," Boettcher said. "The council and the mayor, collectively, reviews those goals and objectives and all the ones that he was given and instructed to do, he accomplished them. The compensation is similar to what we would do with all of the employees."

Dame faced many obstacles the last year, from a contentious bond vote in August 2017, to Detroit pulling its approval of a proposed department of public works facility on Canyon forcing city staff to go back to the drawing

board for the project.

Despite unforeseeable challenges out of his control, Dame has been working diligently to do what is right for the community and insuring the city is financially sound, said Boettcher.

"The bottom line is, year after year, even through the recession and all of that ... he's met the budget or comes in under budget and the surpluses are used to help reinforce the pensions and the retired healthcare."

Under Dame's stewardship, the city received a AAA bond rating — the highest — from Standard & Poor's last year.

The decrease in bonus is a result of the change in administration and two major projects — the new DPW and public safety facilities — still underway, said Boettcher.

"The final results are when the buildings are built," Boettcher said. "These are such long processes, so we agreed

we didn't want to do much in advance of that."

But, overall Boettcher

said, "he's doing a good job and we are all pleased with it."

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Teen expands world view with intensive Russian study

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Studying French and German at Grosse Pointe South High School wasn't enough for Atticus Henry. The 15-year-old decided to learn Russian as well and devoted his summer to do just that.

In a search for a summer program that "ideally included a language component," Henry came upon the National Security Language Initiative for Youth offered by the U.S. Department of State and decided to apply for this all-expenses-paid scholarship.

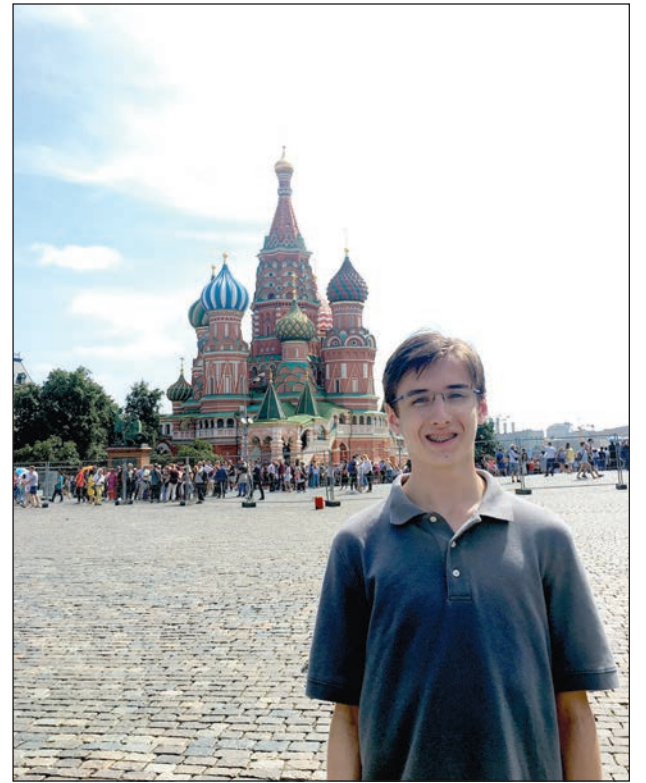
"I was looking for more ways to expand my view of the world and one way that I think is an effective means to do that is through language," he said. "It is a good way to get to know the culture and the people."

The NSLI-Y program provides merit-based scholarships for eligible high school students and recent graduates ages 15 to 18 to learn less commonly taught languages, according to the website. Participants spend a summer or academic year studying a language while immersed in the culture and day-to-day life of the host country.

"I didn't think I was going to get in because I was only a freshman and it was a very rigorous application process," Henry said. After making it to the semifinal round, he was interviewed at a local American Field Service office and accepted into the program.



Atticus Henry, second to last on the right, with fellow NSLI-Y scholars in front of the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow.



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NSLI-Y Scholar Atticus Henry poses in front of Saint Basil's Cathedral in Moscow.

After a three-day orientation in New York City, Henry left for Russia June 24 for a six-week intensive study in Moscow, with approximately 20 hours of Russian study each week. Reading, writing, speaking and listening skills were developed through in-class language instruction and cultural presentations and activities, with instruction supplemented by various cultural activities designed to increase participants' knowledge of Russian culture, society, religion and politics.

During the week Henry stayed at the Moscow State Academy of Choreography, commonly known as The Bolshoi Ballet Academy. On weekends he stayed with a host family. Henry said his progress in learning Russian was slow at first — "It's a very difficult language" — but discovered, "while you're there, it comes a lot more naturally than you realize." By the time the program concluded he was not fluent, but he felt he

had a strong enough command of the language to converse with native speakers and hopes to keep up through online classes offered by the State Department or possibly an independent study at South if his schedule allows.

This year, Henry is enrolled in five advanced placement classes — microeconomics, macroeconomics, psychology, government and biology — along with honors American literature, honors chemistry, pre-calculus and German III. Due to scheduling difficulties, he was unable to include French.

Henry is able to challenge himself with such advanced classes as a sophomore because he enrolled in high-school-level classes as a seventh-grader at Pierce Middle School, including Algebra I and French I. As an eighth-grader he took classes at South in honors geometry, world history and geography, French and German. He attended the magnet pro-

gram at Defer Elementary School.

Outside of academics, Henry participates in a coding club he and several classmates started. He also works part time at The Portrait Place in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Henry moved from Princeton, N.J., to Grosse Pointe Park at age 4 when his father, the Rev. Peter J. M. Henry, an ordained Presbyterian minister, joined Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in January 2007. His mother, Shawn Henry, is the lower school librarian at University Liggett School and a former English teacher. In fact, it was her love of literature that inspired her eldest child's name.

According to Atticus Henry, one of his mother's favorite books she taught was "To Kill a Mockingbird."

"She liked the character and that's how I got the name," he said. "She liked what (Atticus Finch) stood for and I guess that's why she chose the name."

Henry has a sister, Haven, also 15 and a sophomore at South, and a younger brother, Whittier, 12, a sixth-grader at Pierce. Haven, adopted from China, was a little younger than 1 when she joined the family, Henry said.

"My parents were in China getting her on my first birthday. I've lived with her as long as I can remember."

It's early for Henry to turn his sights on college, although he suspects his interest in linguistics and computer science will drive his decision. A college or university with a strong Russian program is high on his priority list as well.

Russian is "obviously very important in today's

political climate and just in the geopolitical sphere," he said. "For example, it's one of the languages of the United Nations. A lot of scientific research is done and published in Russian. I personally believe no matter what field you go into, languages will always help you, but I think Russian, especially for me, could serve as a very valuable tool. If I decide to go into diplomacy, obviously Russian will always play a big role in international affairs. If I choose to go into science, building relationships with Russian colleagues could be helpful as well and just in general, helping to understand Russian society and culture is just beneficial to everyone."

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obviously a lower turnout in August."

Keyser also reiterated the library's request is a renewal and not a brand new levy.

Because the current levy expires next year,

the library would have another chance in the 2019 election to request its millage renewal if it were to fail, said Keyser.

"We could; we would just have to really communicate with the clerks," she said. "But that would give us another chance."

With taxes levied in

December, it wouldn't give clerks a lot of lead time to insure it was on 2020's tax bill.

"If we waited until next November we would be coming right up on the expiration," Keyser said. "The county clerk actually told us that makes it difficult for them with the tax rolls. Because if we waited until November and we levy our tax in December, it doesn't give them a lot of lead up time to know whether to put it on the bill or not."

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— Anthony Viola

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Grosse Pointe Farms

A little too impatient

An unknown woman hit with her vehicle a 61-year-old Park man standing on the sidewalk 5:50 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, on Warner near Lakeshore.

The man said he was standing on the sidewalk at the end of the work day while large work trucks were pulling out of a driveway and temporarily blocking traffic. A driver in a silver SUV driving southbound on Warner, seeing the road unpassable, jumped the curb and drove on the sidewalk and lawns

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approximately 50 feet.

The man yelled at the driver to stop and jumped out of the way as the vehicle approached. The man, however, did not get out of the way in time and was struck, knocking him to the ground.

The driver reentered the roadway and continued southbound. She was last seen traveling westbound on Lakeshore.

The man did not sustain injuries and refused medical treatment at the scene. The license plate of the woman was noted and led police to a residence on Lothrop in the Farms.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Attempted car theft

A resident discovered damage to the driver-side door and steering column of their vehicle 4 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, in the 1400 block of Grayton.

Hot commodity

A green garbage bin was stolen from the front of a residence in the 1400 block of Wayburn Monday, Sept. 3.

Bike stolen

A men's black-colored bicycle was stolen in the 15000 block of Charlevoix between 3:15 and 3:40 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7. The bike was taken from the

front of a business while the owner was shopping.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Passed out while braking

Approximately 3 a.m. Friday, Sept. 7, officers discovered a vehicle with the driver asleep behind the wheel at the intersection of Vernier and Mack.

The vehicle's engine was running and its brake lights were on.

An officer was able to unlock the passenger door and turn the ignition off before awakening the driver after

several attempts.

Once awake, the 52-year-old Eastpointe man slurred his speech and smelled of alcohol, according to the public safety report, while presenting his driver's license and vehicle registration. He had no proof of vehicle insurance.

The man denied drinking alcohol that evening before failing field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test resulting in .100 percent blood alcohol content. He was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Marijuana was discovered in his impounded vehicle.

— Melissa Walsh

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Flames doused

Public safety officers responded to a laundry room fire 5:49 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, in the 20 block of Oxford.

Arriving to a fire in progress, the officers broadcast a second alarm, soliciting mutual-aid support from Grosse Pointe Woods.

Officers tamed the fire with a dry-chemical extinguisher before removing burning towels from the house into the driveway and ventilating the house.

No injuries were reported.

— Melissa Walsh

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

SEAWALL:

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the Shores to The War Memorial in the Farms, has been managed by Shores and Farms personnel, including filling sinkhole hazards with crushed concrete and repairing damaged sewer infrastructure.

Watts and members of her staff met Tuesday, Aug. 21, with Farms Mayor Louis Theros, Farms City Manager Shane Reeside, Shores City Manager Mark Wollenweber, Shores Councilman Robert Barrette Jr. and Shores Public Works Director Brett Smith regarding the deteriorating condition of the seawall.

"The meeting was productive," said Reeside. "The county has conducted an on-site review of the seawall and identified areas where there are significant voids along the embankment. Their intent is to fill the major voids with crushed concrete and cap with a new concrete surface. This is a short-term solution to help fortify the existing seawall and



PHOTO BY MELISSAWALSH

Grosse Pointe Shores DPW installed 30 yards of crushed concrete in this sinkhole near the Lakeshore seawall.

improve public safety, and their goal is to complete these repairs this fall.

"As a long-term solution," Reeside added, "the county is obtaining

cost estimates for a new seawall. This is being done while we continue to explore opportunities for federal funding."

A representative from Wayne County

Department of Public Services confirmed Reeside's statement Sept. 11, telling Grosse Pointe News they are "working alongside the Grosse Pointe DPW team to formalize a solution for the deteriorating seawall at Lakeshore Drive. Our internal staff will be doing an on-site visit to inspect and assess issues. Short-term repairs are slated for the end of September and Wayne County and the Pointes will continue to strategize for funds for a long-term solution."

During the Shores City

Council meeting Aug. 21, Wollenweber said estimated cost for repairing the seawall is close to \$3 million. Wayne County DPS leadership and personnel will meet monthly with counterparts in the

Shores and Farms to monitor progress, he added.

"I think there's a real commitment by (Wayne County) in the short term and the long term," Wollenweber said.

FENCE:

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an immediate repeal of the ordinance.

"If (city council members) repeal (the ordinance) of their own volition and call for public comment, they are free to regulate it," Whitman said. "If it is repealed by our petition efforts, they will be barred from regulating this area."

With fence-variance cases in active litigation, the city did not want to comment on its fence-ordinance regulations at this time.

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OUR VIEW

Election protocol

As we enter the final stretch of the political season toward the Nov. 6 General Election, we thought it would be a good idea to preview the races ahead and how we, the newspaper, plan to deal with them.

At the top of the ticket, Republican Bill Schuette will face off against Democrat Gretchen Whitmer. It all depends which party's voters turn out in greater number. During the midterms, that's usually Republicans.

For the U.S. Senate, Republican challenger John James, who beat out Grosse Pointer Sandy Pensler in the primary, will face long-term incumbent Debbie Stabenow.

Democrat 14th District U.S. Rep. Brenda Lawrence will be battling Republican challenger Marc S. Herschfus to keep her seat. Sen. Lawrence brought in 104,739 votes to Mr. Herschfus's 18,325.

For the State Senate 2nd District, Adam Hollier won the Democratic vote in the Primary, while Lisa Papas defeated John Hauler for the Republican spot on the November ballot. Like the 14th U.S. Representative District, the 2nd State Senate District leans heavily Democrat.

For the 1st State House District, Pointer Mark Corcoran is the Republican challenger facing incumbent Rep. Tenisha Yancey of Harper Woods. And in the 2nd State House District, John Palffy, of Grosse Pointe Park, is the Republican challenger to the Democrat, Joe Tate. Both House districts are expected to go to the Democrats, but Mr. Corcoran may have a chance in the 1st District.

Wayne County Executive Warren Evans faces Republican Dennis Curran, but as with the state races, the top county seat will almost assuredly remain under Democrat control.

Incumbent 1st District County Commissioner Tim Killeen is running unopposed.

Locally, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education race will draw a lot of attention. Seven candidates are vying for three seats on the school board.

Incumbents Brian Summerfield and Margaret Weertz are running for another four-year term. Wendy Saigh and John Shook ran in 2016 and are renewing their bids. New to the field are Christopher Lee of the City of Grosse Pointe and Christian Fenton and Walter Schwartz Jr. of Grosse Pointe Woods.

We will run profiles of each of the school board candidates in our Oct. 18 issue of the Grosse Pointe News. At that time, we also will announce our endorsements.

