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Trees promised for Deeplands

By Melissa Walsh
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — As the latest proposal submitted by Deeplands Development

Co. awaits approval by city council, discussion about the aesthetics of the proposed subdivision continues. Residents skeptical of the plan are asking if

trees will be replaced and if the homes will be “cookie-cutter.” Deeplands Principal Rich Russell told the Grosse Pointe News during an interview Oct. 8,

the 16-home subdivision plat plan is for “high-end custom homes.” “In this plan, all the lots are larger on average than the surrounding properties,” he said. “The

lots have less density than the surrounding homes.” The plan shows two cul-de-sacs, each accommodating eight lots. “The (lots) at the end

will be sold first,” Russell said. “I know they will. People love cul-de-sacs.” Russell promises his company will assist each lot owner in customizing their home, but he must wait to market the lots until council approves the plat plan, which could

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

A spook-tacular Halloween!

This house in the 600 block of Rivard in the City of Grosse Pointe has gotten into the Halloween spirit. Tombstones dot the yard, which also includes a skeleton marshmallow roast and ghost bar.

Safer routes for Maire

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The walk to Maire Elementary School will get a little safer.

Monday, Oct. 15, council approved \$12,000 to begin engineering to improve signage and crosswalks around the school and move the sidewalk on Cadieux further away from the busy street, among other improvements. Half of the engineering cost — \$6,000 — will be paid by the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

The improvements will be made in conjunction with Grosse Pointe Park’s planned reconstruction of Cadieux from Mack to Kercheval next year, said City Manager Peter Dame. For the last two years, according to Dame, a committee of school representatives, residents and city officials have looked at improving and promoting pedestrian and biking routes around the school.

In February, the city submitted a grant application to the Michigan Department of Transportation.

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School-to-condos conversion underway

By Melissa Walsh
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The large brick structure at 850 Briarcliff once home to University Liggett Middle School will be a residential dwelling early next year.

American Community Developers Inc. is in process of building five units planned in phase one of

the development project known as Legacy Oaks Condominiums. The conditional rezoning request for the conversion of the 8.815-acre parcel was approved by city council Aug. 18, 2014.

The request to rezone the property from a one-

family residential district to a high-density multiple-dwelling district was conditional upon site plan approval by the city, submission of an environmental impact statement, a hearing and report by the planning commission, posting of a surety bond and issuance

of a building permit. Though the original plan for phase one projected the development of six units within the original structure, the development currently underway is for five units from 2,000 to more than 5,000 square feet, an adjustment made at the

point of securing the building permit, according to American Community Developers Project Manager John LaQuiere. “It’s definitely a one-of-a-kind project,” LaQuiere said. The development plan approved in 2014 also

included a specification to match the architecture and building composition of the existing school building.

“The biggest challenge has been the reconfiguring of the mechanicals and the existing room in

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City to look at parking system updates

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Village parkers will be happy to hear the city is looking to replace equipment in its lots.

Monday, Oct. 15, council approved \$12,700 for an engineering report and complete inspection of the municipal parking structure behind the old Jacobson’s building.

“In order to regularly maintain and preserve The Village’s

municipal parking structure, every five years an engineering report is recommended for proper sustainability,” said Public Service Director Peter Randazzo.

Rich and Associates, which originally designed the structure in 2008, will assess the condition of the structure itself as well as make recommendations for new parking equipment, including gates and validation systems.

“The equipment is 10 years

old,” said City Manager Peter Dame.

According to Dame and Randazzo, there are daily complaints about malfunctioning equipment.

“The machines are constantly failing,” Randazzo said. “Even though they are protected by the weather better (than the other lots), I get a lot of complaints about being stuck in the structure.”

While the scope of the assessment is focused on the struc-

ture, Randazzo said he will ask Rich and Associates for recommendations on the entire parking system at the same time.

Dame said the city might need to “bite the bullet” and replace the entire system when the engineering is complete.

“If they say the thing to do is buy this new system,” Dame said, “and while you’re doing the garage you might as well do lot 2 and 3 as well, that may be where we are headed.”

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MI National Guard leaders visit War Memorial

By Douglas Halleaux
and Helen Miller
Guest Writers

The War Memorial took center stage for a group of key leaders from the Michigan Army National Guard's 46th Military Police Command Sept. 25, as part of that Army unit's efforts to bring together its decision-makers who will be responsible for saving lives on what would be America's "worst day."

The 46th MPC is one of two units responsible for responding to and coordinating the military response for a chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear disaster or attack within the United States.

The visit to The War Memorial comes on the



COURTESY PHOTO

The Michigan Army National Guard's 46th Military Police Command recently visited The War Memorial.

heels of the unit's gathering of its leadership from across the United States as the 46th MPC prepares for its training exercises throughout the next year. These training

exercises are expected to occur throughout Michigan, including Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center, Fort Custer Training Center,

Selfridge Air National Guard Base, the 46MPC's headquarters in Lansing and other locations in metropolitan Detroit.

"We brought our leaders here to The (War)

Memorial to really drive home the purpose behind what we do," said Maj. Gen. Michael Stone, Commanding General, 46th Military Police Command. "We're constantly preparing for what we hope never comes, America's worst day, but should we be needed, we'll be ready. Being here highlights the gravity of what we're working toward."

The visit and evening were made possible by Mary Lamparter, a member of the board of directors at The War Memorial and prominent member of the local defense industry community through her role as vice president of Sterling Heights-based DC3S and vice president of Family Programs for the

Association of the United States Army.

"It was a privilege to have the Michigan National Guard visit the Grosse Pointe War Memorial," Lamparter said. "Our goal is to always honor our veterans and those dedicated and selfless individuals serving our country. On behalf of The War Memorial, we thank you for your service and welcome each and every one to return for many of our patriotic programs."

"We're very grateful to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and the Grosse Pointe community for their support and hospitality," Stone said. "This place is beautiful and the community must be enormously proud to be a part of it."

Artists Association premier art therapy program for veterans

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association is close to debuting its newest program, which ben-

efits veterans of all ages and from all conflicts.

Art Therapy for Veterans kicks off 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, in The Art Studio at The War Memorial, 32

Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The first session continues Tuesday evenings through Nov. 20.

"Art Therapy for Veterans has been on the front burner without the gas turned on for a long time," GPAA President Karen Pope said. "It seemed like something we had to do."

Led by a certified art therapist, each class will include an introduction, time to create and a meaningful dialogue about the artwork.

Kicking off the program, Wayne State

University's Holly Feen-Calligan, director of the WSU art therapy program, volunteered to help.

"The idea was they would volunteer for this semester through their intern program and we would raise money to keep it going," Pope said. "The first session, one of the interns is a veteran himself."

To keep the program in motion, Pope applied for a grant from The Patriot Initiative at The War Memorial.

Patriot Initiative grant

applicants must be qualified 501(c)3 organizations, be on solid financial ground, have a board of directors and provide a direct benefit to the health and welfare of veterans, said Ed Lazar, co-chair of The Patriot Initiative Committee.

"They've got to be the real deal," he said. "When the Artists Association stepped up to apply and showed us how art therapy directly impacted and bettered the lives of veterans ... it was a no brainer. It's nice to see a local nonprofit turn in the direction of caring about veterans and align with our mission of doing that for years and years."

Statistics from the Department of Veteran Affairs indicate there are 672,213 veterans in Michigan. Pope also discovered through her research a 2017 study that ranked Detroit last among America's big cities in its treatment of veterans. The study focused on 17 key indicators, including livability, affordability, veteran-friendliness and availability of VA health facilities.

While Lazar noted The War Memorial has always been good at honoring veterans with its Veterans Day, Memorial Day and like events, its mission has evolved to include serving veterans with programs such as 1,000 Christmas Salutes and Our Community Salutes, as well as its Patriot Initiative.

"So when another nonprofit aligns with our mission, we have to support it," he said.

Art therapy has been proven to help veterans reconcile emotional conflicts, foster self-awareness, manage behavior and addictions, develop reality orientation, reduce anxiety and increase self-esteem. Eighty-five percent of participants at the Walter Reed National Medical Center said art therapy was beneficial to their health.

"The proof is in the pudding," Lazar said. "There's evidence that art therapy works, especially with traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder."

He added the efforts of the GPAA are just a fraction of what's needed.

"The Department of Defense does what it can, but its mission is not to offer help after (service); that's the VA's mission,"

Lazar said. "The VA does what it can, but there's still so much to be done. We're good at what we do. We want to support other organizations doing more than what we can do. We can't be all things to all people, but we can raise some (money) to support organizations who are highly effective in supporting veterans."

Pope said the grant monies — which cover \$6,000 of the nearly \$11,000 cost of the program — will fund a certified art therapist once the semester ends.

"Another one of the things we are doing, thanks to the generosity of The War Memorial, is providing all the materials," Pope said. "For art classes, it can be kind of expensive. And even confusing. This makes taking the class so much easier. They are just welcome and we have everything set up for them."

"We mean to keep it up," she continued. "Art itself is such a good tool to explore feelings, but I think the social part of it also is good. Some veterans really talk about the loss of camaraderie that helped them through some difficult times. Now that they're out of the service, they don't have that camaraderie but need that support."

Pope urged anyone interested or who knows someone who would benefit from the program to call and join the class.

"There's a real focus on veterans (at The War Memorial)," she said. "The Grosse Pointe Artists Association appreciates being a part of that and shares our gratitude for that as well."

The feeling is mutual. "To be able to take our commitment to veterans and also to arts and culture and combine them in a program like this is thrilling, but also needed," said Brooks Hoste, vice president of community engagement and programming at The War Memorial. "Also, to be able to partner with the Grosse Pointe Artists Association in doing so makes it all that much better."

"This program shows the spiritual, mental and emotional good that arts and culture can do in people's lives."

To register for the first block of classes, call (313) 881-3454 or visit grossepointeartcenter.org/classes.

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Farms celebrates city beauty

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The trees are turning and cold is beginning to set in, but that didn't stop Grosse Pointe Farms from celebrating its 30th annual Beautification Awards Tuesday, Oct. 9.

"Every year, we get together at about this time of year and give a special shout out to residents and also to businesses who have gone

above and beyond just ordinary back-breaking yard work," said Lev Wood, Beautification Advisory Commission chairman and councilman. "... We are very, very grateful for the work that you do and your beautification efforts."

Nine residential awards were handed out, as well as a special recognition to Girl Scout Brownie Troop No. 76540 for their work on the Kerby Elementary School peace garden.

"(The garden) was origi-

nally built in 2012 as a remembrance for a Kerby student who died tragically in 2011," Wood said. "This summer, a number of girls — as many as 12, I'm told — from this Brownie troop ... spent hours weeding and improving the peace garden located in front of the school. It was a great beautification project."

Along with the Brownie Girl Scouts, winners of this year's awards were Anthony and Theresa Selvaggio, 180 Stephens;

Dane and Karen Phillips, 231 McMillan; Deborah Fuga, 351 Moselle; Jonathan Schwartz and Sonya Ackman, 54 Touraine; Michael and Kerry Kavanaugh, 95 Handy; Mike and Beth Martin, 121 Lothrop; Michelle Storz, 411 Manor; Anne Thomas, 65 Moran; and Susan and Frank Kozik, 161 Lakeview.

Each resident received a Farms Pewabic tile and sign to put in their front yard.



PHOTO BY ANTHONY VIOLA

Girl Scout Brownie Troop No. 76540 with Troop Leader Ursula Calin Tuesday, Oct. 9. The Brownies received a Grosse Pointe Farms beautification award for their work on Kerby Elementary School's peace garden this summer.

Treder Lang looks toward November

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

With a week and a half to go, Mary Treder Lang is making the final push toward the finish line.

"The momentum is gaining," said the Grosse Pointe Farms resident and Republican candidate for Secretary of State Thursday, Oct. 18, at a fundraiser in St. Clair Shores.

Treder Lang said she has been averaging more than 6,000 miles per month traveling the state during her campaign. She said the thing she hears most concerns branch offices.

"Those lines are obnoxious," she said people tell her. "They're unbelievable. I have to take a full day off of work. So I've got an extensive customer service plan which is really respecting your time in line and it's taking technology that we utilize today and bringing it to the Secretary of State's office."

From a phone app to expanding the ability to make appointments at all branch offices and placing kiosks at 24/7 retail stores like Meijer, she is proposing a number of solutions to alleviate the headache of having to go

to the Secretary of State. "I shouldn't have to see you in a Secretary of State office more than once every eight years and that's to get your photo," she said.

Technology is one of her main focuses for the office. A certified public accountant 30 years, Treder Lang said much of her career has dealt with cyber security and computers. Treder Lang began her career at KPMG before moving to SBC/Ameritech where she worked in the computer security division.

She said she has a unique skill set needed to run not only the motor

vehicle side of the Secretary of State's office, but also act as chief election officer for the state.

Candice Miller, Macomb County public works commissioner and former Secretary of State, agreed. Miller was the first Republican Secretary of State in 40 years when she served 1995 to 2003.

"I know something about this office having been a former Secretary of State," she said. "I think it is one of the most important positions on the ballot."

Miller said she believes Treder Lang brings a

unique skill set and experience to the office.

"With all the technology that's out there, it is very, very important that our elections will always be fraudulent free," Miller said. "That they are fair. That they're open. That we don't have hacking, etcetera. And don't think it can't happen. So it's going to be really critical that we have a Secretary of State that has a laser focus on those kinds of things."

"She has the skill sets that I think are absolutely necessary for this job, but more importantly than that, she's just a really good person.

... She's very down to earth and you know what? She loves Michigan," Miller said. "I think she's a reflection of Michigan."

"I wanted to give back and this was a way I could take my skill-set level and give back to the state of Michigan," Treder Lang said.

She has been married 33 years to Paul Lang and has three children.

Treder Lang's Democratic opponent, Jocelyn Benson, is the CEO of the Ross Initiative in Sports for Equality and former dean of Wayne State University Law School. She is a co-founder of Military Spouses of Michigan and a board member of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Cities plan Halloween events

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE AND PARK — The ghouls and goblins of Grosse Pointe are preparing to descend on the area.

Both the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Park are planning

events to satiate sweet tooth and avoid any nasty tricks.

The Park is hosting its annual Halloween in the Park Saturday, Oct. 27, at Windmill Pointe Park. There are three times scheduled — 3:30, 4 and 4:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Lavins Activity Center for \$10

until Friday, Oct. 26, and cost \$15 the day of the event. The Park asks all children arrive in costume and be accompanied by an adult. Trick or Treat bags will not be provided.

In the City, Trick or Treating in The Village runs 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, on

Kercheval. The street will be closed to traffic approximately 2 p.m. The event is co-hosted by the City Downtown Development Authority and is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit grossepointecity.org or grossepointepark.org.

The Week Ahead

FRIDAY, OCT. 26

◆ Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast, 8 a.m. at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Kevin Butcher speaks.

SATURDAY, OCT. 27

◆ Halloween in the Park, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Windmill Pointe Park, 14920 Windmill Pointe Dr.

SUNDAY, OCT. 28

◆ Freedom Fund Dinner, hosted by the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods NAACP, 5 to 9 p.m. at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31

◆ Trick or Treating in The Village, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. in The Village, City of Grosse Pointe.



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Walking for awareness

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Tom Coles M.D., 87, placed first in the 85-plus category of the Grosse Pointe Rotary's 5K walk Saturday, Sept. 15. Coles has competed in 19 marathons, two half-marathons and five bicycles centuries to raise awareness and support of the Brain & Behavior Research Foundation. "For its 31 years, it has been an exceptional charity because two to three family foundations have always paid 100 percent of its overhead costs so that 100 percent of money donated for research goes to research," Coles said.

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cation to the Michigan Department of Transportation for the project. It was conditionally approved recently. If final approval is granted, the city will act as fiduciary for the grant and administer the money.

According to Dame, the construction of the project is 100 percent covered by the grant, leaving engineering costs up to the city and school system.

"The cost for the engineering is actually a lot less than we thought it

was going to be," Dame said.

Along with relocating the sidewalk along Cadieux nine feet from the curb, the project includes upgrading crossing signals on Cadieux and Waterloo to include a countdown and placement of signage on Notre Dame, Waterloo and Cadieux. It also includes purchasing additional bike racks and an educational component to promote walking and biking to school by Maire students.

The grant is for \$89,500 and work is expected to begin summer 2019.

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Cimmarrusti — constant kindness

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Tony Cimmarrusti has come a long way since his teenage days at West Covina High School in California.

His father taught him hard work pays off and in high school it was his football and track coach, Tom Brancheau, who said winning on the field and in life is all in your state of mind.

He began playing sports in grade school, competing in football, baseball, track, basketball and wrestling.

"My dad did a lot for me to get to college," the 60-year-old Cimmarrusti said. "He was a bread truck driver for Weber's Bread and then worked his way up in the Mexican restaurant business where he opened his own restaurant and bar called Senor C's."

"Coach Brancheau was a mentor. He was a motivator and taught us more than athletics. I owe a lot to him and a lot of my coaching philosophy is based on his teachings while I was at West Covina High School."

Cimmarrusti wrestled



Tony Cimmarrusti, center, with his sons, from left, Wesley, Caleb, Michael and Mac.

and played football at Harvard and has great memories of epic gridiron battles against arch rival Yale. He tore three ligaments against Yale his junior year.

After a year of rehabilitation and a missed wrestling season, Cimmarrusti was back on the field. He finished his collegiate athletic career and used his education to start his business career in trading.

"I loved my time at Harvard and I was able to earn a BA in economics and an MBA in finance," he said. "I received such a wonderful education at Harvard and had a chance to be a college student-athlete at an Ivy League school."

This took him from the West Coast to the Midwest, and eventually he landed in Grosse Pointe where he managed the family business

of Richard and Mimi Crawford.

"I wanted a family and wanted to be active in their lives, so I had to get away from trading and head into another option," he said. "I went in a different direction and I was able to be a husband and father to four boys."

He opened a financial business several years ago, and his office is in the Punch & Judy building. His success in business is through hard work and perfecting his craft. His business career has spanned nearly 40 years.