Also on the ballot will be the \$111 million school bond proposal and the Grosse Pointe Public Library millage renewal. We will address both issues in future news stories and editorials approaching the Nov. 6 election.

Meanwhile, we will not accept letters from or about the candidates or from the ballot proposal PACS, pro or con, whose campaigns are free and encouraged to take out political advertising to make their individual cases.

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Pure Grosse Pointe

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Pamela Kelly woke up Sunday, Sept. 9, to a raccoon at her side door, greeting her and her yellow lab, Chloe. "When I took this picture," she wrote, "the baby raccoon just posed for me and stared at me. Too funny."

Meet the STAFF

A weekly column featuring the fine people working to bring you the Grosse Pointe News each week.

Paul Biondi**ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE****◆ Years at the paper:**

Still in my first year, but looking forward to many more.

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◆ Tell our readers a bit about yourself:

I'm a lifelong newspaperman with stops at several



well-known newspapers. I love local journalism that touches the lives of our readers and the Grosse Pointe News is a perfect example of exactly that.

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Need seawall, not hotel, theater

To the Editor:

I've read recently that our community has submitted for the past couple of years for federal funding to help reconstruct the seawall that stretches along the lake from Grosse Pointe City all the way to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

I, for one, feel this is long overdue. I've run along the lake for many years — and also during my time running cross country and track at Grosse Pointe North ('94) — and it's been broken up, cracked and down-trodden for as long as I can remember (late 1980s).

I lived in Chicago for seven years and recently moved back in 2016. We had an 18-mile shared use path I used 4 to 5 times a week. With our community becoming younger, and baby boomers retiring, I hope it's a consideration to create such a path along the lake.

More and more of our younger generations are dedicated to self-care, both mentally and physically. A creation of such a path for runners, walkers

and bicyclists would be a light for the community and draw more people to move here.

The more our community expands, becomes more diverse, can only be positive.

We need to start thinking about creating things like this and not some boutique hotel or movie theater.

DAVE BONKOSKY
Grosse Pointe Park

Who will keep the power on?

To the Editor:

After more than 37 years at DTE, Stevan Skorupski has retired from the utility company, effective Aug. 31.

Stevan was known as the go-to-guy throughout the Grosse Pointes whenever power was out or weak. Oftentimes Steve would get calls and find a way to get to a house and restore power. Every now and then he'd bring his own personal generator to help get you through to the eventual return of power.

Steve, a.k.a. Scrubby to his friends at DTE, was known throughout the five Grosse Pointes in part due to coaching hockey with the GPHA

for years. Steve and his wife, Beth, also raised three children (hockey players) while living in Grosse Pointe Woods the past 35-plus years.

Having that go-to source to restore power will be missed as will his short "Stevie in the D" videos he's sent to friends showing off the interesting side of Detroit.

THANKS STEVAN "SCRUBBY" SKORUPSKI for keeping our power on. The community hopes and prays you enjoy a long and healthy retirement. "It's a GOOD THING."

DAVE ANDREWS
Grosse Pointe Woods

One way to bike routes

To the Editor:

The problem with a bike route in Grosse Pointe is that most streets are too narrow to give up half a lane to bicycles. The solution for the Park, City and Farms, as this frequent rider sees it, and as most of the non-riders in the Pointes are sure to object, is to make two of our streets one way.

The proposal: Start at Fisher and make St. Paul one way westbound all the way to Lakepointe, which can then be used to ride over to Vernor in regular traffic. Make Vernor one way eastbound all the way to Kerby, which can then be used to ride to Grosse Pointe Boulevard. Create a bike lane on the boulevard westbound to Fisher and then allow bikes to ride over to St. Paul.

Cars only park on St. Paul and Vernor in a few places. Allow parking in the same areas, on the same side as they are cur-

rently parked, now facing the new direction of traffic. While it will seem strange to be parked on the "wrong" side of the road, it will both keep the right lane open for cyclists and make it immediately apparent the street is one way to anyone trying to turn into it the "wrong" way.

The route is about seven miles long, improves bike connections to five schools, takes bikers out of the heaviest traffic and requires only one left turn for bikers to negotiate. Left turns are dangerous. There also are opportunities for bikers to extend their ride, by moving over to Windmill Pointe via Bedford, a street that already is safe to bike, or by connecting to the Detroit Bikeway on Jefferson via Lakepointe.

Drawbacks are for auto access to South, but any good traffic engineer could figure that out. Cost is minimal. No paint is needed except maybe on a short stretch of the boulevard, but that section is already a biking favorite without paint. The roads in question all have acceptable pavement now — not great but acceptable. There are only a few places where a bike, a pothole and a car cannot occupy the same space. And because the route is mostly east/west, there are very few stop signs and lights to negotiate.

There are no painless solutions to developing a bikeway in the Pointes. That's why there is no bikeway, and perhaps never will be, unless residents decide to trade a little bit of the present for a better future.

TOM NUGENT
Grosse Pointe Farms

I SAY By Karen Fontanive

Conversations should better the world



The editorial staff at the paper rotates writing this I Say column. I look forward to it because it is the one time I can express an opinion since my other work is “just the facts.” It can be a burden at times when I just don’t know what to write about — or the converse, when there is so much to write about.

And, usually, I don’t express an opinion as much as opine on life’s events.

And boy, have there been a lot of events recently that have courted many opinions.

First, there was Aretha Franklin’s death and funeral. Days of stories and viewing and an 8-hour funeral. Eight hours. How do you excuse yourself to go to the restroom or get something to eat?

Then there was John McCain’s funeral which came in at a mere 3 hours — I would still need something to eat — and more than the candy passed from George W.

Bush to Michelle Obama.

Then in rapid fire, there was Bob Woodward’s new book, *The New York Times* anonymous op ed, the Nike ads featuring Colin Kaepernick and the brouhaha with Serena Williams at the U.S. Open. And somewhere in there was an actor from *The Cosby Show* photographed working at Trader Joe’s.

All of these events have fueled massive opinions, whether it was about the pastor’s sermon at the Franklin funeral, the pointed jabs at President Trump from speakers during the McCain funeral, the proper way

to use and vet anonymous sources, the purchase, boycott and/or destruction of Nike gear, the poor behavior from or biased actions toward a competitive female athlete or the support or denigration of a former “star” making an ordinary living. Why are we all so quick to give opinions?

I thought about these controversial topics as I reflected on the Tigers-Cardinals game Saturday. The weekend was devoted to celebrating the 50th anniversary of the 1968 World Series. Jose Feliciano sang the national anthem, just as

he had 50 years ago. I really enjoyed his version. I’d never heard it before or at least I don’t remember hearing it.

I was too young in 1968, but I do remember in the ensuing years hearing how controversial his version was then. When they introduced him at Comerica Park, the announcer said Feliciano’s version opened doors for other artists to perform their interpretations of our national anthem. But it also caused certain radio outlets to stop playing his music. I would venture to say what created such outrage 50 years ago — a

more folksy, soulful rendition — would barely raise an eyebrow today. I certainly don’t want to equate Feliciano’s performance with some of the important topics underlying recent events. Yet, I would hope just as we’ve come to terms with that performance all these years later, these recent events and the resulting opinions will create conversations that better our world.

And in the meantime, I’ll just express my opinions to family and friends and look to social media for friends’ photos, funny memes and inspirational thoughts.

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1943

75 years ago this week

BUS RESCUES TRAILED GIRL: A 22-year-old Grosse Pointe Park woman was waiting for a bus at Beaconsfield and Charlevoix when she noticed a muddy looking car stopped directly across the street in which sat a big and evil looking man, who was staring at her.

Disturbed, she walked on to Nottingham and found the same car there ahead of her. She then walked rapidly on to Somerset and, there parked, was the same car with the same man sitting in it.

Thoroughly frightened, the woman ran on to Balfour, but the pursuer beat her to it and opened the door of the car and walked across the street toward her. Happily, at this moment a bus came along and the woman made her safe escape.

The Park police were notified.

1968

50 years ago this week

GRAY FUND GIVES \$12,000 FOR TENNIS COURTS: The Farms council accepted the “very generous” offer of \$12,000 from the Roland Gray Fund for the construction of two tennis courts at Pier Park.

The offer was made on a matching basis with the city, hopefully, contribut-

ing a like amount, so four tennis courts can be built. *Obituaries: Marie Wigle, Nina Lewis*

1993

25 years ago this week

NEWS EMPLOYEE SLAIN: Grosse Pointe News artist and typesetter Robert M. Coe, “a gentle and compassionate person,” was killed during a robbery attempt near the corner of Alter and Lozier in Detroit while waiting for a tow truck about 2 a.m. He was 47.

Mr. Coe and his brother, Thomas, had gone to help a third brother, who had experienced car trouble. A gunman approached Thomas Coe and demanded money and jewelry. When Robert Coe tried to intervene, he was shot in the neck.

He was dead on arrival at St. John Hospital.

Obituaries: Ida Mary Bohn, Anne R. Bucciero, Annamae Dietz, Norbert T. Madison, Rose M. Paton, Dennis Polver, Pauline Wade

2008

10 years ago this week

FUNDRAISER FOR STARTUP: The Association for Retarded Citizens is partnering with the Grosse Pointe Public School System on a new business called Full Circle Upscale Retail.

Coordinated by Mary Fodell, a retired GPPSS teacher, the store will provide jobs and serve as a training ground for the developmentally disabled.

To get the program started, a fundraiser, 1,000 Fancy Dresses & Blazers Too, will offer for sale gently used donated clothes. All proceeds go toward getting a store up and running by later this year.

Obituaries: David Lee Burt, Mildred L. Byrne, Joseph A. Caramagno, John C. Chapin, Lyle T. Giles, Robert Dale Kemp Jr., Donna Gagnier McGlennen, John Dalton Peacock, Richard D. Rohr, Milton J. Rueger M.D., Adriani Thomas, Ted Winiarski

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8A | HARPER WOODS

Harper Woods hosts annual National Night Out

By Debra Kaszubski
Special Writer

Approximately 400 Harper Woods residents participated in the city's annual National Night Out Tuesday, Aug. 7.

The event was designed to increase awareness about police programs in the community. Participants had the chance to meet officers, learn ways to deter and prevent crime and chat with neighbors. The evening included free food, entertainment by The Sun Messengers and more.

"It's all designed to get the neighbors to meet each other and interact with the police officers," said Harper Woods Police Chief Jim Burke. "We want to take down barriers. It's really important that the people we serve know who we are. We don't want them to be afraid of us or afraid to call us."

This year marked the 13th annual event in Harper Woods. National Night Out has been celebrated in various com-



Approximately 400 residents participated in the National Night Out in Harper Woods, where they had the chance to meet neighbors and police officers.

munities every year in the United States since 1984. The purpose is to increase awareness about police programs in communities, including neighborhood watch, drug prevention and more.

At the Harper Woods event, residents were encouraged to introduce themselves to each other, too, in an effort to learn more about neighbors.

This is important for public safety, Burke said, because residents should know who does and who doesn't belong in the neighborhood.

"The Department of Public Safety did an outstanding job hosting the National Night Out," Mayor Ken Poynter said. "It was a true community event with Harper Woods people getting out and meeting each other."

Since there has been an increase in the number of crimes involving identity theft in Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe, Burke and his officers provided tips on how to prevent becoming a victim. Officers also suggested ways to keep homes safe by adding adequate lighting, keeping high bushes away from doorways and windows and more.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Deputy Chief John Vorgitch, Chief Cadet Jeff Powell and Deputy Chief Ted Stager were among the officers who participated in the Harper Woods National Night Out on Aug. 7.



Deputy Chief John Vorgitch, Records Supervisor Marva Myles and Harper Woods Police Chief Jim Burke pose for a photo.

Library hosts Fall Book Sale

The Friends of the Harper Woods Library hosts its Fall Book Sale 1 to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 12 and 13.

The event features an assortment of fiction and non-fiction, hardcover and

paperback books, as well as books for children and young adults.

The sale also includes music CDs and DVDs.

"If you purchase a Friends book bag for \$10, you can fill it with books for

free," said sale organizer Mary Kingswood.

The sale takes place in the lower level of the library, located at 19601 Harper, Harper Woods. For more information, call (313) 343-2575.

Outdoor art

The Detroit Institute of Arts' Inside|Out program made its way to The Hill, where this reproduction of "The Wreck, 1854," by Eugene Louis Gabriel Isabey hangs between Rite Aid and Chemical Bank. Inside|Out is a component of the DIA's community engagement efforts. The past nine years, the museum has partnered with more than 100 communities and engaged tens of thousands of residents with art in places where they live, work and play.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT



New campaign office opens

The Grosse Pointe Democratic Club held the grand opening of its campaign office at 17700 Mack on Sunday, Sept. 9. Campaign signs are available at this location and anyone can stop in to ask questions or volunteer for the phone bank, canvassing or office help. This office is for all local and state Democratic nominees and is a partnership between One Michigan and the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club. This is the sixth campaign office the club has sponsored. Pictured from left are Gary Bresnahan, Democratic Club president; Kelly Lett, field organizer; Tamarah Allen, field organizer; Colton Dale, board member; and Tim Killeen, Wayne County commissioner.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Joe Tate, running for state representative in District 2, which covers Grosse Pointe Park, City and Farms and a part of Detroit, spoke to the crowd about the issues facing these communities.

Garlin Gilchrist, gubernatorial candidate Gretchen Whitmer's running mate, talks to the more than 150 people who gathered for the grand opening.

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TEACHERS IN THE SUMMERTIME

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

Liggett teacher expands knowledge of civil rights movement

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Kitty Lam, starting her second year at University Liggett School, hopes to bring new insights into the civil rights movement to her upper school students in her course on the 1960s.

Lam attended a teacher seminar on the civil rights movement at the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Held in Memphis, Tenn., July 8 to 14, and using the city as its focal point, the seminar explored the historical origins of Black Power, its political, economic and cultural components and influence on social movements from the 1960s to the present. It was sponsored by Rhodes College and the National Civil Rights

Museum and led by historian Charles McKinney.

"The Civil Rights Movement" was one of 30 seminars held this summer for K-12 teachers at colleges and historic sites across the U.S. and United Kingdom. Lam and 1,000 other participants were selected in a competitive process by the institute. Seminars included daily programs with leading historians, visits to local historic sites and hands-on work with primary source documents provided by professors and the Gilder Lehrman Collection.

Lam said her two biggest takeaways from the wealth of content offered were two aspects of the civil rights movement not included in the textbooks — the role of women and international influences.



COURTESY PHOTO

While attending a seminar on the civil rights movement, Liggett upper school teacher Kitty Lam visited a number of sites in Memphis, including the Stax Museum of American Soul Music.

"We tend to think of the civil rights movement as an

American thing in the '60s when in fact the beginning of this movement extends far before the '60s," she said. "People involved in the civil rights movement were very aware of other things going on in the world that could help them clarify their cause and give more international support for their cause."

Another takeaway Lam hopes to share with her students is the role of

"ordinary people engaged in civic activism."

"I think that is so important to emphasize, especially to young people," she said. "They don't have to be passive receivers of information. They don't have to be passive observers."

"Over the course of time, with enough people (involved in) these movements, they've been able to effect change," she continued. "I think that's a great way for students to make connections to the curriculum and what goes on in the classroom to: 'What role will I play in the world I live in?'"

While in Memphis, Lam had the opportunity to visit the National Civil Rights Museum, explore the Historic Beale Street — where she listened to Memphis jazz — and tour

the Stax Museum of American Soul Music, a fully functioning recording studio for the biggest soul artists in the '60s.

Also central to the subject matter were visits to sights important to the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., such as the Clayborn Temple, headquarters of the Memphis sanitation workers' strike — the reason King was in Memphis the day he was assassinated — and Mason Temple, where he delivered his last speech the day before his assassination.

As a new American citizen, Lam said she was particularly excited about the "opportunity to learn about this important part of the country's history and share new insights with my students."

Pros and cons of the school bond

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

A "bond yes" committee and "not this bond" group have formed prior to the Nov. 6 election, each presenting opposing arguments. Which way voters lean will determine the fate of the \$111 million bond referendum proposed by the Grosse Pointe Public School System and approved by the Board of Education.

According to the district, the bond proposal is designed to enhance student safety and school security, make infrastructure improvements and upgrade technology infrastructure. If it passes, the two-series, 20-year bond will be issued in 2019 and 2022 and represent a proposed increase of 1.5 mills. For a \$200,000 house with an estimated taxable value of \$100,000, this would result in an annual cost of \$150. For a \$400,000 house with an estimated taxable value of \$200,000, the annual cost would be \$300.

Pros of the bond

Proponents of the bond formed a Better Schools, Safer Schools committee to promote the benefits of infrastructure improvements to residents' long-term interests in preserving the quality of the school district while maintaining the value of

their home properties. They cite an inability to keep up with a recommended \$10 million a year in maintenance with a limited sinking fund budget of \$2.6 million as a main reason for deferred maintenance costs, as supported by a 2017 Plante Moran study.

A blue ribbon facilities committee comprised of community members and school representatives met six times between September and December 2017 to review the study. Consensus was reached the report was credible and the district does have critical needs, with 95.1 percent of 41 committee members present during a live vote supporting a voter-approved bond.

While closing one of nine elementary schools to address the shrinking enrollment was discussed, no consensus was reached on which schools should close or when. The two-series issuance allows the district to focus the first series on the high schools, with parameters unanimously approved by the Board of Education providing triggers to determine future school closures.

According to Trustee Christopher Profeta, the unanimously board-approved pre-bond plan "explains the first series of bonds issued will fund work at the high schools,

neither of which anyone seriously thinks should be closed. We also have a unanimously approved plan that explains in specific detail the circumstances under which a school would be closed. When the second series of bonds are issued, we will have a better sense of what, if any, buildings will be closed."

Included on the Better Schools, Safer Schools Facebook page are project lists of each school's critical needs and a list of past and proposed bonds for other school districts.

"If you look at some of our actual like districts, Northville passed a facilities bond last year, Ann Arbor, Rochester and Saline did one in 2015, Novi in 2014, Farmington and Troy in 2013," said Profeta. "We haven't passed one since 2002. We have a sinking fund that is (\$2.6) million to maintain facilities. It can't cover \$111 million of work; it isn't meant to. Even with the enhancement millage, that is only half of the \$10 million a year Plante Moran says we need to fund critical needs and that would leave nothing for maintenance. This is a responsible bond developed transparently with the community that will allow us to address only our most critical building needs while protecting

our sinking fund for emergency maintenance and repairs."

Reasons to vote no

Concerns of the Residents for Responsible Spending "Not This Bond" group include the increased burden on taxpayers; lack of accountability or assurance the money will be spent as promised; skepticism about the proposed oversight committee; shrinking enrollment and the possibility of spending money on schools ultimately slated for closure; and overlap with the \$62 million 2002 bond.

On its website, RRS urges taxpayers to vote no on the bond because it "is irresponsible and encompasses broad categories that are excessive and inappropriate for funding through debt" and "forces taxpayers to fund wants along with needs."

"Taxpayers expect good stewardship of school funding. Though not the same school board, this board hasn't learned from the community's response four years ago to the misguided tech bond."

In response to the claim, "GPPSS has not addressed

its declining enrollment problem or made plans to consolidate facilities," Community Affairs Manager Rebecca Fannon points to the fact closing a school — or "even closing and selling multiple buildings — wouldn't give us the \$111 million in funding Plante Moran Cresa identified as facility needs that must be addressed in three years. And that's assuming they sell immediately at top price."

Zoning laws and restrictions on historical buildings further complicate the picture and take time. Moreover, closing a school building not only affects "the value of the homes surrounding that

area," it means redrawing all district boundaries, Fannon said.

"It won't just impact kids at that school. And then we have to consider: do we need busing?"

"The board has taken a great deal of time considering what triggers would be used to close a school and making sure that those are data-driven with the least impact possible on students and families," Fannon added.

For more information on the pros and cons of the bond, go to gppssbondyes2018.com and gppssresponsiblespending.com. Information also is available at gpschools.org.

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Teacher of THE WEEK



Mary O'Meara

School: Trombly Elementary School
Years at Trombly: 30
Grade/Subject: Grades 1-3 (district's multi-age class)

Nominated by: Walt Fitzpatrick, principal
Principal's quote:

"The thing that impresses me the most about Mary is her commitment to reconstruct herself. She was an educator who wasn't overly committed to embracing technology use in the classroom. One summer a few years back a spark was ignited. She dedicated herself that summer to learning how technology can enhance her classroom. Fast forward a few years and Mary has been a presenter at the Michigan Association of Computer Users and Learners Conference and the 4T Virtual Conference hosted by University of Michigan. It is amazing to see someone who was a little reluctant to embrace technology now act as a facilitator of adult learning. I truly admire Mary, for while she was already great at her craft, she sought out ways to make herself even better."

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

I most enjoy the human connection because it is dynamic and transformative. The students, parents and colleagues I have encountered throughout my career have provided a panoply of stories that have shaped me as a per-

son and as a teacher. In learning about others I have gained a greater understanding of myself. Teaching through relationships in my classroom allows my students to build a rapport that inspires and educates. Students bringing their lives and experiences to the formal aspects of curriculum sparks a discovery process where connections are made between seemingly unrelated ideas. We all become co-learners.

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

Last week, during lunch, one of my students approached me. He had one of those board books with a recording device. "This has my mom's voice reading to me. It's all I have left of her," he said. His mom died unexpectedly two years ago. I invited him to sit with me and we listened to that book over and over as he shared memories of his mother. Then, he thanked me for understanding big things. It was a poignant reminder to honor my students' experience, helping them find their voice and their power so they may face their tomorrows with hope.

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

One source of inspiration is the work of Lev

Vygotsky, the child psychologist who asserted that learning is relational and that language/conversation is central to the relational aspects of learning. Another reason that I admire Vygotsky's work is his emphasis on the role of community and how that facilitates the learning process. I am also inspired by the philosophy of Martin Buber and his idea that consciousness itself only arises through relationship. Buber understood the social framework of teaching is fundamental to how we learn and to the development of human culture in general. Buber was an early proponent of the idea that the best way to teach a student is to see him or her as a whole, complex and empathetic human being.

Favorite quote:

"We are each made for goodness, love and compassion. Our lives are transformed as much as the world is when we live with these truths."
 — Desmond Tutu



COURTESY PHOTO

Special ed teacher vies for scholarship

By Mary Anne Brush
 Staff Writer

As a special education teacher at Monteith Elementary School, Julia Ruggirello understands the challenges students in her K-5 resource room face daily. She also knows what it's like to confront one's own personal challenges. Ruggirello has cystic fibrosis, a genetic lung disease that affects the lungs and pancreas.

"I'm 26 years old and when I was first diagnosed as an infant, (my parents) were told that I'd be lucky to make it to my mid-20s," she said.

Ruggirello credits her ability to live with the disease — and function successfully as a four-year teacher in the Grosse Pointe Public School System — to advances in research, treatment and pharmaceutical cures.

"The average life expectancy now is 41," said Ruggirello, who does public speaking on behalf of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. "Some of the medications that are out on the market and that are continuing down the pipeline are targeting at a cellular level."

One biopharmaceutical company, AbbVie, has created a \$25,000 educational scholarship for CF scholars. Ruggirello is competing among a pool of 10 other graduate candidates for this funding, which she hopes to apply toward her master's degree in education



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Monteith special education teacher Julia Ruggirello with her fiancé, Sean Kennedy.

administration at Michigan State University.

"I work with special needs students who persevere and push through some of life's toughest adversities," Ruggirello wrote on her competition profile page. "My job is to help my students to find and use their voice. My pursuit of a master's degree in education administration will allow me to use my talents on a larger platform. Similar to education, we need to keep using our voices to propel the CF community further. I am a proud advocate for cystic fibrosis and

I will continue to use my voice to bring change, hope and optimism."

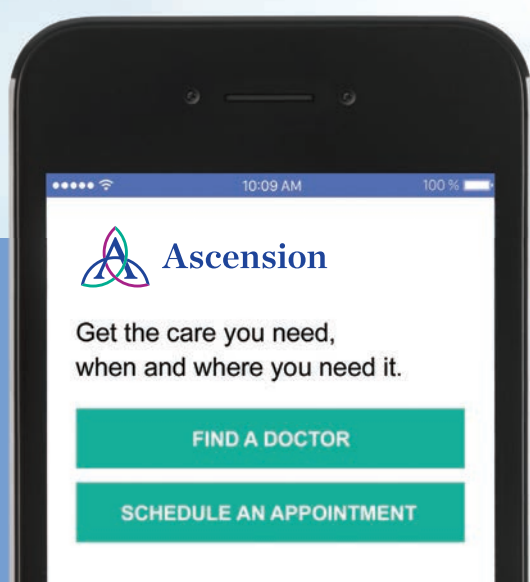
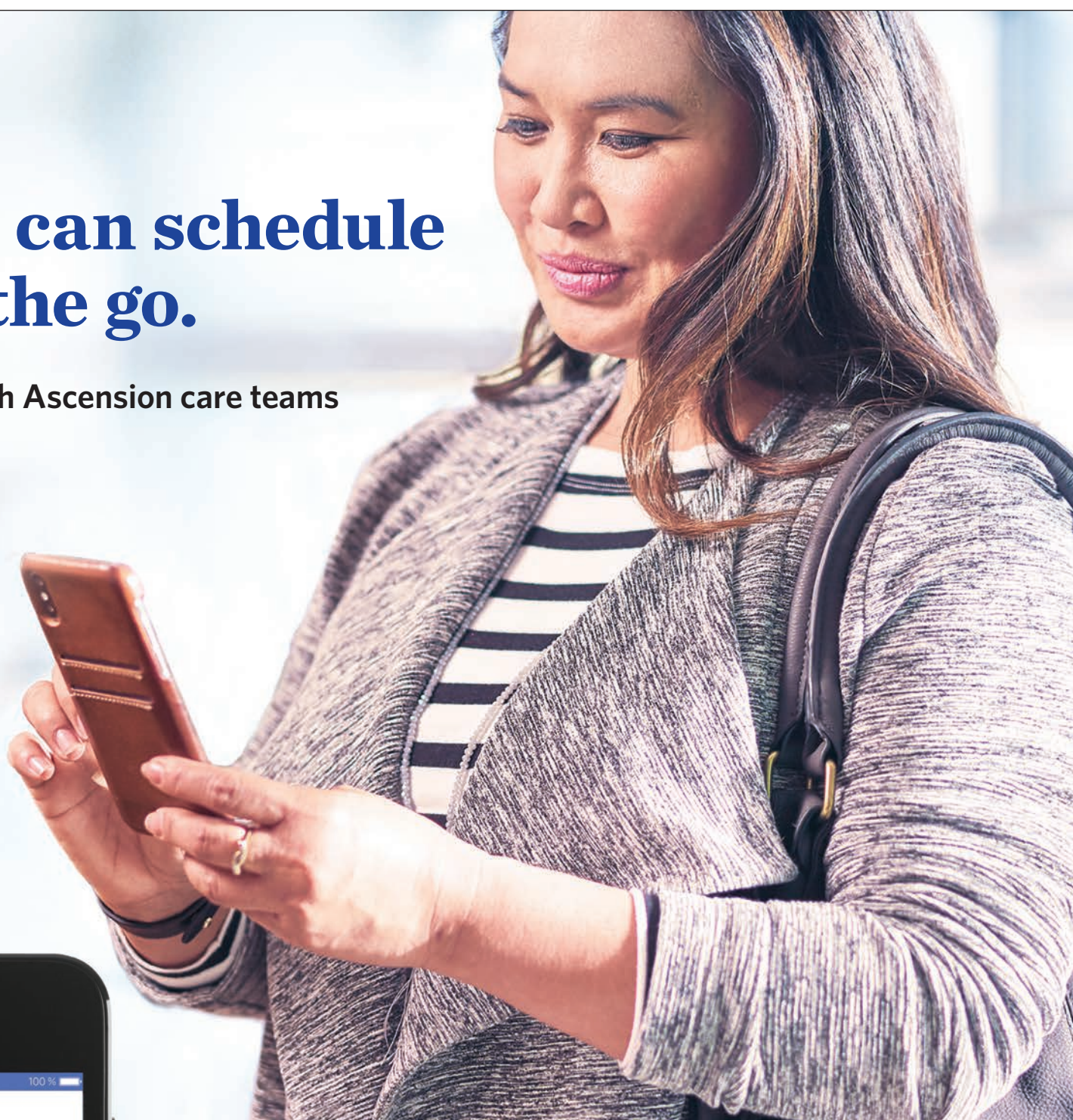
Ruggirello remains hopeful and optimistic about her own future.