Cimmarrusti has been married to Martha 30 years and coached his sons in youth football with the Grosse Pointe Red Barons, as well as Little League baseball.

He eventually got into coaching his passion — wrestling.

"I tried to get my boys into wrestling, but they liked hockey more, so that is what they played," he said. "My youngest, Mac, wrestled his senior year, so it was nice to coach my son on the wrestling mat for one season."

Cimmarrusti likes to give back to the commu-

nity. He started the Grosse Pointe Wrestling Club, which starts its 16th season in November. The local wrestling club has helped the Blue Devils' high school team stay afloat.

He even was South's wrestling head coach for a few years. It was supposed to be one season, but his stay lasted three until his protégé, Patrick Salazar, became the permanent head coach last winter.

Those participants in the wrestling club learned the craft from younger, energetic coaches.

"It is a lot of fun watching these kids learn the moves and taking that to the high school level," Cimmarrusti said. "I will still spend time with the club and high school wrestling programs. Wrestling is something I can't get away from."

"I want these kids to get the mindset to get a little better each day."

The wrestling club begins in November, with practices through December. Matches are in January.

Cimmarrusti's sons, Michael, Wesley, Caleb and Mac, graduated from Grosse Pointe South in

2009, 2012, 2014 and 2016.

All four were All-MAC Conference linebackers for the Blue Devils, following in their father's footsteps. However, each paved their own way in other sports, as well.

"Mike was the starting catcher on the 2009 South baseball team that advanced to the Michigan super regionals, and Wesley was a two-time All-State selection, captained the 2012 South hockey team to a state runner-up finish," Cimmarrusti said. "Caleb, a two-time All-State selection in lacrosse, reached two final fours in lacrosse. And youngest brother Mac also attained a Michigan Final Four appearance in hockey for South after winning numerous regional and state titles with the G.P. Bulldogs."

Cimmarrusti coached the South freshman football team this fall to an 8-1 mark, and is scheduled to coach in the South baseball program in the spring.

For more information on the Grosse Pointe Wrestling Club, contact Cimmarrusti at (313) 640-7922 or email him at mykingis@aol.com.

CONDOS:

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the building," said LaQuiere. "School rooms don't convert easily to a residential dwelling."

He added "the old-world details" were difficult to replicate in matching the structure's existing brick facade.

Though phase one is expected to complete early 2019, no start date for phase two is scheduled.

"We have approval to develop phase two, but it's not planned for the near future," said LaQuiere.

According to the proposal submitted to the city in 2014, development was planned in three phases:

Phase one called for six condominium units — now five — constructed within the first and second floors of the existing structure and



PHOTO COURTESY OF AMERICAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPERS, INC.

A construction worker works on phase one of the project converting the former University Liggett Middle School into Legacy Oaks Condominiums.

construction of garage spaces;

Phase two would be new construction of six condominium units with attached garages within the existing school framework;

Phase three would be new construction of 12 condominium units in a single two-story building on the property, west of the existing structure.

"They are working on the exterior and the rear additions that were

approved by city council and the planning commission," said Woods Building Administrator Gene Tutag. "Quite frankly, I'm very impressed with the quality of the work and restoration of the building."

"We're proceeding," said LaQuiere. "Everything is going fine, just slow due to the attention to detail."

"It's a labor of love from what I've seen," said Tutag.

Halloween in the Woods

Grosse Pointe Woods hosted its annual Hob Nobbins with the Goblins at Lake Front Park. Approximately 720 people came through to trick-or-treat, paint a pumpkin and take a hayride.



Ella Caruso is a pirate and Riley Slattery is Violet from "The Incredibles."



Mason Wagner dressed as a S.W.A.T. officer, while Evan Wagner dressed as a fireman.



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Scarlett Holmes is "Crazy Cat Lady."



Above, Easton Evans, dressed as Black Panther, paints a pumpkin. Left, Graham Welsh, dressed as a policeman, snags a doughnut.

Lies, Damn Lies, and Statistics

Those words are from Mark Twain. They are the words that came to mind when I read the "Not this bond" advertisements in last weeks GP News.

Lie #1. "Our schools are half empty." Not true ... just walk through any school and you'll see it's a blatant lie.

Lie #2. They would have you believe that your city taxes are going up 25%. Not true ... over all your city taxes will go up about 3.6%. Here are my numbers:

Annual city taxes: \$9,260.18
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Divide \$333.45 by \$9,260.18 = 3.6%

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Lie #3. "Annual Critical needs \$8.6 Million" ... Not true. We do have \$10 million in annual capital needs. But this bond is about "critical needs" identified by Plante Moran totaling \$111 million that must be addressed within 3 years. The only way to get started with that kind of urgent need is this bond.

Their argument is finance costs. Look at it like a mortgage on your house. You want to buy the house now, and so you pay interest on your mortgage. Not many of us want to save up money for twenty years before buying a house. I want my (and our) kids safer NOW, not twenty years from now.

Lie #4. The No group wants to use our 10% reserve fund ... Not a good idea ... if that fund gets below 5% the State can come in and take over our finances (like Detroit). We are right at the recommended reserve level.

Lie #5. The No people think more "belt tightening" is needed. All our staff have already taken huge, ongoing pay cuts. With 86% of our budget going just to salaries, state mandated retirement, and health care benefits there is no more "belt tightening" to be had. There is no place else in the budget to get the money our schools and children need. Other similar districts have realized this. That's why Ann Arbor, Saline, Novi, Northville, Troy, Farmington, Rochester, East Pointe, and Roseville have all passed similar bonds! Do those districts care more about their kids or than we do?

I understand we all want lower taxes. I understand that this is a big bond, but we have big problems with our schools. It's ridiculous to think that the "Not this bond" cadre, with their total lack of experience running a school district, would have a better idea of what to do than the more experienced, more thoughtful, more caring, and more intelligent people in our GPPSS administration and School Board. The "Not this bond" group continues to show they don't understand the

complexities of school financing. They have an agenda and distort the facts to fit their agenda. It's laughable to think they can solve 111million dollars of critical needs without this bond. The "Not this bond" group should be ashamed of themselves for their lies and deceptions at our kids' expense. Imagine how good it would be if they spent their advertising money on schools instead of propaganda.

Dr. Christopher Lee

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City of Grosse Pointe

Hirsute heist

A 53-year-old Detroit man was arrested for shoplifting five electric hair trimmers 11:45 a.m. Friday, Oct. 19, from CVS in The Village.

Employees observed the man putting the trimmers in a white plastic bag and leaving the store without paying.

Officers caught up to the man riding a bicycle on Cadieux near Mack. He was observed entering a store on the corner after dropping his bike and white bag outside. The man was detained in the store and admitted to being at CVS. He also said he was a crack cocaine user although none was found on him.

Art thief

A resident on Cameron Place reported a print of a painting worth \$3,500 missing after an estate sale Friday, Oct. 19. The homeowner said the piece of art was hanging near the front door. There are no suspects.

Retail fraud

An unknown woman is suspected of stealing two dresses from a store in the 17100 block of Kercheval Tuesday, Oct. 16. Employees said they helped the woman —

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described as thin, Caucasian, 5-foot 6-inches to 5-foot 8-inches and in her mid-20s — find a number of dresses to try on. After trying the clothes, she exited the dressing room, hung up the dresses and left the store. An employee later found two dresses worth \$188 and \$258 missing from the rack.

Drunken driving

A 31-year-old Livonia man was arrested for operating while intoxicated 2 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at Cadieux and Jefferson. The man was spotted driving 60 miles per hour on Jefferson and was pulled over in the Beaumont Hospital parking lot.

Officers noted slurred speech and an odor of intoxicants while interviewing the driver. The man said he had two beers at a strip club on 8 Mile earlier that night.

He failed a field sobriety test and had a blood alcohol content of .094 percent.

— Anthony Viola
Report information about these and other crimes to City of Grosse

Pointe Public Safety, (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Suspended license

A 30-year-old Chesterfield man was arrested for driving with a suspended license and warrants 10:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, on Mack at Opal. He was pulled over for a defective headlight.

Drunken driving

A 37-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated 2 a.m. Monday, Oct. 22, on Lakeshore at Whitcomb.

An officer observed the woman driving with her hazard lights activated but no apparent sign of problems.

Pulling behind the vehicle, the officer noticed it swerving and nearly striking the curb multiple times.

A traffic stop was initiated and the officer noted the woman's bloodshot eyes and slurred speech. A field sobriety test was conducted, which she

failed. Her preliminary breath test resulted in .158 percent blood alcohol content.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Suspended license

A 25-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving with a suspended license and warrants 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15, on Mack at Kensington. He was stopped for speeding.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Beast mode

At 10:47 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, Woods public safety received a report of a man harassing and assaulting a trainer at a

gym in the 20700 block of Mack.

The trainer reported an unknown man, identified later as a 58-year-old man, entered the gym Thursday, Sept. 27, closely approached her and began circling her while looking and commenting, "What makes you so good?" and "Let me see your moves."

When he asked her to train him, she scheduled a training session with him Wednesday, Oct. 3, which he later canceled.