"I have so many wonderful, wonderful things happening in my life," she said, including a recent engagement. The couple hasn't set a wedding date yet.

To vote for Ruggirello, text VOTE19 to 31901 or go to abbviecfscholarship.com and click on "graduate 2018 scholars." The competition closes Wednesday, Sept. 19.

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Bees in G.P. The buzz on local beehives

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Though it's debated exactly how much of the world's food supply is pollinated by bees — not to mention the oft-misattributed and unproven prediction that if bees go extinct, humans will die in four years — there's no question honey bees play a significant role in the production of crops.

"These guys harvest anything that flowers," said George Chapman, beekeeper at St. Ambrose Catholic Church. "Bees really make a big impact on the planet. Farmers get double the crops when bees live in the area."

The church is one of several locations in Grosse Pointe to keep bees, contributing to the health and sustainability of the community and environment.

St. Ambrose

Chapman, who began beekeeping 10 years ago with his wife, Kavette, isn't exactly sure how long bees have been kept at St. Ambrose, but he knows exactly how to care for them. The last four years, Chapman has tended to four hives on the Grosse Pointe Park property. It makes sense the church has bees, he said.

"St. Ambrose is the patron saint of beekeepers," Chapman said. "The story goes when he was an infant, a bee flew into his mouth and back out again without stinging



Honeybees find water in a fountain on the grounds of St. Ambrose Catholic Church.

him. Other folklore is that a bee travels up to heaven with our prayers and sorrows and in return brings honey from God."

Chapman said the hives got a late start this year, but he expects around 80 pounds of honey this fall — the work of the 80,000 bees he anticipates by end of season.

"If you come in the evening, 7:30, 8 p.m., you'll see draped on the porch four inches of bees, one on top of the other," he said.

Honey from St. Ambrose is strained, not processed, Chapman said, so it's pure.

"The church will sell honey," he said. "You can get pure honey at a health food store — and you'll pay a lot for it. I've given it to friends who are teary-eyed, have a runny nose, terrible allergies, and they take a tablespoon a day and it knocks it out."

Some research supports the theory that local honey — obtained as

close as possible to where a person lives — may help build an immunity to some seasonal allergies. While there isn't a lot of research to support this idea, honey does have several proven health benefits. It can be used to soothe coughs and sore throats, boost memory and energy, treat wounds, improve digestion, relieve morning sickness, promote restorative sleep and regulate blood sugar.

And while the honey is a bonus for Chapman, he's content making sure the hives are healthy and going strong.

"I enjoy it," Chapman said. "I don't have to be there every day. I look in. It's peaceful to work with them. They're clever animals. It's calming to work with them."

This year's bees are docile, Chapman said.

"These bees were reared in Michigan, so we're hoping they'll be good with the cold."

When temperatures drop, Chapman covers the hive with thick, black cloth in hopes of helping them keep warm. First, though, he'll drill a hole in the top of the hive.

"In hot weather, they carry water inside the hive and fan it to keep things cool," Chapman said. "But during winter that moisture could kill them, so I add a hole to



A honeybee at work on Bird Island.

the top frame to help vent the moisture."

Chapman said he'll also add a container of sugar water to the hives to sustain the bees through winter.

"They're quite a creature," he said. "I've gained a lot of respect just working with them."

Ford House

On the other end of Grosse Pointe — at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores — four hives dot the landscape in three locations, two on Bird Island and two on opposite sides of the field across from the estate. It's the third season bees have been kept at Ford House and the project is not for the creation of honey, rather the estate's efforts at becoming more sustainable.

Some of Ford House's hives are wooden, while others are made of polystyrene.

"They were created in Finland because of the cold weather," said Joan Mandell, co-founder of Green Toe Gardens with Rich Wieske. The pair currently care for bees at Ford House. "On (Bird Island), it's 10 degrees cooler in the winter and the wind whips over. We wanted to try something that has more insulation. Ordinarily we wouldn't use any non-natural material. It's only because of the extreme climate are we using it."

Mandell said the number of boxes in a hive

depends on how many bees are in the hive. Spring, summer and fall, the queen lays more than 1,500 eggs a day.

"We add more boxes to bring more space — for the bees and what they bring in," she said, "pollen, which is their protein; nectar, their carb; propolis, an anti-microbial substance; and water."

Mandell said she may harvest some honey soon, but only to make sure the hive has room to grow.

"It goes to our whole mission to get more sustainable," said Karl Koto, director of landscapes at Ford House. "Honey is not a driving factor. Someday we may sell it in the gift shop, but it's more about the symbiotic relationship to the landscape. With pollinators on the landscape, these plants thrive. A stronger community of plants builds a stronger community of insects, which builds a stronger community of birds, etc. It all starts with pollinators."

Koto said having the hives on Ford House property has helped form an educational aspect.

"We've grown with our outreach," he said. "The hives are a visual part of that. ... This is a visual statement to our commitment to sustainability — something we can educate them on."

That education goes a long way to soothing Ford House members and guests not familiar with the importance of bees.

"People may have apprehension when they first hear 'beehive,' if they're not familiar with bees," Mandell said. "But after a while they see nothing bad happens, they see flowers blooming, their fruit and vegetable gardens with twice the yield, they taste the honey. There's a growing acceptance from initial apprehension to proud ownership."

Added Koto, "People have a general fear of things that could sting

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Joan Mandell of Green Toe Gardens handles a frame at Ford House.



George Chapman unloads one of the St. Ambrose hives.



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Honeybees at St. Ambrose buzz near the "porch" of their hive.



Bees work on a frame at Ford House.

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Lecturer, 90, to share artistic inspiration

"If a Grosse Pointe kid had a portrait done, it was probably done by Bette Prudden," said Karen Pope, president of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association. "She has been the Pointes' artist-in-residence for almost 50 years."

Prudden, who turned 90 in August, will reminisce about her years behind the easel for the GPAA's "Inspire" lecture 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

"It's about my experiences with art," Prudden said, "what I'm inspired by and my portrait painting experiences — some of which are humorous. I hope it's going to be very entertaining."

Prudden, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident,

Bette Prudden mixes colors during a recent watercolor class at The War Memorial.



PHOTOS BY RENE LANDUYT

moved to Michigan from Kansas in 1963.

While she received training in oil portrait painting and figure drawing in Kansas City, she kickstarted her Michigan

career after answering an ad for a portrait painter at the Michigan State Fair.

"The first 50 years I did portrait painting," she said. "I loved that. I love



Prudden helps Carol Henson get the right shade of gray for the squirrel in her painting.

pastels. I do work in other media, but I don't have much of a favorite."

During her Sept. 13 lecture, Prudden will discuss her portrait-painting past, as well as show slides of her work. She'll also share some of the humorous moments of her painting career, including experiences with her subjects, from

working with moody teens to taking her skills to the classroom.

"We are all looking forward to Bette's stories about her life as an artist and teacher," Pope said. "She has been a well-respected member of the arts community for more than 40 years, so respected that when the Artists Association



One of Prudden's portraits.

recently offered a watercolor class by her, we had a near-record number of registrations.

"Bette finds great joy in creating paintings and she shares that joy whether she is working on a commissioned portrait or encouraging a student."

For more information about the "Inspire" lecture, visit grossepointeartcenter.org or call (313) 881-3454.

— Jody McVeigh

AREA ACTIVITIES

Jardinieres

La Societe des Jardinieres hosts its first meeting of the season noon Thursday, Sept. 13, at the St. Sabbas

Monastery on Old Homestead, Harper Woods. Members will walk the gardens, have lunch at Royal Eagle Dining on the premises and tour the monastery. Dues will be payable at the event, which was coordinated by member Jean Forton.

Beaumont

Beaumont Hospital and the Grosse Pointe Public Library present "Women's Health Panel: Women's health in your 20s & 30s," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe

Park. Beaumont health professionals discuss menstruation, endometriosis, fertility, breast health and other issues affecting young women. The program is free, but seating is limited. Call (313) 821-8830.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 8 a.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Ted Everingham, Grosse Pointe Rotary past president and Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce director at large, speaks. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meets noon Wednesday, Sept. 19, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. After a light lunch, WDIV-TV Channel 4 meteorologist Brandon Roux speaks. Guests are welcome. For reservations, call Helen Roberts at (586) 944-0299 by Saturday, Sept. 16. Guest price is \$14. For information, call Sue Plath at (313) 884-5081.

Blood drives

The American Red

Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, Merrill Lynch, 17000 Kercheval, Ste. 220, above Trader Joe's, City of Grosse Pointe.

◆ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Audubon

The Grosse Pointe Audubon Society hosts its next meeting 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17, in the annex of Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. Social hour begins 7 p.m. Presenting photographer Robert Weir lives near a small lake near Washington frequented by a large variety of wildlife. The meeting and refreshments are free and open to the public.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Eastside meets 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

Master Gardeners

Master Gardeners of Eastern Wayne County hosts its first open house 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the Wayne County Community College University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods.

Michigan State University Extension Master Gardeners or people who just love gardening are invited. This Master Gardeners Association includes Detroit and all eastern Wayne County cities providing monthly presenters September through June.

Lake House

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

◆ Euchre tournament, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, at The Lake House. Cost is \$10 and includes pizza and prizes.

◆ "Survivors Promoting Early Awareness and Knowledge," presented by the Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at The Lake House.

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

Rotary

Grosse Pointe Rotary meets 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Beth Vernon, executive director of the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation, speaks. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

Reunion

All Detroit Southeastern High School graduates are invited to a reunion honoring Nick Cheolas, assistant coach to the 1957 East Side Championship football team. The event takes place noon Thursday, Sept. 27, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. Cost is \$35. Deadline to register is Thursday, Sept. 20. Call Glenda Bobolts at (586) 773-6982.

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Volunteers needed for neighborhood revitalization project

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Ted Everingham still gets a little choked up when he recalls his volunteer experiences during last year's Life Remodeled project.

Lingering at a corner after discarding brush for collection, Everingham watched a car slow to a stop in front of him. A young black man waved his hand through an open window and said, "Thank you, brother."

Last summer, Everingham and nearly 50 other volunteers through the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and several other Grosse Pointe organizations spent a day helping clear the neighborhood near the former Durfee Elementary Middle School.

This fall, volunteers return to the same area to plant 1,000 trees and perennials, build community gardens, install little free libraries, designate the safest routes to schools with artwork, upgrade several parks, install new bus shelters and add neighborhood signage.

The entire scope is planned during a six-day stretch in October, but the Grosse Pointe group plans to contribute Wednesday, Oct. 3.

"It's a wonderful experience for people," said Everingham, past president of Rotary. "There are people who go on this mission who have no idea they'll come away

different people. They've done something meaningful."

Life Remodeled, founded in 2011 by Chris Lambert, has spent seven years building homes, cleaning up neighborhoods and making a difference in Detroit. Since 2014 alone, it has impacted four schools, repaired 184 homes, boarded up 1,622 houses, beautified 1,273 city blocks and engaged 42,232 volunteers.

This year's project continues the plan to open the Durfee Innovation Society, which will house nonprofit organizations and for-profit businesses.

"This is the second year at Durfee," Everingham said. "They're building it into a community center where they'll offer counseling and after-school events. They've taken this magnificent building and repurposed it. More than that, they're working to spruce up the neighborhood."

"I think this is going to be fun," he continued. "We did all the cleanup before. Now we're putting in trees, we're putting in little free libraries. It's the logical next step. Last year and the year before was prep for this year."

Representing Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Howard Hill, who is volunteering for his third Life Remodeled project, said the experience is priceless.

"The looks on the faces of the residents," Hill said, "they have a sense



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Ted Everingham, left, and Howard Hill spearheaded Grosse Pointe's involvement in Life Remodeled.

of pride on their faces." Hill said the project also is beneficial in that it helps eliminate stereotypes about Grosse Pointe and Detroit residents.

"Finding opportunities to work together, in a safe environment, we learn we have a lot in common," he said.

Everingham added another anecdote from last summer's project. As volunteers received their assignments and began to disperse, a neighborhood resident walked out of his house carrying gardening tools to work on his own yard.

"Without being asked, our volunteers stopped and helped him," he said. "Just like that, the stereotype disappears."

Hill said anyone is welcome to join the project — skilled or not.

"We're planting more than flowers," Hill said. "We're planting experi-

ences. ... None of us are skilled tradesmen. You don't need it. The fact you show up shows you give a damn."

Volunteers, who are served lunch, may sign up for morning, afternoon or all-day shifts — or not at all.

"If you don't know what your plans are, you can still show up," Hill said, noting participants should wear work clothes and hard-toed boots, bring work gloves and dress for the weather. "Even if you're physically restricted, you can participate by working registration or serving lunches."

"This is not a Memorial thing or a Rotary thing," he continued. "It's a people who care thing. ... It's open to anyone or any organization that wants to step forward."

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, Grace Community Church, Grosse Pointe

A word from the founder

"When we first launched Life Remodeled, nearly everyone we shared the vision with thought it was colossal — building new homes in six days to give to deserving families for free, setting those new homeowners up with financial advisors and clinical psychologists to help with family dynamics ... all the while investing in the surrounding neighborhood. We never imagined having the impact we're making today, renovating schools and hundreds of blocks, but more importantly, transforming lives. We knew that both Detroit and suburban residents were extremely passionate about the revitalization of our once-great city, but the momentum has grown quite rapidly these past four years. The support from Detroit residents and suburban communities like Grosse Pointe clearly communicates that people are convinced that our mission and strategy work. They know their investments will last and they are seeing it firsthand."

"I believe every person is put here on this planet for several reasons and two of the most important are learning how to truly love one another across our many differences and helping those who have the least opportunities to thrive."

"Detroit is a city that once had 1.8 million residents, but nearly 1.2 million left. The one-third of residents who stayed have demonstrated resilience despite massive economic and educational challenges and barriers. I'm excited that so many new people are moving into Detroit and my family did so in 2015. However, I'm even more passionate about the impact that is being made when we collectively pour into the children and families who've lived through the toughest of times."

"That said, it's important to me to emphasize our mission is 'Life Remodeled,' not 'Detroit remodeled.' The lives of suburban residents need remodeling just as much as any Detroit resident. Typical models of charity consist of benefactors and beneficiaries. At Life Remodeled, we believe all people have much to offer and much to learn from one another. We're helping Detroit and its suburbs advance the process of becoming one ... and that is a beautiful thing indeed."

"We have a number of partnerships with metro Detroit suburbs, but our collaboration with Grosse Pointe communities has been the most dynamic in terms of volunteerism and financial support. However, I think we're just warming up and our upcoming project will be a major leap forward into an even brighter future together."

— Chris Lambert
Founder and CEO, Life Remodeled

Chamber of Commerce, Grosse Pointe Jewish Council, Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association, Grosse Pointe News, Grosse Pointe Times, St. Paul Lutheran Church, St. Paul Catholic Church, The War Memorial and WeGP also sponsor this event.

Carpools from a convenient Grosse Pointe location will be arranged for volunteers who sign up in advance.

Registration deadline for the Oct. 3 project is Thursday, Sept. 20. Sign up at the GPMC/GP/ Eastside sign-up page at bit.ly/liferemodeledgp.

Bicknell series begins with facts about Faygo

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

"The Faygo Book" is a story about the beloved Detroit product,

its history and the loyalty between Faygo and Detroiters.

Author Joe Grimm encourages interactive shows and invites people to ask questions as they arise. Shows also include photography, artwork and songs from commercials.

Grimm wrote "The Faygo Book"

after building a tremendous thirst on the Wayne State University Press book "Coney Detroit," written with Katherine Yung. The life-long Detroit area resident is a Michigan State University journalism professor and worked 25 years at the Detroit Free Press.

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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.

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-

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.

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

Salvatore A. Ciaramitaro Jr.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Salvatore A. "Sam" Ciaramitaro Jr., 95, died Monday, Sept. 3, 2018.

Born Sept. 7, 1922, in Detroit, to Salvatore and Stella Ciaramitaro, Sam was a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Forces and served in the South Pacific during World War II. After discharge from the service, he graduated from the University of Detroit School of Law and was a private practice attorney until retirement in 2015.

Sam was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe and the ushers club at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church. He was a 70-year parishioner at St. Clare.

He enjoyed theater, bowling, traveling and listening to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Sam is survived by Marie, his wife of 69 years; children, Mary Sullivan (Albert), Christine Elmore (Gerald), Barbara (Mark Homrich), Joanne Kalapinski (David), John (Lynn), Mark (Tara), Matthew (Julie Robertson) and Therese Iglesias (Julio); grandchildren, Julie, Mary Christine, Matthew, Emily, Salvatore, Holly, Lucette, Elizabeth, Grace, Vincent, Isabelle, Mia, Carl, Cecily, John Charles and Rico Andrew and great-grandchildren, Kiara, Christopher, Knox and Lilah. He also is survived by his brother, Richard and sister, Roseanne O'Keefe.

He was predeceased by

his brothers, Charles and Frank; infant son, Salvatore and grandson, Dominic.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 8 at St. Clare of Montefalco, Grosse Pointe Park.

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Larry Charles Anderson

Longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident Larry Charles Anderson, 75, died Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018. He lived in the Park nearly 50 years.

Born Jan. 10, 1943, in Minneapolis, Minn., to Olga Ruby and Luther Kenwood, Larry grew up in Litchfield, Minn. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1965 from Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., and a Ph.D. from Utah State University in 1972. He taught gross anatomy at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry more than 40 years. Larry won numerous awards for teaching gross anatomy to dental students and residents at UDM and was named an honorary alumnus in 2009.

Larry ran 309 marathons or ultramarathons between 1978 and 2006. His longest race was 108 miles during a 24-hour run in 1983. He received a commendation from Gov. Engler in 1993 when he completed his 200th marathon.

Larry could fix anything from cars to plumbing. He loved landscaping, woodworking and music of the '50s, '60s and '70s. Walleye fishing, especially fly-in trips to northern Canada with his cousin and brother, were the highlight of the spring. He also enjoyed acting, something he started in college and continued throughout his life. Libraries were Larry's home away from home and he went to the Grosse Pointe Public libraries several times a week.

Larry was a devoted family man adored by his wife, children and grandchildren for his antics. Always casual in his dress, it was almost impossible to get him to wear a suit except at his daughters' weddings. He loved his sons-in-law as if they were his own sons.

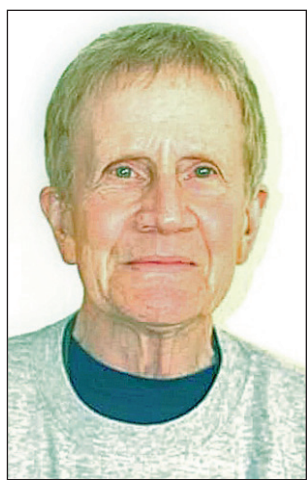
Larry is survived by Vivian, his wife of 50 years; daughters, Janece



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Salvatore A. Ciaramitaro Jr.



Larry Charles Anderson

Ansevin (Daniel) and Leah Olson (Daniel); grandchildren, Ethan and Charlie Ansevin and Miles Olson; sister, Randy Wetenkamp and brothers, John Anderson and David Anderson.

A memorial service is 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the University of Detroit Mercy, School of Dentistry at dental.udmercy.edu/give or to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Jemima O'Neill

Grosse Pointe Park resident Jemima "Ina" O'Neill, 97, passed away peacefully Monday, Sept. 3, 2018.

Born Feb. 6, 1921, in Clydebank, Scotland, to a shipbuilding family, Ina was the only daughter of Sarah (nee Hogan) and John O'Neill. She was predeceased by her parents and brothers, William, Matthew and John.

Ina immigrated to Michigan in her early 20s after living through the World War II bombings of Glasgow and Clydebank. First working as a housekeeper and an aid at Convent of the Sacred Heart, she later worked for Dr. Harold Cross and family. Ina lived and worked more than 50 years with the Cross family. She was a much beloved nanny to the Cross children who considered her to be part of the family.

At age 68, Ina "retired" but, never one to just rest, became a volunteer in the mammography department at Henry Ford-Cottage Hospital, which she did more than 20 years.

Ina proudly became a U.S. citizen in 1968, though she never lost her love of her homeland or her Scottish brogue. She paid regular visits home and stayed in close touch with her extended family in Scotland. She also enjoyed time with her Hogan family cousins in Michigan.

Ina loved the Lord and was a parishioner and choir member at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church. Later in retirement, she attended and was a volunteer at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

Ina had a song in her heart, reveled in telling tales from her native Scotland of the wee folk, heroic Scots and her time growing up in Clydebank, the shipbuilding capital of the world, before and during WWII.

Ina is survived by her loving "children," Kathleen Schroeder, Maureen Bennett and Fr. Kevin Cross and her cousins in Scotland and Michigan. She will be greatly missed by her lov-



Jemima "Ina" O'Neill



John Paul Ross

ing friends and family.

A Celebration of Life Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park. Visitation begins 9:30 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

John Paul Ross

John Paul Ross, 63, passed away in his home Monday, Sept. 10, 2018, after a long, courageous battle with esophageal cancer.

Born on Dec. 23, 1954, to Sally Ann (nee Curry) and Paul Ross, John began his academic studies on a football scholarship to Hillsdale College before pursuing a degree in criminal justice from Central Michigan University. He went on to attend the Macomb Police and Fire Academy. His son, Jonathan, followed in his father's footsteps by also studying at the Academy. John began his distinguished career at the Oakland Public Safety Department, where he worked from 1977 to 1978. He then joined the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department, where he held the titles of corporal, sergeant, sergeant detective, lieutenant and assistant director. John earned his retirement from the department in 2014. In 2016, he served as security personnel for Ahee Jewelers.

When not protecting the community, John explored Siesta Key, Fla., as a certified scuba diver and fiercely supported the Detroit Tigers and University of Michigan football team. He enjoyed golfing and biking up north. His greatest love was his family, particularly his granddaughters, Lana and Hayley. "Pa," as they called him, would take his granddaughters to Belle Isle and the zoo, and always made sure they were fed Ruffles and donuts.

John was the beloved husband of Cindy (nee Goodwin); loving father of Jonathan (Sarah Ulmer) and Lindsey Davis (Justin); dearest grandfather of Lana and Hayley; loved son of Sally Ann and dear brother of Joellyn Porritt (Richard), Mark (Julie), Michael (Angie) and Matthew (Jennifer).

He was predeceased by

his father, Paul.

Visitation is 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at A. H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Rosary recitation is 7 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated noon Friday, Sept. 14, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins 11:30 a.m. at the church.

Entombment will be in Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Mary Jeanne Bertelsen

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Mary Jeanne Bertelsen, 92, died Friday, Sept. 7, 2018, at American House in Rochester Hills.

Born March 7, 1926, in Detroit, to Paul and Elizabeth Brunner, Jeanne was a homemaker and volunteer. She volunteered at the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe Gift Shop. She enjoyed sailing with her husband, playing euchre with her family and playing bridge. She was a member of a bridge club and garden club.

Jeanne is survived by her daughters, Susan McQueen (James), Diane Rumple (Tom) and Janet Rozelle (Fred); sons, David Bertelsen (Rhea) and Philip Bertelsen (Barbara); 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She also is survived by her brother, Paul Brunner.

She was predeceased by her husband, Arthur Eugene "Gene" Bertelsen. A private service will be held.

First English preschool underway

First English Lutheran Preschool, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, is accepting new students for the 2018-19 school year. The preschool offers a Christian setting to help prepare children ages 3 to 5 for their kindergarten and elementary years.

The new director/lead

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PASTOR'S CORNER By the Rev. Jeffery Baker

'Won't you be my neighbor?'

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. popularized the notion of the "Beloved Community." King envisioned the Beloved Community as a society based on justice, equal opportunity and love of one's fellow human beings.

Economic and social justice are the twin pillars supporting the Beloved Community. These twin pillars also are necessary for a healthy society. What would be the health impacts of living in such a society?

In 1963, Fred Rogers — an ordained Presbyterian minister — "birthed" what is still known as Mr. Rogers Neighborhood. In a world that is sometimes unsure, unstable, uncaring and unsympathetic, wouldn't it be excellent where every day embraced the overall sentiment behind Ice Cube's song "It was a Good Day?"

Sometimes, life can be rough. Still, God has not abandoned you and God still loves you. Sometimes, the world can be very hurtful. God invites the hurt person to be a member of the greatest caring relationship every day by saying, "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Today, I encourage the downhearted to keep looking up. Believe God still is in control. Sometimes bad things happen to good people. The answer is not throwing up your hands in defeat or retaliating.

Minister Thomas Kyles shared, "How you treat people has a long lasting

effect. Your influence can either be for good or bad. People will follow you based on this fact."

Matthew 7:12 says, "In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets." It is a command based on Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. First Peter 3:9 says, "Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called — that you might inherit a blessing."

Let's continue praying for and working toward what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. entitled "The Beloved Community."

Listen to the immortal lyrics of a well-cherished song embodying the reality of unity in the community. "It's a beautiful day in the Grosse Pointes area neighborhood. A beautiful day for a neighbor. Would you be mine? Could you be mine? It's a neighborly day in the Grosse Pointes area. A neighborly day for a beauty I have wanted to have a neighbor just like you. I've always wanted to live in a neighborhood with you. So let's make the most of this beautiful day. Since we're together, we might as well say, would you be mine? Could you be mine? Won't you be my neighbor? Won't you please, won't you please, please, won't you be my neighbor?"

Baker is the pastor of St. Paul AME Church, Grosse Pointe Park. He may be reached at revjlame@aol.com.

'East Meets West: Recent Works by Tuesday Printmakers' opens

The artists' reception for "East Meets West: Recent Works by Tuesday Printmakers," currently on display in the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church art gallery, takes place 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13. The reception is free and open to the public. Light refreshments are served while jazz musicians provide live entertainment.

This exhibition celebrates the variety of images made by different printmaking techniques. Seventeen artists, from both the east and west sides of Woodward, are participating in the exhibition. "East Meets West" is on display through Oct. 7, and can be viewed by the public 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1



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From left, Nobuko Yamasaki of Grosse Pointe Shores, Edward Marsh of Royal Oak and Lori Zurvalec of the City of Grosse Pointe.

p.m. Sunday and by appointment. The exhibition is part of the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church arts ministry. For more information, call (313) 884-3075 or email arts@gpcong.org.

CHURCH EVENTS

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.

First English hosts Oktoberfest 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13.

GPUMC

Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a free event for families of preschool and elementary school-age children 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16. The event includes hot dogs, bounce houses and games for children. For information, call (313)

886-2363.