Oct. 3 the man entered the gym for the canceled session. The trainer was not there. He made a scene, punching the gym punching bags, before leaving.

Monday, Oct. 15, the man returned while the trainer was conducting a class. When the trainer approached him, he grabbed her hand, squeezing it tightly and not letting go as she attempted to move away from him.

He yelled, "I need to get my father in here. Is this place too good for someone with dementia?"

After the trainer told the man to leave the gym, he left.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Texting, driving, no license

When a patrolling officer observed a driver looking at her phone while traveling on northbound Lakeshore 11:47 a.m. Friday, Oct. 19, he initiated a traffic stop at Clairview.

The 39-year-old Clinton Township woman told the officer she was checking messages and trying to get her phone to stop ringing.

When he asked for her license, she said she was on her way to the hospital and neglected to bring it.

The woman was arrested after a LEIN check showed multiple suspensions and warrants.

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

TREES:

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be during the Nov. 20 council meeting.

Among the plan's details is a tree-replacement strategy.

Russell said he plans to plant more than 100 trees "to replace the trees taken down," among them several rotted or sick trees and overgrown undergrowth. He said soft wood trees, such as silver maples, also were removed.

Responding to residents concerned about tree removal, Russell said, "You can say you love the trees. You love the squirrels. You love the raccoons. That's great. It's not your property."

He said he's seeking to keep any good trees as a cost savings, adding tree-removal was in step with the city ordinance, which stipulates, "The village shall have the right to cause the removal of any trees on private property within the village when such trees constitute a hazard to life and property, or harbor insects or disease which constitute a potential threat to other trees within the village."

Shores resident and volunteer arborist Brett Marshall said, "It's a pretty large estate. It's been unkempt for many years. So we can expect things to be a little overgrown in there, of course. But as far as the developmental aspect of things, this is the first major new subdivision for many years in Grosse Pointe Shores. So we're getting some new issues to pop up here. And that's the concern of everybody."

Per the city's ordinance, approval of a residential development concept must include a "preliminary landscape plan of the types and sizes of proposed vegetation."

Marshall, who is one of two arborists assessing

the tree plan, said, "It's a matter of enforcing the ordinance to the point where we make sure that any new development has a plan for replacement trees of what we may lose during the course of development. That's what the ordinance is all about."

Marshall said the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation maintains an approved tree list, which can be found on the city's website. The foundation's tree-planting programs assist with planting new trees on city property, such as the area between the curb and the sidewalk or along a boulevard. Residents wishing to plant trees on city property may seek approval from the city.

"If you want to plant a tree in your own yard, that's fine and dandy," Marshall added.

As far as which trees Marshall suggests in the Shores, he recommends researching the right species for a space.

"There's no perfect tree. Every tree has its up side and down side," he

said. Marshall also encourages a diverse tree population.

"We're trying to ward off disease, such as Dutch Elm disease," he said. "So we're not planting all one species anymore."

"We're trying to discourage people from planting pear trees for a while. They've been overplanted. Once a tree becomes a favorite choice among residents and the general population, it's overplanted. So now we're trying to slow that down and bring in some diversified trees. Norway maples are another one we try to shy away from."

Marshall said the city's ordinance, with arborist consultation, would enforce appropriate trees being planted in the Deeplands subdivision, if the DDC plan is approved.

"We're working with Mr. Russell as far as future considerations of trees and species and which ones will be adequate and which ones will be perhaps not the best choice," he said.

"We're trying to keep everyone happy while enforcing the ordinance at the same time."

"It's not a plan B," said Russell of this second DDC plan submitted for approval. "It's an elegant and beautiful design that will enhance the village of Grosse Pointe Shores."

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OUR VIEW

It's a matter of trust

The endorsements of the Grosse Pointe Public Schools Bond Proposal by three past school board presidents and the local chapter of the League of Women Voters in this week's Letters to the Editor should convince you to vote YES on the Nov. 6 ballot question.

Voters are being asked to approve a maximum \$111 million bond measure to pay for "critical needs" improvements at all Grosse Pointe school buildings. The bonds, if approved, can be issued in multiple series, one in 2019 and a second a year or so later, or not at all if interest rates rise too quickly.

The important thing is to get the bond request approved Nov. 6 so the school district can secure the lowest possible interest rate now.

Much has been made by bond opponents of the estimated \$73 million in interest over the 21-year life of the bonds should they all be issued. True, that sounds like a lot of money. But consider the price you paid for your house and what you paid including interest. This is no different. The fact is 4.5 percent interest is still pretty cheap money.

Nor will the district be paying interest on quickly depreciating items. We understand there is a formula in these types of projects where short lifespan items are paid off quickly while only long-term, major capital improvements are paid over time. So, yes, they have actually thought about these things.

Opponents say a zero-interest sinking fund is the way to go, but as we pointed out last week and as letter writer Joan Richardson, who was board president when the sinking fund was established, wrote, even at the full millage levy, it would not provide sufficient funds to complete the major projects our buildings require.

Others have tried to link the bond to the Rocket Fiber project proposed by Superintendent Gary Niehaus. As board Treasurer Judy Gafa points out in a Letter to the Editor this week, that is not true. While bond money would pay for state-of-the-art wiring in our buildings, that would be required no matter who the school district uses for internet service.

It seems the opponents will throw everything including the kitchen sink at why the bond is a bad idea. We have heard them all, from fear of another housing and/or financial crash to it being a back door to Schools of Choice. None of this is true.

Our buildings are, on average, 77 years old. The "smart" thing would be to tear them down and replace them with new, state-of-the-art buildings. But we love our old buildings. They have "character."

Due to declining enrollment, opponents say we should wait on the bond until we determine what schools will close so we don't inadvertently spend too much money on them. We think the current board and administration have a good idea what buildings, if any, may close and will make their decisions accordingly.

At the end of the day, it is a matter of trust in our elected officials and administration. We have that trust. Our school district's future depends on it.



Pure Grosse Pointe

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Rose Flaherty snapped this photo last week of four turkeys walking along Sheldon Road in the Shores.

Meet the STAFF

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

Matthew Beaver

CIRCULATION MANAGER

◆ **Years with the Grosse Pointe News:**

I have been with the paper just more than one year.

◆ **Describe your position at the paper:**

As circulation manager, I manage our readers' subscriptions. This includes taking payment for renewals and new accounts, updating account information and making sure our readers receive their newspaper.

◆ **Do you have any hobbies?**

Some of my hobbies include listening to the Beatles, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, studying American History and golf.

◆ **Tell our readers a bit about yourself:**

I am a recent graduate of Michigan State University, where I received my Bachelor of Arts



degree in history.

◆ **Favorite thing about working at the paper:**

There are many moving parts to creating a weekly publication and I get a behind-the-scenes look every day.

LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced and signed. Letters longer than 250 words may be edited for length. All letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the editor may be emailed to editor@grossepointenews.com.

Support the bond proposal

To the Editor:

The League of Women Voters is a political organization that focuses on having an informed electorate so voters may make up their minds on who to vote for and how to vote. As such, we are non-partisan and do not support any candidate or party.

However, we DO take advocacy positions that affect the electorate. In this case, we are endorsing and advocating for the passage of the school bond that is on the November ballot. We have observed the actions of the present administration and school board over the past four years. We couldn't ask for better stewards of our schools. The painstaking efforts in analyzing and dealing with aging buildings, declining enrollment and fiscal challenges is awesome to behold.

The two-year effort to come up with an itemized plan for addressing the needs presented in the bond proposal is a study in excellence. Anyone who wants to see the details is welcome to read the Frequently

Asked Questions page at gpschools.org and click School Bond 2018. Scroll down under the FAQ to access any portion of the analyses.

For example, among the voluminous detail, you will find:

◆ Renovations in the first phase focus on security and the high schools.

◆ The bulk of elementary and middle school renovations will be in phase two, once a decision is made on building closures using data specified in this summer's school closing resolution.

◆ Plante Moran Cresa will have construction oversight.

◆ Spending will be transparent and include responsible layers of oversight including a citizen's committee separate from the board.

Our property values are directly affected by the quality of our public school system. I and the League of Women Voters strongly urge everyone to vote yes on the bond proposal.

TOM WELLS
*C. Thompson Wells Jr.,
President
League of Women Voters
of Grosse Pointe*

Past president is pro bond

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe school district community has always recognized the need and benefit of a good education and the infrastructure to facilitate it.

Let's look at the history of the bond that was passed in 2002 by broad community support:

◆ new and enhanced buildings, as evidenced by state-of-the-art science facilities in elementary and middle schools,
◆ new science buildings at the two high schools,

◆ creation of multi-functional rooms throughout the district supporting the arts and music programs,
◆ major infrastructural changes to energy and building systems,
◆ addition of sports facilities at the high schools to support the athletic programs.

As homeowners, we have all generally had to make repairs or enhancements to our property over the years. It's no different with our school system.

This bond will likewise have continuing benefits.

A transparent process began a number of years ago with a professional needs assessment, which gave rise to a broad-based, community-wide strategic evaluation concluding with a detailed recommendation to the board to place before the public a bond proposal.

Detailed proposals by school have been identified through numerous links to the district's website, as well as through other sources.

To make a well-informed vote, it's important to look at this information.

In protecting the quality of education for our students in a highly competitive environment, we are also protecting the value of our community. I ask for your serious consideration to vote yes on the bond proposal.

JEFF BRODERICK
*Grosse Pointe School
Board Trustee
2001-2006
President
2005/06*

Former board president supports bond

To the Editor:

Prior to Proposal A in 1996, funding of our Grosse Pointe schools was very straight forward. The local millage could be used for salaries, maintenance and operating expenses. The Grosse Pointe community was always very generous in supporting reasonable requests for millage increases.

With the passage of Proposal A we have lost local control of the funding of our schools, with a substantial portion of our funds coming to us from the state of Michigan.

Terms like "foundation allowance," "hold harmless" and "sinking fund," not always easy to understand, have become part of the language of school funding. Each source of money has specific uses and they cannot be commingled.

Since 1996 we have not seen the steady growth of revenue that

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I SAY By Mary Anne Brush

One noun's journey to a verb



My younger daughter, who is 24, often refers to herself as “adulting.” My grammar program didn't recognize this word, suggesting “adulating” as an alternative. A check with Merriam-Webster online confirmed it doesn't exist, at least in a traditional dictionary.

Here's how the Urban Dictionary defines it:

“Adulting (v): to carry out one or more of the duties and responsibilities expected of fully

developed individuals (paying off that credit card debt, settling a beef without blasting social media, etc.). Exclusively used by those who adult less than 50 percent of the time.

“I was going to buy a sack of Blue Dream but I finally got my oil changed instead. Adulting!”

In non-millennial parlance, it's the act or process of becoming an adult — taking ownership or responsibility for something one's parents typically took care of in the past. This process technically begins at age 18, with baby steps toward independence in the still-insulated world of college and continuing as one enters the “real” world of jobs, landlords, bills, student loan pay-

ments, tax returns, car and health insurance and, yes, oil changes.

My older daughter, who is 27 and has been adulting longer than her younger sister, is in a committed relationship and, while in no particular rush, is looking forward to getting married one day and ultimately embarking on that next stage of life — parenting.

Unlike “adulting,” this verb exists in the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, although in my parents' day it likely was still only a noun — a state of being rather than an act to be crafted or perfected, with parenting books, magazines and blogs in abundance offering “expert” advice.

My daughter has attended lots of wed-

dings and baby showers and watched close friends blossom from brides to motherhood.

Some of it seems excessive (a lot of the wedding frivolity, for example) and much of it overwhelming (pregnancy, childbirth, sleepless nights with a newborn), but the curated glimpses of it on Facebook and Instagram make it pretty darn appealing.

Recently one of her college roommates posted a video of her cooing 5-month-old in a baby swing. It was pretty adorable, to be honest.

At one point my daughter wondered if she was maternal enough to be a good mother. She's no longer concerned about that. I pointed out how

much she adores our dog, Ronnie. Take that and multiply it by ten thousand million times infinity, I said. Good point, she replied. So she has the nurturing part down.

She worries about the expense. I won't lie; children cost a lot of money. Add up the diapers and formula all the way to the college tuition bills and the total is, well, to borrow an overused credit card slogan, priceless.

She also wonders, beyond one's biological clock, how do you know the time is right?

Is there ever a good time to have children? Probably not. If you have particular goals or aspirations, likely children will set you back.

Is there a bad time? Absolutely not — at least not in the realm of someone whose life goals include raising a family and who is on track to do just that. The point is, if she waits for the perfect time, she'll discover that time is never.

Deciding to become a parent is a process. Becoming one is instantaneous. There's no more transformative experience imaginable, at least in my repertory of experiences. Unfortunately there's no word to accurately capture it in any dictionary I'm aware of. If I could invent one, it would be “parentulation” — noun: *par-en-tu-la-tion*: that moment an expectant parent transitions to a permanent state of adoration.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

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RESIDENTS STILL OBJECTING TO NOISE FROM WAR PLANT: Ray Whyte of the Whyte Manufacturing Co. on East Jefferson appeared before the Park council and recited steps he has taken to abate the sound nuisance emanating from his plant against which 70-odd citizens and taxpayers had lodged a written petition several weeks ago.

Much has been accomplished but Mr. White was not wholly satisfied with the results. Park commissioners are giving him extra time to solve the trouble.

HUSBAND'S DEATH INDUCES SUICIDE: Despondency over the death of her husband was blamed by relatives and friends for the death last week of a Provencal Road woman whose body was found hanging in the attic of her home.

The body was discovered by an employee of the home. A picture of the woman's late husband and various snapshots were found near the body.

DIVERT ALLARD TRAFFIC: It would appear an approach agreeable to both Allard Road residents and Woods public safety has been reached regarding what residents refer to as the “excessive cars” on Allard.

Signs requiring a left turn by bridge traffic between 3 and 6 p.m. except Sunday will be ordered and installed as soon as delivered.

ROTARY CLUB CONTEST TO PROBE THINKING OF YOUTH: For some time the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe has been seriously concerned about what is happening in and to our community. Many believe the high standards of morality, decency and character expected of Pointe youth are disappearing; others believe youth are being misjudged and the times call for a fresh look at their actions.

The Rotary Club is sponsoring a contest to provide a medium of dialogue and communication between the community at large and its young people.

Obituaries: Shookerey Coury, Helen T. Huetteman, Richard H. Morketter Jr., Donald E. Poulin, Rosalie Tocco

DISRUPTS CLASS: Administrators at Grosse Pointe North High School called Grosse Pointe Woods police for assistance when a 16-year-old boy, who was suspected of being intoxicated, became aggressive and threatened to throw a chair through a classroom window.

Before Woods officers arrived at the school, the boy had escaped the building and fled in his car. A scout car saw the student traveling on Morningside and followed him.

The student was arrested for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor. A bottle of wine was found hidden under debris in the back of the car.

SOUTH LAUNCHES PILOT PROGRAM USING OLDER ADULTS IN HIGH SCHOOL CLASSROOM:

Three senior citizens are currently participating in a pilot program at Grosse Pointe South High School that allows older adults to attend classes

with teenagers.

Generational Schools, as the program is called, is being conducted as an experiment by the Grosse Pointe chapter of the League of Women Voters.

Students enrolled in the instructional television program at South will produce a year-long documentary on the Generational School program.

Obituaries: William L. Bedwell M.D., Marie Coleman, Lurah M. Covey, William Marten Czamanske, James T. Farley, Mary C. Imrie, Richard Mancini, Emily Besimer Seegert, Lorene Williams

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?: A commission in Grosse Pointe Shores, charged with renaming the community in conjunction with its switch from village to city status has proposed,

“The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City.”

The state attorney general's office prefers The City of Grosse Pointe Shores, but has no legal reason to reject the Shores' offering.

Commissioners wanted a new name for the city that retained the word “village,” a grammatical tie to its 97-year-old heritage.

STAPLES ROBBED: The first man to enter Staples Tuesday morning wasn't a customer. He robbed the place.

He got away with less than \$100.

A 26-year-old female

clerk told police she was stationed at the customer service desk when the man entered, picked up a pen and approached her cash register. He told her to empty her cash register. The suspect ran across Mack into Detroit.

Later that day, City of Grosse Pointe police think the man they suspected appeared on a security video robbing a dollar store on Eight Mile in Warren.

Obituaries: Christine Marie Berg, Leo A. Cooney, Frank J. Hull M.D., Susan K. Rodgers, Gail Shepard Smith

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we were able to achieve when we controlled the millage locally.

Two friends of mine whose wives teach in the G.P. schools have told me that their wives' salaries are less now than they were five or 10 years ago. Their medical benefits have also been substantially reduced. How can we hope to attract talented young people to the teaching profession under these circumstances?

It was in this same era of salary cuts that we were unable to commit the necessary funds to maintain our historic school buildings.

Our Grosse Pointe neighborhood schools are certainly part of the character of our very special community. It is imperative that we spend the money to keep our schools in good repair.

Unfortunately, it has now also become necessary to reconfigure our schools to make our students as safe as possible from outside threats.

The school board is aware of enrollment reductions and has put triggers in place to reduce the number of schools should this become necessary.

The savings realized by school closings are not as great as often imagined because the major expense in operating schools is in salaries.

Neither is there a great market for us to profit from the sale of the school buildings.

When individual schools become too small they are not as capable of delivering top-quality education and this may very well become the major factor in any decision to close schools.

The bond is the type of reasonable request to fund our schools that the Grosse Pointe community has historically supported. I urge you to vote yes.

JACK RYAN

Former school board president

Past president voting for bond

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe News was correct last week when it endorsed the school bond: This is the right bond at the right time.

As a former member and president of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, I was one of those who created the sinking fund in the early 2000s and developed the last successful bond in 2002.

My children are grown, but my husband and I continue to live here and believe the public schools play a significant role in the vitality of this community. We want today's children to have the same high-quality learning environment our own children experienced. And, when necessary, we are willing to support higher taxes to make that possible.

This is one tax we are willing to support.

I applaud the current school board for its wise stewardship of the tax dollars that are intended to be used for instruction and using the tools at their disposal to seek additional revenue when appropriate to support other needs in the school district.