Jewish Council

The Grosse Pointe Jewish Council hosts services on Yom Kippur Tuesday, Sept. 18, and Wednesday, Sept. 19. Rabbi Joe Klein officiates with cantorial soloist Bryant Frank. Special children's services are planned. 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.

St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents "Fresh Start: A Healing Ministry for the Divorced, Separated & Civilly Remarried," a 12-week journey to share experi-

ences and dialogue with others in a confidential group setting. A video series is included. Child care is provided.

The free series meets 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the school's faculty lounge the following dates: Sept. 13, Sept. 27, Oct. 11, Oct. 25, Nov. 15, Dec. 12, Jan. 10, Jan. 24, Feb. 7, Feb. 21, March 14 and March 28. To register, contact Deacon Bill Jamieson at bjamieson@stpaulonthelake.org or (313) 885-8855, Ext. 145.

St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose Catholic Church hosts its 28th Annual Oysterfest 5 to 9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24, at the parking lot adjacent to the Beaumont Medical Center, 15200 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park. The event includes tastings from more than three dozen local restaurants, beer and wine selections, music and more. Tickets are \$30 and sponsorships are available. Call (313) 822-2814.

Unique estate sale set at Methodist church

Anyone who's ever imagined lounging in an Adirondack chair on a beach in the Hamptons can put themselves a little closer to their dream by shopping at a Southampton estate sale in Grosse Pointe Farms. Later, while lounging in their new belongings, they can rest assured their dollars are helping a local church's missions around the world.

An anonymous and generous donor recently offered Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church the opportunity to sell furnishings from a summer home in Southampton. All proceeds from the sale will be used to support the missions of United Methodist Women.

"This is an unusual opportunity for us to raise money for the dozens of mission projects that UMW supports throughout the year," said Bertie See, local UMW president. "That includes meals for the homeless, mission trips to Appalachia and Haiti, Meals on Wheels for local residents, prayer quilts, many projects with Cass Community Social Services and numerous youth outreach efforts. We are very grateful to this donor for giving us this opportunity."

Carolyn Franklin, a member of the

church who has been involved in evaluating and preparing the items for the sale, said the quality of the furniture is superb.

"The workmanship on the wood pieces and the delicacy of the woven materials is really impressive," she said. "Anyone would be proud to have one of these items in their home."

Among the more than 200 items that will be available are high-quality wicker and upholstered sofas and chairs, crystal barware, historic paintings, elegant armoires, tables and side tables, linens, mirrors, planters and more. Many items will be sold in sets.

The sale takes place 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, and Saturday, Sept. 29, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, with numbers available at 8:30 a.m. Friday only.

Photos of the items may be seen at gpumc.org/about/estate-sale. More will be posted before the sale begins.

Sold items must be removed by 5 p.m. Saturday. Arrangements for delivery are available for a reasonable fee. All sales are final and must be made by cash or credit card only; personal checks are not accepted.

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teacher of the First English Lutheran

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Grosse Pointe Theatre opens its 71st season with the production of "Camelot."

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"Camelot" is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International.

The production takes the stage 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16 and 23, and 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Sept. 20 to 22 and Sept. 27 to 29, at Pierce Middle School, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park.

Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at gpt.org or by calling the Grosse Pointe Theatre box office at (313) 881-4004.

Parking at Pierce is free; complementary valet parking is available for all patrons.

Cast

The cast includes Zack Coates of Detroit as King Arthur; Megan Welenc of Rochester Hills as



From left, Zack Coates as King Arthur, Megan Welenc as Guenevere and Jude Purcell as Lancelot.

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Guenevere; Jude Purcell of Troy as Lancelot; Ron Otulakowski of Eastpointe as Pellinore; Trevor Sherry of Clinton Township as Mordred; Dan Woitulewicz of Detroit as Merlyn; Jeanette Wilson as Nimue and Kimme Suchyta of Detroit as Morgan Le Fey. Ensemble members include Joseph Allen of Warren, Joseph Domino of Detroit, Eddie Tujaka of Grosse Pointe Farms, Danielle Vogler of the City of Grosse Pointe, Virginia Lee of the City of Grosse Pointe, Lauren Berndt of St. Clair Shores, Jessica Tujaka of Warren, Elizabeth Schaefer of Grosse Pointe Park, Michael Parker of Grosse Pointe Woods, Gordon Richardson of Grosse Pointe Park and Robert Lee of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Crew

The crew includes director Leta Chrisman of Clawson, producer Beth Teagan of Grosse Pointe Woods, choreographer Rachel Settlege of Grosse Pointe Park, musical and vocal director Eric Miller of Grosse Pointe Farms, props and set dressing by Kathleen Lusk of Detroit, set designer and technical director Justin Hawley of Grosse Pointe Park and Eddie Tujaka of Grosse Pointe Farms, costumes by Anna Chrisman of Harper Woods, stage manager Erin Getzin of Harrison Township, accompanist Bob Foster of Grosse Pointe Farms, lighting design by Eric Leszczynski of Grosse Pointe Woods and sound design by Paul Gonzalez of Grosse Pointe Park.



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Flags being collected

Pictured are John Paul Jones Society, Children of the American Revolution prospective member Kristin Krier, JPJ Society President Fiona Flynn, JPJ Society Vice President Evan Theros and JPJ Society Treasurer Jon Theros, who made collection bins for worn U.S. flags. The collection bins are located at Grosse Pointe Farms city hall, 90 Kerby; The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore; and Farms Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore, until Monday, Oct 8. The worn flags will then be part of a U.S. flag retirement ceremony 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at Pier Park, hosted by the Louisa St. Clair Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution with the John Paul Jones Society, Children of the American Revolution and Boy Scout Troop 96. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Patti Theros at therospr@gmail.com.

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Red Wing alum delivers punchlines for Motor City Mitten Mission

McCarty dishes on hockey life Sept. 21

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

A self-proclaimed die-hard hockey fan, Gail Marlow can't wait for Sept. 21.

That's when former Detroit Red Wings forward Darren McCarty brings his Slapshot Comedy Show to St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

It's dually important for Marlow because proceeds from the event benefit her nonprofit organization, Motor City Mitten Mission.

The organization is dedicated to helping the homeless, low income, needy and those striving for a better way of life through community service efforts such as hand-making sleeping mats and pillows from recycled plastic bags. Volunteers also perform regular outreach to the chronically homeless, distribute survival backpacks and personal hygiene kits and contribute meals and other necessities to those in need.

"In order to sustain it, we need to raise money



PHOTOS COURTESY OF GAIL MARLOW

MCCM founder Gail Marlow presents to students at Maire Elementary School.

for it," Marlow said of MCCM. "So we wanted to do something special. This will kick off right before hockey season — opening weekend of the Red Wings preseason."

MCCM's first fundraiser, Slapshot Comedy Show features McCarty talking about his time with the Wings. He'll be joined onstage by local comedians Jason Douglas and Ron Sweet. The event also features live music from

Sean Z. "Darren talks about his hockey stories, locker room humor," Marlow said, who noted the show is rated PG-13. "There's a VIP afterparty with swag bags, a meet-and-greet with Darren and Sean Z, who's a North grad, appetizers and sweets, drink tickets. I'm hoping other local retired athletes will show up, too. It should be a cool, fun night."

Marlow said guests also

will have a chance to learn more about MCCM at the event.

"We provide survival backpacks for people we do outreach to," she said. "Backpacks can contain anything from T-shirts and hats to underwear, personal hygiene stuff, first-aid kits, non-perishable food and drinks — basic necessities for someone living on the streets who doesn't have anything."

Additionally, MCCM works with more than 50 schools with at-risk students, providing hygiene kits and other necessities. It also has partnered with Children's Center of Detroit as part of its summer camp and Arts Adventure program and contributing to its boutique.

"Funds (from the comedy show) will buy supplies for additional items we're providing to the individuals we're helping and the families we're helping," Marlow said. "It's not just about mats. A lot of people need other help."

"We're known for doing bags and mats and recycling, but in the long run it's a much bigger picture about making change, inspiring people to pay it

forward and to volunteer, to get more involved in their community and not be afraid to volunteer," she continued. "We hope to grow that in other communities."

Marlow noted, thanks to MCCM, planning — using plastic yarn to create mats and pillows — officially is part of the curriculum at North Branch High School. Students there are working with seniors and donating their end products to shelters in their community.

"It's growing," Marlow said of MCCM efforts. "We're helping the homeless and low income, but it's also about spreading this to other areas. It's something anybody can do. There are no excuses for not volunteering."

Tickets for Darren McCarty's Slapshot Comedy Show are \$35 and include the show, a Q&A with McCarty and a chance to win an autographed McCarty item. VIP tickets are \$65 and also include reserved seating, early entry and admission to the afterparty.

The event also includes a silent auction featuring autographed sports memorabilia, tickets to local sporting and entertain-



One of Detroit's homeless carries away his new MCCM mat and pillow.

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Everything's coming up roses at Ford House

While Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores is known for its naturalist-style scenery designed by world-renowned landscape architect Jens Jensen, the estate also boasts many walkable gardens, including a formal rose garden created at the request of Eleanor Ford. This fall, Ford House celebrates Eleanor's love of roses with an open-air soirée to indulge in the flavors, aromas and elegance of the bloom during Evening of Roses, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20.

Evening of Roses features opportunities to stroll through Eleanor's gardens, learn more about roses through hands-on demonstrations and tempt the sense of taste with a cocktail and treats made with rose.

The garden gathering features a rose-infused libation, crafted exclusively for the event by Detroit restaurant Chartreuse Kitchen & Cocktails, paired with desserts from Pinwheel Bakery, each created with rose ingredients.

Ford House's rosarian expert, Kelley Maricle, gives tours of the gardens and shares the estate's secrets of rose care. Attendees also can compare the distinct

scents of different rose varieties, learn to identify the smell of synthetic rose and create their own natural botanical perfume from a selection of decanted plant essences with the help of Ferndale-based Alchemy Perfumery. Alchemy also provides rosewater, often used in cosmetics from California and France, for guests to sample. Those wishing to bring the fragrance of roses into their home can discover the best way to collect and dry petals for potpourri.

"The popularity of roses was exploding when the Ford House rose garden was installed in the early 20th century with more than 500 roses," said Gretchen Abrams, education programs coordinator at Ford House. "We look forward to delighting our guests' senses in new ways by sharing all the garden has to offer."

Tickets to Evening of Roses are available at fordhouse.org for \$50 for Ford House members, \$60 for non-members. Guests must be 21 or older to attend. The ticket price includes admittance to the grounds, light bites, two signature cocktails, participation in the rose-centered activities and gifts to take home.

BEES:

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them. They are often mistaken for other insects that are more aggressive. Once they learn and are around them more, they appreciate them and that fear decreases."

Caring for bees goes along with caring for everything at the estate. Koto said his landscaping crew is very conscious about what products are used around the property, choosing pollinator-friendly chemicals when needed.

"Naturally, our first choice is to never use chemicals," he said. "But given the number of insects and invaders that come, we have to."

While Mandell and Wieske manage the hives, Ford House has a certified arborist, Joe Cielinski, who works with them.

"Our goal is to make them purely (Ford House) hives," Mandell said. "We train somebody here to do it. And then we leave and go and do it somewhere else."

Country Club of Detroit

Founded in 1897, Country Club of Detroit no doubt has had myriad visitors to its greens, but only the last few has it hosted the buzzing kind.

CCD Certified Master Chef Brian Beland said the club has two active hives this year — down from years past, but still productive.

"We started the process through a chef friend of ours, Francoise Faloppa, the former pastry chef at Macomb Community College," Beland said. "He had come to us and



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Country Club of Detroit Chef Brian Beland pulls a spoon from one of last year's bottles of honey.

we had a long discussion about honeybees. He wanted to create awareness about the importance of beekeeping and having honeybees in the community."

It didn't take much convincing, Beland said, as CCD jumped at the chance. CCD and Faloppa developed a partnership taking care of the hives.

"When he passed away, a friend of his from Ohio, Edouard Petit, took his place," Beland said. "We've partnered with him the last couple years."

Due to an altered work schedule — Petit is a pilot — his visits to Grosse Pointe haven't been as frequent as in years past.

"This summer has been different," Beland said. "He was shifted to fly out of Miami instead of Detroit. So we've just let Mother Nature do her work. Usually he would come up and inspect the hives every other week. I've done some inspections and he's done some impromptu inspections."

While the colonies have been strong this year, production hasn't been high, Beland said. He doesn't expect to harvest much honey this time around.

When production is good, CCD uses some of the honey in its foods, but often turns it out as new member gifts.

"We do use honeycomb in our foods, but it's not enough to supply us with the amount of honey we use here at the club," Beland said, noting the harvested honey is raw and strained. "Depending on how much honey there is, we decide if we're going to take some of it or leave it for the bees. It's theirs to get them through the winter."

Beland said having the hives has helped raise awareness among members. The club recently hosted its annual Honeybee Dinner, during which members learned about the importance of honeybees, what they do, what they pollinate and, Beland said, "what the

supermarket would look like without honeybees."

Beland said he hopes the club forms a sponsorship or adopt-a-hive program for members, though currently it's in discussion stages.

"It's education," he explained as to why CCD brought hives to the club.

"It was something new as a potential hobby to get involved in and it's important to agriculture and the economy. Everything about it makes sense. Even though we're not going to save the world with what we have here, it brings a lot of education and engagement."



The remainder of last year's honey harvest at CCD.

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Volleyball

RIVALS

It's all South

 By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South volleyball players had the match with city rival Grosse Pointe North circled on their calendar.

The stands were packed, emotions ran high, and in the end it was the Blue Devils beating the Norsemen 25-9, 25-20, 25-18.

"We really wanted this, especially after losing to them last year," South head coach Krysta Kreyger said. "We had a lot of senior leadership out there. Our girls played with composure and played up to their potential. This was a nice win and an effort I want to see in every match."



South senior Gretchen Brockway, No. 3, sets a ball for junior Caroline Zrimec in the Blue Devils' win over Grosse Pointe North.