From what I have seen, the board has been methodical and thoughtful in seeking an external evaluator to assess the district's needs for the district's buildings and to listen to the guidance from that consultant.

Hiring an external construction adviser would also be a sound decision. That would allow the district to devote operating revenue to the core work of the district, which is student learning.

In other words, money that is supposed to be spent on educating our children would continue to be spent on teachers, principals and instruction while the cost of any construction oversight would be borne by bond

dollars instead. That is very smart.

The board has developed a sensible plan to reach decisions about potential building closures and I believe board members have the common sense to avoid making significant investments in buildings that could be sold or closed in the near term.

Some bond opponents suggest the sinking fund is a better way to fund these improvements. The sinking fund was intended to cover maintenance, not the kind of major projects included in this bond.

Even if the board expanded the sinking fund to 3 mills (up from its current 1 mill), revenue generated by the sinking fund would be insufficient to cover the cost of the improvements identified by the Plante Moran Cresa study. Selling bonds is a better plan.

When elected officials raise money thoughtfully and spend it carefully, the quality of our lives and the value of our homes improve.

In our house, we will be voting for the school bond and we encourage you to vote yes as well.

JOAN RICHARDSON
President, Grosse Pointe Board of Education,
2004-2005
Trustee, Grosse Pointe Board of Education,
1999-2005

Clarification: Rocket Fiber vs. the bond

To the Editor:

I wanted to clarify to the community that Rocket Fiber is not part of the proposed school bond.

The district hired Plante Moran Cresa to do a thorough review of district facilities and identify the critical needs. Plante Moran assessed every inch of the district, including roofs, HVAC systems, parking lots, safety and security, including security technology.

The final results identified \$111 million dollars

in critical needs. These findings were then presented to a blue ribbon committee made up of more than 45 community stakeholders — parents, residents, teachers, business owners, clergy. That committee unanimously agreed with the findings.

The technology upgrades included in the bond are identified needs for each individual building in the district, including wiring switches, cameras, door card readers, communications and updated network capabilities. These upgrades are for educational purposes and to support the technology for security.

What it does not include is the Rocket Fiber project. Plante Moran Cresa has nothing to do with this project; they are two separate initiatives.

The connections within the buildings need to be updated whether the district uses Rocket Fiber at no cost or Comcast at a cost of \$250,000 a year.

As Board Facilities Committee chair, I sat through all the presentations by Plante Moran Cresa and at no time was Rocket Fiber included in the critical needs identified in our facilities.

JUDY GAFA
Treasurer and Facilities Chair of GPPSS BOE

'Cheapskate' favors bond

To the Editor:

I am a "cheapskate." I chose my major in college solely by looking at salaries. I spent every break during classes looking for change in the vending machines, until some homeless people ran me off.

The closest my husband and I have ever gotten to giving each other anniversary presents is the time we showed each other cards at CVS and put them back on the shelf.

There isn't much I dislike more in life than wasting money, which is why I strongly support the upcoming school bond.

What the anti-bond group hasn't told you is what will happen if the bond doesn't pass. To fund the \$10 million in annual repairs, drastic steps will need to be taken.

I can foresee:

◆ Your nearest elementary building and middle school building may close and be torn down. A high school may need to be looked at as well.

◆ Significant cuts to staff pay, harming our ability to attract the best teachers.

◆ Major cuts to athletic programs, reduction of high school from seven periods to six, elimination of elementary music programs, and fewer electives.

◆ We will lose the top reason new homebuyers move to our community: top-notch schools.

As painful as it is for me to adjust my monthly spend forecast by \$25 for the bond, it would be a lot more painful to adjust the home value section of my net worth downwards by tens of thousands if the bond doesn't pass.

JULIE MOE
Grosse Pointe Woods

Special needs worth investing

To the Editor:

Introducing a bond for our most critical needs, as our peer districts have, is the financially and ethically responsible thing to do.

I am appalled at the lack of understanding and compassion the anti-bond group has shown for children with special needs.

I have a child with Down syndrome and felt sickened by the verbiage used when they proposed closing Barnes, which houses state-mandated early intervention programs for children with special needs. They called closing Barnes "low-hanging fruit" and stated instead money should be spent on "actual students."

I am also saddened that the group does not understand that what they describe as "wants" for the district are truly "needs" for our most vulnerable students.

One reason they've cited to oppose the bond is because it includes paving, fencing and AC units for select classrooms.

My son didn't take his first step until 3 ½ and has regular therapy to help him navigate obstacles. Deteriorating pavement may be a "want" for some people, but it is

a safety need for kids who have no ability to navigate obstacles. Fencing is crucial for my son who would love nothing more to escape the playground and dart across a busy street to get to his Gramma's house. Many children with health issues have serious health consequences from overheating in classrooms.

I hope most of the Grosse Pointe community considers our children with special needs "actual students" who are worth investing in, even if the anti-bond group does not.

PHILIP MOE
Grosse Pointe Woods

Lock in interest rates now

To the Editor:

It is crucial that Grosse Pointe residents vote yes Nov. 6 to pass the GPPSS bond proposal that will ensure critical security and infrastructure needs will be addressed in our schools.

As the daughter of a Wall Street banker, I have been surrounded by men and women who are well-versed about financial markets my entire life. Looking at recent market corrections and signs that the Federal Reserve is moving toward continued interest rate increases, now is the time to lock in a favorable interest rate and pass this bond.

Like anyone who looks at buying or refinancing a home, you want the most favorable rate the market can offer. Waiting for "another" bond proposal in two, three or four years will all but guarantee we will pay more in interest, increasing the burden on our taxpayers and property owners.

Monies invested in replacing and reconstructing unsafe infrastructure is a sound investment. Building secure vestibules at each of our schools is a vital part of safeguarding our children and their teachers every day.

If these crucial needs aren't addressed now, then when? After young families leave Grosse Pointe? If we cannot put security measures in place now, then when? After an intruder opens fire on one of our elementary schools?

The time is now. Vote yes for schools Nov. 6.

MICHELE LINDSAY
Grosse Pointe Park

Bravo! G.P. Symphony

To the Editor:

The splendid display of the Grosse Pointe Symphony in their gala concert Oct. 21 was truly a musical delight.

The performance of "Serenade for Winds and Strings" in D minor by Antonin Dvorah was a creative burst of musical interpretation and high-level performance by the musicians that resulted in a superb and elevated musical experience.

After intermission, the concert ended in strong and rousing performances of "Capriccio Espagnol" by Rimsky-Korsakov and the "Pomp and Circumstance Marches" in D by Edward Elgar.

A most impressive beginning of the season for Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra.

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'The Bully Plays'

Parcells one-acts address social media and other forms of bullying

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

This year's play for Parcells Middle School came to director Sloane Artis in a dream. She was deciding between several plays and when she woke up, the choice was clear. She decided on "The Bully Plays," six one-act plays revolving around the theme of bullying in schools. As the play took shape, even generating conversations among the middle schoolers on this sensitive and topical issue, Artis became increasingly convinced it was the right choice.

A private music teacher, Artis directed "Seussical" last year and was asked to return to Parcells for this year's play. During auditions, she and her assistant director, Addison



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The cast of "Send" performed for graduate students at the University of Michigan Dearborn. Pictured, from left, are North student Addison Rausch, assistant director, Director Sloane Artis and Parcells students Rita Shemmai, Ryan Lutes, Karly Harris, Ellie Dempz, Talia Hinlopen, Michael LoPorto and Christian Duke.

Rausch, a junior at Grosse Pointe North High School, selected 21 cast members

for the six 10-minute vignettes on bullying — "Bully Bully," by Cherie

Bennett; "The Bully Pulpit," by Dwayne Hartford; "Bystander Blues," by Trish Lindberg; "Downhill," by Eric Colber; "Flash Mob," by Elizabeth Wong; and "Send," by Linda Daugherty. The production opens with a video Artis produced featuring each cast member sharing perspectives on bullying.

All the plays are relevant to and prevalent in the students' lives, Artis said.

"Every situation the kids have been playing in, they say they can relate to. They say it's either happened to them or they've seen it happen to somebody else. It really hits home."

"Send" — about a girl who sends a revealing photo to her boyfriend, who later sends it to a

new girlfriend after the two break up — is so relevant to today's society, the students were invited to perform it at a graduate-level class on school law at the University of Michigan Dearborn Oct. 17. The class, made up of administrators and teachers working on their master's or doctorate degrees, is taught by Artis's father, John Artis, a professor of educational administration.

"First, the play was fantastic," he said. "The kids were so poised and into their roles and they were very believable. It was very much a real-life situation. What was even more remarkable afterwards was that for the next 40 to 45 minutes, they carried on a conversation with the graduate students. It was quite an event."

"It was an experience for the students who came down to Dearborn," he continued. "It was equally a powerful experience for my graduate students. In fact, one of my students is a principal for an elementary school and has already requested my daughter bring a couple of her students to her school to put on the play for her fourth-graders."

Eighth-grader Karly Harris, who plays the girl in "Send" whose photo is shared on social media, said performing in front of the class "was really inspiring and moving, because not only did we get to perform for them, but after we had a talk-back and we learned a lot from them, how people

would handle this situation and we got to talk about it with them."

Harris said she talked about how her character needed to accept responsibility for her own actions and "is not completely a victim, because you should know what's appropriate and what's inappropriate to send to somebody. You know this could happen so don't make a dumb mistake."

"Once you push 'send,' you can't take it back," she added, quoting the final line of the play.

Seventh-grader Christian Duke, who played the boy who sent the picture, was asked if his character or the girl who forwarded the picture on to other people was the bully, prompting a discussion about peer pressure.

Eighth-grader Ryan Lutes said he was asked if he ever bullied anyone and he answered yes, but not intentionally.

"We talked about how what some people can take as a joke other people see as bullying and a lot of people unintentionally bully people," he said.

He also discovered it was hard to play a bully. "I don't like hurting people," he said.

In "Bystander Blues," Lutes plays a boy who is joking around with a friend and making fun of a girl's height. Meanwhile their classmates regret they didn't do anything to stop the mean behavior or help the victim.

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Teacher of THE WEEK



Karly Nuechterlein

School: St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School
Years at St. Paul: 3
Grade/Subject: K-8 Resource Room
Nominated by: Tina Forsythe, principal
Principal's quote:

"In all that Karly does, the students are always her No. 1 priority. Karly always works with compassion and kindness to all. She is a team player, always willing to step in and help students, teachers and anyone here at St. Paul."

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

Quite simply, I love the kids! I truly love coming to work each day to see my students. I work with most of my students one-on-one. I learn about their interests, dislikes, quirks, stressors and, most importantly, the different ways each student learns. I often see a different side of the student than their classroom teacher, and I love this. Sometimes I see the raw frustration and emotion and it inspires me to work even harder to help the student succeed. I enjoy being able to help my students work through this frustration and find

solutions to what is challenging them.

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

Every day I face students who struggle in one or many subject areas. I try to use the moments of frustration as learning opportunities to connect with my students on another level. We talk about how that frustration can be turned into motivation and how in every problem we are faced with, we can use the tools we already know to help solve the current problem. Sometimes my students find success immediately and sometimes it takes longer. I always make sure to praise the little successes and point out how far they have come and how much they can already do. Not everything is easy the first few times.

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

To put it simply, I am inspired by my students. My classroom is a little different from the traditional classroom. I see all ages



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and stages from kindergarten to grade 8. Every student inspires me to be a better teacher. I love to watch each one of my students find their lightbulb moments. Sometimes it takes a while, but when it happens, it is amazing. I want to help each student find those moments because with each moment their confidence builds. Ultimately that is my goal — I want every student to walk out of my room feeling confident in his/her ability to accomplish whatever is put in their path — no matter the difficulty.

Favorite quote:

"If a child can't learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn."

— Ignacio Estrada

Support for School Bond

As an engineer and an orthopedic surgeon, I'm an expert on recognizing and fixing joint systems and bones that are worn out from age and heavy use.

I have toured schools across our district and agree with our consultants and administration that many of the "bones" and "joint systems" in our schools are worn out from age and heavy use. They have been trying to patch them and keep them going, but the time has come for some significant "rehab" of our buildings. We have roofs and boilers and numerous other major building issues that need to be replaced. These issues are not unique to Grosse Pointe. In fact, many similar districts to ours like Novi, Ann Arbor, Saline, Rochester, Northville, Troy, Farmington, East Detroit, Roseville and others have recently passed bonds to address similar issues.

The respected accounting and consulting firm of Plante and Moran has told our community that we have \$111 million of investments that are urgent and need to be made in the next 3 years. We also need to make additional safety upgrades to our buildings due to the sad, but real new threats facing students and teachers across the U.S.

We can not do this work slowly over 20 years. The needs are immediate and the risks are far too great. This is the reason for size of this bond. It is not small, but it is prudent

and our timing relative to the bond market is good. Relatively speaking, interest rates are much closer to their historic lows than their highs right now, so we can finance this major community investment more affordably than if we delay as some are advocating.

While no one likes tax increases, this is an investment in ourselves. It is an investment in our community and an investment in our property values. If we let the schools decline, we reduce the attractiveness of our community to new families and new generations. Fewer families interested in Grosse Pointe mean less demand, less demand means lower prices for both homes and rentals.

We have a long and proud history of investment in outstanding public education in Grosse Pointe. We have benefited from the investments of previous generations in the beautiful and hardworking buildings that we have across our districts. We each need to make a decision about what is our responsibility and legacy to our children, grandchildren and neighbors now and for the generations that follow us.

Please join me in supporting the current bond and please vote on November 6.

Thank You,
Dr. Christopher Lee

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School board candidates address top issues at LWV forum

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Three seats are open on the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education. On Tuesday, Oct. 9, six candidates shared their views on a range of topics in front of a standing-room-only crowd at a forum at The War Memorial hosted by the League of Women Voters.

Present were Christian Fenton, Christopher Lee, Wendy Saigh, John Shook, Brian Summerfield and Margaret Weertz. Summerfield and Weertz currently serve as president and vice president, respectively. Not present was Walter Schwartz.

Bond proposal

The \$111 million security and facilities bond referendum on the Nov. 6 ballot was the No. 1 issue each candidate tackled. Fenton, Lee, Summerfield and Weertz said they were in favor of the bond. Saigh and Shook opposed it.

"I'm 100 percent in favor of the bond," said Weertz. "This is an initiative that has been in the works for 15 months. It started with a community-wide task force of about 50 people. This

was a completely transparent process."

"The problem with our schools is not unique to Grosse Pointe or based on bad management through the years," said Lee. "We've always had great administrators focused on educating our children. But maybe they don't know about boilers and roofs. Unfortunately, many districts are in the same state we are and have passed similar bonds in the last five years. You can't have quality teachers, small classrooms and have enough money left over. That's why communities like ours have gone to the bond. You'll only get so much money from the state and we use that for the teachers."

"We have \$111 million in capital improvement over the next three years," said Summerfield. "There's no way to pay for that out of the operational fund. We have a sinking fund, but that only provides \$2.6 million in funding. The reason is you have to make these repairs. Otherwise they will not be done and you will continue to see a decline of our school system. I think our children deserve a quality learning environment and it's nec-

essary for our community to keep these buildings in shape."

"This is an effort to address \$110 million out of \$167 million (in critical needs)," said Fenton. "There's always going to be maintenance projects that have to take place. It's an ongoing effort to keep these beautiful architectural gems in our community in good shape for our kids so I'm supporting the bond and I hope you do too."

"I'm opposed to the bond for many reasons," said Shook. "The bond will cost \$183 million over 20 years — \$72 million in interest, \$17.1 million in contingency, \$15 million in soft costs. \$88 million is the net value of this bond. Forty cents of every dollar will be used just to pay interest. I propose an alternative method. Use the Wayne County enhancement millage and the sinking fund. It provides about \$5 million. The district and the administration need to tighten their belt."

Said Saigh, "I'm opposed to this bond. I'm not suggesting we don't need funds to fix some of our buildings. In my world, I live according to the budget that I have. We've got a Plante Moran

report that we spent \$40,000 for that assessed the buildings and gave recommendations. I was on the blue ribbon committee and I feel like we had a good start with that report, but there's much work to be done. My proposal is let's get back to work, let's take the recommendations Plante Moran provided to us, let's do further assessment of the buildings, address declining enrollment. Then we can ask the voters for additional funding if we need it."

Bond alternatives

Candidates were asked if the bond doesn't pass, how they propose to make the schools safe for children, keep the buildings maintained and update technology.

"The obvious answer is you can't do all of those things without the bond," said Lee. "Eighty-six percent of the budget goes to salaries and benefits. That leaves 14 percent of what we get from the state to do this massive job of fixing our schools."

"It can't be done without the bond," agreed Summerfield. "What we'd end up doing is what we've basically done in the past — use the \$2.6 million out of the sinking fund to take care of the most emergent things, but that's not acceptable. If the bond fails, what we'll need to do is come up with another bond. There's no other way to come up with \$111 million."

Fenton agreed while some of the projects could be completed with the sinking fund, the board would need "to go back to the drawing board" to address the remainder.

"I have a plan that's generally to save this community \$114 million," said Shook. "I'm sure everybody has read all the detail on the Grosse Pointe website and realized there is \$25 million in technology needs. If you strip that out, there's \$69 million left of things that need to be done. If you divide that by eight years instead of three — it's physically impossible to do \$111 million in three years. Stretch it out and the net difference the district has to come up with after crediting the millages is about \$3 mil-

lion. Tighten your belt."

Saigh suggested asking the voters for a 3 mill sinking fund in a pay-as-you-go plan while Weertz pointed to other school districts with bond issues.

"This is what districts do," she said. "This is what school boards have to do to maintain our investment in these buildings. We have to take care of them."

Other issues

All candidates agreed the district needs to right-size its footprint to address shrinking enrollment. Efforts to sell the administration building at 389 St. Clair have been in the works for about a year, according to Summerfield, and a resolution is in place to trigger discussions on school closings if enrollment numbers fall below a certain percentage at one or more school buildings or other parameters are met.