PHOTOS BY JOHN MCTAGGART

The host Norsemen were missing their leading hitter, senior Regan Sliwinski, who is sidelined for a few weeks with an injury. With North's tallest player on the bench, the Blue Devils used their tall front line to dominate the net.

"We're a small team, and even smaller without

Regan, but we're scrappy," North head coach Chelsea Brozo said. "We came out slow, but the girls picked up their play and battled in the final two games. I'm happy with the effort, and we will get better."

The Blue Devils stormed out to a 6-0 lead in game one with freshman Jade Divita and senior Charlotte Brecht combining for three kills.

The Divita and Brecht duo were unstoppable at the net in the first game. Brecht chipped in with a couple of blocks on kill attempts and with that advantage the visitors bolted out to a 17-3 lead.

Brecht ended game one with a block for a point and kill to put it in the win column.

Games two and three were more competitive.

The Norsemen battled behind seniors Evelyn Zacharias and Maria Zaki, who led the team in digs and kills, respectively. Junior Christina Braker had a couple of blocks as the Norsemen held their own as game two was tied at 15.

The Blue Devils turned up the intensity in the

later stages of game two, thanks to seniors Cynthia Hogan, Gretchen Brockway and Brecht.

The trio made plays on defense, serving and hitting to help the Blue Devils win 10 of the final 15 points to take the victory and go up 2-0 in games.

Zaki made her presence known in game three, collecting several kills to help the Norsemen lead 7-3.

Unfortunately for the home team, it couldn't sustain the momentum as the Blue Devils put their game in second gear. Brockway and juniors Elizabeth Hall and Cody Conlan chipped in with service points, and once again it was the trio of seniors who put the match away.

"My seniors stepped it up and they are leading by example," Kreyger said. "I can even see the younger girls leading at times, which makes us a pretty deep team."

Both squads competed in early season tournaments, and earned mixed results.

South also played last weekend.

Tennis

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils on a roll

 By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South boys tennis team began its league schedule last week, blasting host St. Clair 7-1.

The Blue Devils' doubles teams swept their four matches, losing a total of only 12 games. The No. 1 squad of seniors Mickey Kuchta and Turner Sine won 6-1, 6-2, and seniors Sam Packer and John Lynch won 6-1, 6-3.

Junior Kenny Prather and sophomore Jackson Marchal won 6-1, 6-2 at No. 3 doubles, and the No. 4 doubles team of sophomore Will White and freshman Blake Discher cruised 6-1, 6-1.

At No. 1 singles, senior Sean Miller won 6-2, 6-7, 6-1, while sophomore Jacob Harris and freshman Alex Prather won 6-3, 6-3 at No. 3 singles and by default at No. 4 singles.

South also traveled to Troy Athens last week and pulled off a 5-3 victory to a team it will see in a regional tournament

next month.

Harris and Alex Prather won their singles matches 6-1, 6-1, and 6-2, 6-2, as the Blue Devils split the four singles matches.

Miller went three sets and senior Michael Willard battled, but lost in two sets at No. 1 and No. 2 singles.

Kuchta and Sine won 6-1, 6-3 at No. 1 doubles, and it was Kenny Prather and Marchal winning 6-0, 7-6 at No. 3 doubles.

White and Discher won 6-1, 7-6 at No. 4 doubles to give the Blue Devils the team victory. Juniors Patrick Hopper and Miles Jamieson played a match at No. 5 doubles, and won 6-4, 6-2.

"The boys were looking forward to the competition this week," head coach John Willard said. "I am very proud of the boys."

"They were mentally prepared and played great tennis."

Grosse Pointe South is 1-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 4-1-2 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen beat PHN

 By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys tennis team won its Macomb Area Conference Red Division opener last week, beating Port Huron Northern 6-2.

Head coach John Van Alst watched his Norsemen play their best match of the season.

At No. 1 singles, Hunter Williams cruised to a 6-0, 6-1 win, while Simon Stallings was a 6-1, 6-4 winner at No. 4 singles.

Losing their singles matches were Luke Deskins and Adam Naimo, but the Norsemen gained a split of the four

singles matches.

At No. 1 doubles, Joe Haney and Chris Mourad won 6-2, 6-1, and at No. 2 doubles the squad of Mitchell Mills and Charlie Ramsdell won 6-3, 6-0.

The next two doubles matches were battles, but the Norsemen prevailed as Simon Olk and Jonathan Smith won 6-4, 6-4 at No. 3, and at No. 4 it was Jonathan Hartley and Ben Zoia playing a three-setter, winning 6-3, 5-7, 10-8.

The day before, North lost 8-0 to one of the top teams in Division 4, Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Grosse Pointe North is 1-0 in the MAC Red Division and 2-5 overall.

Soccer

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT

Teams begin division play

 By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys soccer team had its Catholic League division opener postponed last week, due to the oppressive heat and humidity.

With field temperatures hovering near 120 degrees, games and practices were called off on back-to-back days.

However, the Knights played Madison Heights Bishop Foley the week before and won 5-4.

Nolan Ondersma had a hat trick, and Stewart Smith the other two goals as ULS improved to 2-1-1.

Head coach David Dwaihy watched Ondersma, Matthew Summers and Sheikh Manneh tally assists.

ULS is back on its home turf Friday, Sept.

14, against Plymouth Christian Academy.

North results

School officials moved back the start time of Grosse Pointe North boys soccer game with host L'Anse Creuse North with the hope temperatures would cool enough to provide a little relief from the long spell of oppressive heat and humidity.

The move worked as the heat index lowered and the Norsemen battled the Crusaders to a 2-2 draw.

Head coach Brad VandeVorde and his Norsemen had goals from James Streberger and Ben Sheffield in the division contest.

Nick Miller and Streberger had assists as the Norsemen were able to earn a point in the division standings.

On Monday evening, the Norsemen traveled to Romeo and edged the Bulldogs 2-1.

It was another tough, hard fought division contest for the Norsemen.

Grosse Pointe North is 2-1-1 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 4-2-1 overall.

South results

It's been a mixed bag for the Grosse Pointe South boys soccer team.

They started the Macomb Area Conference White Division with a 3-0 win over host Fraser, but fell to .500 after a 3-2 loss to host St. Clair Shores Lakeview.

Also in the mix was a 2-2 tie on the road with Utica, and the Blue Devils had a home game with Sterling Heights Stevenson postponed

due to a heat index which rose to nearly 120 degrees.

Head coach Francesco Cilano and his Blue Devils started the season with all road games.

Rivalry games

The first of two Grosse Pointe North vs. Grosse Pointe South soccer matches is 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, at South.

The final regular season game is at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, at North.

"I loved this rivalry when I was a player at North and it's going to be a little different as a coach this time around," VandeVorde said after a game earlier this season. "It's a big game on the schedule and there are a lot of bragging rights to the winner. It will be a fun time."

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Football

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

North falls to LCN

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

A full house was on hand for the Grosse Pointe North football team's home opener last weekend.

Head coach Joe Drouin and his Norsemen lost 19-14 to L'Anse Creuse North to see their record fall to 1-1 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 1-2 overall.

"It was the little things that cost us," Drouin said. "Our mantra this year is burn the boat, like the Vikings. We are moving forward and not looking back. We made some mistakes, but we will work on them and get better."

"We had our chances tonight, but didn't do enough to win the game. Our guys played with heart, and that is what we ask."

The Norsemen led 14-7 when junior quarterback Brendan Cwiklinski scored on a 4-yard run late in the third quarter. Sophomore Mike Zontini kicked his second extra point and the home team had the momentum.

After each team punted, the Crusaders got the ball back on the Norsemen 36-yard line. It took one play to score,



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

Grosse Pointe North's Ka'Ronn Henderson runs into tacklers during the first half against L'Anse Creuse North.

but the home team blocked the PAT to hold on to a 14-13 lead.

The Norsemen were forced to punt on their ensuing drive, and the visitors drove 54 yards on six plays to score on a 20-yard pass play. The two-point conversion was stopped, but the Norsemen found themselves trailing 19-14 with 3:10 left.

Drouin's players responded.

Cwiklinski found senior tight end Joe Ayrault for a 23-yard gain to get into LCN territory.

That is when the drive stalled. A holding penalty, two sacks and a failed fourth down play ended the game.

Senior Ka'Ronn

Henderson ran for 79 yards on 16 carries and caught three passes for 30 yards. Cwiklinski completed 11 of 21 passes for 211 yards and one touchdown, a 42-yard play to senior K.J. Williams.

Williams finished with four receptions for 97 yards, and Ayrault had 70 yards on three catches.

The defense intercepted two passes and recovered one fumble.

Next for the Norsemen is a 7 p.m. road MAC White Division game Friday, Sept. 14, against Warren Mott.

The Marauders are 1-1 in the MAC White Division after losing at Grosse Pointe South 38-0 last weekend.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Huge win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South football team earned a statement victory last weekend, shutting out division title contender Warren Mott 38-0 in front of the home fans.

"So proud of this team," head coach Tim Brandon said. "We are so talented, but above all we work hard and play together. We knew going in that this would be a physical game and that Mott was a team full of athletes. We matched their physicality and truly out-athleticized them."

"Coach (Chad) Hep and the D staff had an outstanding plan, and the defense executed it to perfection. You could see the frustration on their sideline when their usually potent offense was being manhandled. This was a true team effort."

The Blue Devils opened the game by using an eight-minute scoring drive as senior Brady McCarron scored on a 1-yard run. Senior Scott Rosati kicked the extra point and it was 7-0.

The long drive took some of the wind out of Mott's sails, and it was still the first quarter.

In the second stanza, senior quarterback Ryan



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Grosse Pointe South's Will Johnson, No. 4, and Scott Rosati, No. 17, break up a pass.

Downey hit junior tight end Nick Fannon with a 5-yard touchdown pass. Rosati kicked the PAT and it was 14-0 at the 8:49 mark.

Rosati ended the first half with a 22-yard field goal and the home team led 17-0 at the half.

The Blue Devils put the game away in the third quarter. Fannon intercepted a pass and returned it 27 yards for a touchdown just 22 seconds into the third quarter.

Senior running back Conor McKenna scored on a 5-yard run, and another Rosati PAT extended the lead to 31-0.

Junior Kevin McCarron finished the scoring with a 3-yard run with 3:40 left in the fourth quarter, and

Rosati kicked his fourth extra point.

McKenna had 97 yards rushing on 26 attempts with one score, and Kevin McCarron had 35 yards on five carries and three receptions for 34 yards.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 2-0 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 3-0 overall.

Next is a 7 p.m. road game Friday, Sept. 14, at Utica.

College news

Grosse Pointe South graduate Brian Blanz, a senior tight end at Albion College, hauled in seven receptions for 119 yards and two touchdowns in the Britons 56-35 win over Franklin College last weekend.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Comeback falls short

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

A couple of things didn't go right for host University Liggett School's football team in its 20-13 loss to Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes last weekend.

The Knights fell behind 20-0 at the half, but nearly sent the game to overtime with a second-half comeback.

"You can't start off slow against a good team like Lakes," head coach Dan Cimini said. "I thought we played well, especially in the second half. It just wasn't our day. We came out flat and didn't move the ball well."

"We came out and played great defense in the second half. Our offense picked up the pace and we had chances to score on our last possession, but just missed on a pass play."

The Knights scored on a 12-yard pass from junior quarterback Ian Narva to senior wide receiver Dan Bowen, but the extra point was missed.

They made it 20-13 after Narva scored on a



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University Liggett School senior wide receiver Dan Bowen, No. 12, hauls in a pass.

15-yard run.

This time the extra point was good and the home team had the momentum.

The defense forced a punt and the offense got one final drive to try to tie the game.

A fourth-down pass missed the mark and that was it.

Narva threw for 212

yards with one touchdown and one interception, while Bowen had seven catches for 117 yards and the one score. Senior wide receiver Mickey Walkowiak had eight catches for 77 yards.

Defensively, Drew Zelenak had 22 tackles and Bowen had an interception.

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Cross country

NORTH & SOUTH

North dominates Muskrat Invite

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South boys and girls cross-country teams competed in last weekend's Algonac Muskrat Classic.

Grosse Pointe North won the meet with 29 points, followed by Oxford with 57, Auburn Hills Avondale with 104 and Grosse Pointe South with 108. It was the Norsemen's fourth consecutive time they won this meet, and they are currently ranked No. 4 in Division 1 in the state.

Head coach Diane Montgomery and her Norsemen were led by the trio of William Hofmann, Garrett Schreck and Kuvin Satyadev, who finished first, second and third with personal-best times of 16:05.6, 16:07.4 and 16:09.9, respectively.

"The hard work this team has done over the months and years is really starting to pay off," Montgomery said.

Preston Navarre was fifth overall and fourth for the Norsemen with a personal-best time of 16:25.4, and the final scorer was Ben Seagram, who was 18th at 17:13.9, which was also a personal best.

Jack Day was 40th with a time of 18:09.7 to round out the Norsemen's varsity runners. Each of the six earned a medal.

Head coach Mark Sonnenberg and his Blue Devils were led by senior



Grosse Pointe North senior Sara Michalik, left, and Grosse Pointe South senior Devon Krasner share a moment of celebration after the varsity race at the annual Algonac Invitational.

Blake Weaver and sophomore Charlie Rulison with personal best times of 16:48.4 and 16:50.1. They finished 11th and 12th.

Junior Dominic Dulac was third for the Blue Devils and 19th overall with a time of 17:16.3. He was followed by sophomore Abraham Abouljoud, 29th, and senior Michael Schmidt, 37th, with times of 17:33.4 and 17:56.7. The trio each ran a personal best.

The other varsity runners for Sonnenberg were senior Nate Vorhees and sophomore Jack Corrian, who finished with times of 18:22.8 and 18:43.9 and placed 47th and 54th.

In the girls' meet, North finished third with 81 points and South was

fifth with 126.

The Norsemen, under head coach Scott Cooper, were led by Sara Michalik and Elise Nyquist, who finished fifth and eighth with times of 19:48.2 and 20:13.9.

"I was very proud of the girls' performances today," Cooper said. "Oxford and Berkley are top teams in the state and they looked it today. Grosse Pointe South is such a tremendous team and always a powerhouse. I have such great respect for coach (Steve) Zaranek and his program at South.

"The best part of today's race was watching the 70 North girls and the 70 South girls line up along the final stretch of the race, together, to cheer on all the final racers, and then stand there



PHOTO BY MEGAN MEYER BERRY

Grosse Pointe North runners, from left, Garrett Schreck, Will Hofmann, Kuvin Satyadev and Ben Seagram, head off during the start of the Muskrat Invitational.

together until the final North runner came by, giving her a thunderous Grosse Pointe cheer as she crossed the finish line."

Annaliese Thomas finished 20th with a time of 21:25.8, while Jackie Albo was 24th at 21:44.7.

Other Norsemen finishers were Caroline Mrsan, 26th with a time of 21:49.1; Michaela Cosgrove, 28th at 21:50.4; and Sarah Seagram, 31st at 22:03.1.

All earned a medal. For head coach Steve Zaranek and his Blue Devils, Devon Krasner

won the meet with a personal-best time of 18:46.8. She won by nearly 30 seconds.

Lizzy Bellovich was 27th with a time of 21:25.8, and following were Sarah Bellovich and Lizzie High, who finished 32nd and 33rd with times of 22:11.2 and 22:11.5.

Dianne Dollison finished 37th with a time of 22:51.8, while Paloma Beacham was 40th at 22:54.3. Paisley MacKay was 45th at 23:06.4 to round out the Blue Devils competitors.

South girls raced to a 5th place finish at the 14

team Algonac Invitational this past Saturday. South's top 6 varsity runners all earned medals and included Devon Krasner, Elizabeth Bellovich, Sarah Bellovich, Lizzy High, Dianne Dollison and Paloma Beacham. All six ran sub 23 minute times. Almost breaking the 23 barrier was South's number 7 runner Paisley Mackay (23:06)."

"Devon looked superb," Zaranek said. "She ran super smart, looked extremely strong throughout and had an amazing finish."

Baseball

LITTLE LEAGUE

Farms-City champs

The Grosse Pointe Farms-City 11U baseball team won a state championship this summer, beating host Tecumseh 6-0.

They built a 3-0 lead in the third inning, thanks to hits from catcher Andrew DiLodovico, who caught every inning the entire tournament, Adam Czarnik, Jack O'Keefe and Emerson Adams.

In the top of the fourth inning, James Michelotti, Charlie Gorski and Czarnik reached to load the bases. Quinn Cameron hit a three-run double to increase the

lead to 6-0.

Cameron cruised on the mound through five innings, allowing only two hits. Tecumseh loaded the bases in the final inning, but Farms-City turned a game-ending double play.

In the semifinals, Farms-City turned a 3-2 deficit into a 7-3 victory over Ira Township. The big hit in that game was a go-ahead grand slam by Adams.

Shane Ulferts pitched a perfect sixth inning, and the Farms-City squad was heading to the championship game.

As the No. 2 seed after

pool play, Farms-City faced Commerce in the quarterfinals and won 8-0 to advance.

In pool play, Farms-City lost 9-7 to Kingsford, but came back to win its next two games 13-3 over Midland and 16-0 over Plymouth-Canton.

The 13 players on the squad, Jack Lupo, Adam Czarnik, Quinn Cameron, Jack O'Keefe, Emerson Adams, Marcus Giaquinto, Matthew Agnone, Vincent Vachon, Andrew DiLodovico, Shane Ulferts, Charlie Gorski, Harrison Cameron and James Michelotti finished strong.



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Grosse Pointe Farms-City players and coaches pose with their 11U state championship banner and trophy.

DETROIT BOAT CLUB

Celebrate with DBCC

The Detroit Boat Club Crew will celebrate its history in Detroit Sunday, Sept. 23, with current and former rowers at 5 p.m. at the Belle Isle Boathouse.

For more than 179 years, the DBCC has produced athletes competing at every level, from junior to elite international at world championships and even the Olympics.

The homecoming reunion promises to engage and reconnect the multi-generational community of rowers,

including many Grosse Pointe ex-pats.

Legacy Awards designed by Baxter Glass Art will be presented to past rowers who have or are making significant contributions in their community.

Weather permitting, the event also will include friendly rowing matches on the Detroit River at 1 p.m.

In recognition of the DBCC history, current and alumni rowers will participate in categories including the over and under 179 combined

years of age, four- and eight-person races.

Proceeds from the event will support the 2018 DBCC Future of Rowing Challenge Grant; a \$200,000 match campaign established to promote and sustain the sport of rowing on Belle Isle for future generations.

Tickets are \$75 per person and \$30 for young alumni, ages 18-30. Individual, family, and patron tickets for the reunion are available for purchase at detroitboatclubcrew.com.

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Tennis

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

South to honor girls tennis program

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The nearly 50 women who helped set a record for girls sports are being recognized before the Grosse Pointe South football homecoming game Friday, Sept. 28.

Sixteen are attending the festivities, but maybe more will make the event. This group of 47 girls competing in an 11-year span proved to be among the best in the history of high school sports.

Spearheaded by South alumna Courtenay Kotas, the South girls tennis teams, under the tutelage of coaching legend Stephanie Prychitko, won or shared a Class A state championship from 1976 to 1986.

The only other team in any sport to win more consecutive state titles is the Birmingham Brother Rice lacrosse team, which won 13 straight Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 1 crowns from 2005 to 2017.

"We are part of quite an accomplishment in high school sports, and I thought it would be great for the ladies to share in this accomplishment," Kotas said. "It's great that Chris Booth (South's athletic director and assistant principal) helped us make this happen."

The agenda starts with a tennis alumnae social from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. in Cleminson Hall, followed

by the South homecoming parade at 6 p.m. The ladies will be recognized on the field around 6:40 p.m. and the football game kickoff against Anchor Bay is 7 p.m.

These teams were fielded by some of the best players in the state and some went on to earn scholarships to play tennis at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, University of Michigan, Michigan State University, University of Iowa, Western Michigan University, Yale University, Princeton University, University of New Hampshire, Trinity College, Hartford, University of Richmond, Albion College, Hillsdale College and Saginaw Valley State University.

"It was amazing to watch the level of tennis we displayed at South during that decade of prominence," Kotas said.

There were 47 players on the 11 teams, and at the time there were eight tennis clubs in the area at which the players practiced and honed their skills.

During those years, girls tennis was a fall sport and the No. 1 sport at South.

The girls' dedication to the program is what really kept it the best in the state in Class A. They rallied to gain a share of the 1985 state title to make it 10 years in a row, and just to put a cherry on top of the sundae they

won it again in 1986 with Bloomfield Hills Lahser taking second.

Since this magical run, current head coach Mark Sobieralski guided the Blue Devils to state titles in 2008, 2012 and 2014, but not in Class A in Division 1.

Other schools to win a number of girls state championships in the smaller classes include University Liggett School, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, Detroit Country Day, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern, Okemos and East Grand Rapids.

The players who are attending the celebration are Kotas, Jennifer Tewes (Blanz), Laura Gushee (Monahan), Liz Wachter (Wayland), Mary Wachter (Baran), Elizabeth Peterson (Rinke), Lisa Wood (Vreede), Leslie Mackey (Potter), Paula Reichert (Leto), Meghan McMahon, Nancy Wright (Maxwell), Lee Robinson (Moore), Lisa Micou (Gregory), Sarah Mayer (Carron), Laura Hackman (Chamberlin) and Michelle Nault (Phillips).

The ladies who can't make the celebration, but competed on those title teams are Anne Nicholson (Fitzpatrick), Barbara Warren, Mary Beth Turner (Garvey), Noel Berry (Robinson), Madeleine Willard (Paolucci), Lydia Barry (Kelley), Anyes Gillooly (O'Rourke), Lisa Disser

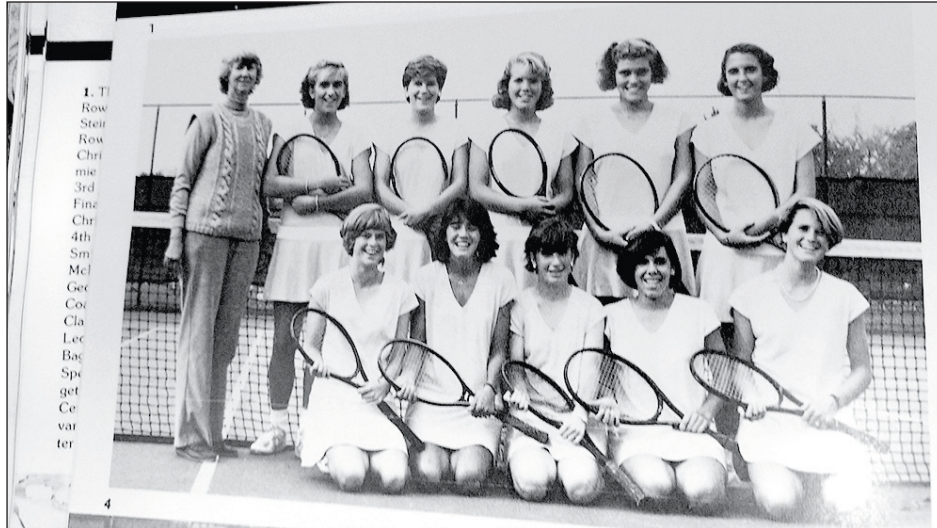


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The 1985 Grosse Pointe South girls tennis team members were Susy Ingrano, Noel Berry, Meg Peterson, Mary Wachter, Kathy Rajt, Sarah Mayer, Katy Turner, Anne Nicholson, Kotas and Cathy Wachter.

(Wallace), Amy Leverenz (Kish), Stephanie Schulte, Tracy Echlin (Thomas), Melinda Manos, Meg Peterson (Wacker), Carolyn Reising (Cobane), Michelle Coddens (Kowalkowski), Pam Pierce, Kim Pierce, Julie Ranger (Adelson), Lori Wood, Kim Monahan, Sharon Ruart, Linda Murtaugh (Kenney), Cathy Wachter (Crane), Katy Turner (Keim), Ellen Mayer (Vaughn), Monica Tulloch (Boyton), Susy Ingrao, Jennifer Transue, Sue Transue, Denise Beaufait and Kathy Rajt.

The 1985 team received a lot of media attention. Writers such as Terry Foster wrote a lengthy article about their success, and winning a 10th consecutive state championship.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Tough foe

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North lost its first dual meet of the season to Macomb Dakota last week.

Helen Michaelson was the lone Norseman to win an event, taking the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:17.50. In the same event, Elizabeth McMahon was third with a time of 1:22.15.

Head coach Jim Singelyn watched his

200-yard medley relay team of Jaden Payne, Michaelson, Sophia Vitale and Amelia Fly take second with a time of 2:05.10, and Victoria Treder was runner-up in the 200-yard freestyle at 2:19.48.

In the 50-yard freestyle, Vitale and Michaelson placed second and third with times of 27.78 and 28.40, and in the 100-yard butterfly it was Fly taking second with a time of 1:09.35.

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

It's time for sports

More than 100,000 student-athletes will begin practices next week in nine sports in which the Michigan High School Athletic Association sponsors postseason tournaments, signaling the beginning of the 2018-19 fall sports season.

In all other fall sports, contests can take place after seven days of practice for the team and not before nine calendar days.

The first day competition may take place in cross country, soccer, swimming and diving, and volleyball is Aug. 17.

For fall sports, perhaps the most discussed change will concern MHSAA Tournament classification in volleyball.

For the first time, volleyball teams are classified in four equal divisions instead of the traditional Class A-B-C-D.

Class no longer will be used to organize the postseason for any sport, including girls and boys basketball in the winter. All other sports previously had switched from classes to divisions.

While most fall sports face at least minor rules changes this season, a few of the most noticeable adjustments in fall sports will come in football, volleyball, boys soccer and girls swimming and diving.

In an effort to improve football pace of play by

reducing re-kicks after a free or scrimmage kick — generally kickoffs or punts, respectively — an option has been added allowing the receiving team to accept a penalty and tack on the awarded yardage to the spot where the kick or punt return ended.

This option incentivizes the receiving team to forgo a re-kick, and joins three other options after a penalty on the kicking team.

The receiving team also may continue to accept a penalty from the previous spot and have the kicking team re-kick; and on kickoffs that travel out of bounds, the receiving team may continue to accept the ball and begin possession 25 yards from where the kickoff occurred or decline the penalty and begin possession where the kick flew out of bounds.

A change in volleyball will allow teams to substitute for an injured/ill player prior to a replay; previously a replay would take place with no changes on the floor after the point was originally contested.

Also in volleyball, with an eye on risk minimization, teams will be allowed to warm-up between sets only in their playing area and may not hit volleyballs over the net into the opponents' playing area. For soccer — both

boys this fall and girls in the spring — teams may continue to play up to two multi-team events every season, but beginning this fall a multi-team event can include two full 80-minute games the same day and still be counted as only one of a team's 18 regular-season contests.

In swimming and diving regular-season competition, a pair of changes will provide more opportunities for divers.

The diving event in dual, double-dual or other multi-team non-championship competition has been limited to six dives, but now may be expanded to an 11-dive competition — giving divers another opportunity to prepare for the 11-dive competitions at the MHSAA qualification meets and finals levels.

Also, while diving traditionally has been placed in the middle of the event order of a dual or other regular-season meet, it may now be conducted first, last or simultaneously with the swimming events. Both require prior mutual consent by competing teams and officials.

The 2018 fall campaign culminates with postseason tournaments beginning with the Upper Peninsula girls tennis finals the week of Oct. 1 and wraps up with the 11-Player football playoff finals Nov. 23 and 24.

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