Candidates differed in response to the sinking fund as opposed to the bond as a funding mechanism. All candidates opposed schools of choice and arming teachers as a means of providing additional security, although Shook voiced support for resource officers in schools.

Questions about use of cell phones in school and implementing aptitude testing at the elementary schools to guide choices allowed candidates to express their educational philosophies, but were less germane to their role as trustees.

Saigh said aptitude testing "could be a good indicator" even at a young age, while the other candidates opposed the notion.

Lee said it "is a little dangerous to put too much emphasis on those tests." Fenton and Summerfield both said elementary school was too early for that type of testing and Shook, too, said he opposed it.

Said Weertz, "I think childhood and young elementary school is a good time to explore all kinds of things and academic interests without confining kids at that young age already on a career track."

In closing

In their closing statements, each candidate presented their strengths and attributes.

"I get along with people. I listen to people. We as a community have diverse views. We need to work together," said Fenton. "I know I can work with all varying degrees of people who hold views about closing schools, bond issues, etc. If you want a cheerleader for status quo, don't vote for me. If you're looking for someone with rich experience with schools and finances, then I'm your candidate. We need to protect our assets and improve our assets. If our assets decline as a school district, it's going to affect the whole community."

"I hope nobody's satisfied with the status quo," said Summerfield. "I'm not satisfied with the status quo. I'm all about progress. We've worked very hard to get where we are. There's more that needs to be done, which is why I'm running for re-election. I think I can do that with my colleagues, the staff, the community. Working together is the only way we can get where we need to be. If you watched how we developed the strategic plan, hired the superintendent, developed the bond and the capital improvement plan, (you would know) we listened to the community. That's what's important to me. You get everybody involved so you come back with the best product. And why do we do that? It's for the kids. That's why I'm here."

"I'm really convinced we have a thoughtful, intelligent administration and school board," said Lee. "These people are dedicated to the school system. I think it's way too simplistic to say there's a better way; they don't know what they're doing. They looked at everything and the best way is the bond."

"I have the professional background and the work experience to work on this board and to make good decisions for the entire community in the long run," said Weertz. "Some of these decisions are very difficult. The test of a good

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Bond or no bond? Voters must decide

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

With a \$111 million bond on the Nov. 6 ballot to address the Grosse Pointe Public School System's critical needs, voters must sort through myriad information to make an informed decision.

Opponents of the bond claim it will burden the community with debt. They promote debt-free sources of funding such as the sinking fund, general fund and Wayne County enhancement millage to address critical needs.

Residents for Responsible Spending, which opposes the bond, consists of a group of volunteers who "believe in providing excellence in education, and safe and well-maintained schools. We also believe in fiscal responsibility, sound planning, oversight and transparency," according to its Facebook page.

Proponents argue the bond is the best way to fund needed improvements to the school build-

ings and enhanced security measures to keep students safe while preserving programs, class sizes and the ability to attract and retain quality teachers.

Better Schools, Safer Schools GP committee's support of the bond is perhaps best summed up with its tagline: "Protect our schools, protect your property values." According to its Facebook page, the bond will help enhance safety and security, improve infrastructure and upgrade technology throughout the schools. The bond does not include one-to-one devices.

One alternative opponents of the bond propose is a larger sinking fund. A sinking fund is a pay-as-you-go method of generating tax revenue without incurring debt.

According to the frequently asked questions on the district website, "A sinking fund is like a savings account into which a school district can deposit voter-approved local millage to pay cash for urgent building projects or

repairs as they arise. Sinking funds are usually 5-10 years in length, are capped by law at 3.0 mills, and are not intended to finance major projects."

According to the RRS Facebook page, "Plante Moran auditors suggested the school district consider a sinking fund. But the school board never deliberated merits of debt vs. no debt fixes for projects. One wonders why leadership didn't listen to the experts whom they paid for their analysis."

Another RRS post claims, "The prospect of a sinking fund was briefly floated during Blue Ribbon Committee meetings, but in-depth discussion was curtailed by leadership and the current administration recommended bond financing."

That is not how blue ribbon facilities committee member Michele Lindsay remembers it.

"During our meetings, PMC did their due diligence and explained the various mechanisms for school funding and of course sinking funds were

part of that discussion," she recalled. "They did not recommend increasing our sinking fund as it simply would not generate enough income to fund our critical needs."

Paul Wills, a partner at Plante Moran Cresa, engaged by the district in 2017 to conduct an enrollment projection and facility assessment study, also refuted RRS's claim. He said he and others at PMC presented the sinking fund option to members of the blue ribbon facilities committee in context of what funding sources were available — along with the general fund and Wayne County enhancement millage — but stressed to members it would not meet the district's \$111 million in critical needs as outlined in their report.

"What we presented to the blue ribbon committee (was), your sinking fund only generates \$2.5 million a year," said Wills. "... The problem you have is the district has more capital requirements than what

the sinking fund can support."

The Grosse Pointe Public School System's current 1.0 mill sinking fund is set to expire in 2019. According to the district FAQ, if the district asked voters to approve the maximum allowable 3.0 mills for a sinking fund, the sinking fund would generate \$7.5 million a year, taking almost 15 years to fund the projects contained in the bond proposal — compared to the six years outlined in the PMC report — while doubling the annual tax increase.

Wills said part of the PMC study involved benchmarking GPPSS against other school districts to make recommendations. Other districts facing similar circumstances elected to ask voters to support a bond due to the nature of the capital needs, which a sinking fund is not intended to address, according to Wills.

"A sinking fund is great if you're coming off a bond program and you're trying to maintain," he said. "It's great for repairs and maintenance.

"If you don't have a bond every seven, eight years, you're behind the eight ball of what you need from a capital standpoint," Wills continued. "Look at these boiler rooms, the roofs. Some of these are original from when they were built back in the '50s and are well beyond their useful lives. ... Even if it was \$50 million of critical needs, a sinking fund still wouldn't be able to support it."

Week Ahead

SATURDAY, OCT. 27

◆ The Gearheads, Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools' combined robotics team, hosts a community-wide open house 1 to 4 p.m. at the robotics shop, Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. The shop is located near the back parking lot off Morningside.

SAT.-SUN., OCT. 27-28

◆ The Grosse Pointe South High School Choir Boosters hosts its annual mega-garage sale in South's choir room 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday.

There will be a \$1 donation at the door and students will host a bake sale both days. Donations are accepted through Thursday, Oct. 25, and may be dropped off in the multi-purpose room. South is located at 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, contact the choir office at (313) 432-3638.

SUNDAY, NOV. 4

◆ Our Lady Star of the Sea School and St. Paul Catholic School compete in the 12th annual Fall Classic 8th Grade Flag Football game 2 p.m. on Grosse Pointe North High School's athletic field, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. There will be a 50/50 raffle and concessions are available. Admission is \$5 a person or \$20 for a family.

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"Some stuff that you might think is funny now might not be funny in the future," said seventh-grader Paris Jackson. "You've got to think about what you say. Don't just talk. Think, then talk."

The students talked about strategies they might employ in their own lives to counteract bullying, such as standing up for a friend or causing a distraction. Some admitted they didn't always know what to do to stop it or feared telling a teacher would label them as a "snitch."

"Let the person know you're there, even if you only say, 'Hi,' or 'I like your



PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Cast members, from left, Ryan Lutes, Ellie Dempz, Rita Shemmai, Talia Hinlopen and Karly Harris, during a rehearsal of "Send," one of six one-act plays Parcels presents Nov. 1 and 2.

shoes.' Even if you just give the person some kind of positivity," said Harris.

"Even the smallest amount can help them."

"Even standing around

watching, even laughing, you're part of the problem," said Jackson. "If you see someone doing that, stand up for them. Help them through that phase that's going on. Tell them to stop it."

"Be aware," said Lutes. "Everyone knows about bullying, but I hope this play can tell people to just be aware of it. Be aware of your actions and what other people are doing."

"Bullying isn't going to stop overnight, but we hope (the play will) do something," he added.

The students agreed bullying is common in middle school and look forward to the opportunity to impact their peers with their anti-bullying message.

"Maybe somebody who is a bully can see the other side when they see this play," said Harris.

Performances are 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1 and Friday, Nov. 2, at the Parcels auditorium, 20600 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. General admission tickets are \$10 and sold at the door.

Teachers interested in arranging a performance of "The Bully Plays" should contact Artis at sloaneartis@gmail.com.

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board member is to be able to learn along the way and to make sure you're putting the community first. It's for the entire community. Most of all, I feel very invested in the future of this community that served me and educated my sons so well. I want young families to move here and I want to preserve the premier qual-

ity of this district so they invest in the community and have the same quality experience my sons did."

Said Saigh, "My experience has prepared me to work with a diverse group of people and do so with a fair, decisive approach. I also bring a dose of common sense to the table. You'll find me to be a quick learner. I'm always prepared, energetic and focused on the task at hand. While I'm not in favor of the bond,

you can be sure if it does pass, I will be laser focused on making sure those funds are spent in a way that best serves this community."

Shook had the last word for the evening.

"It is very important that this district recognize that \$183 million in debt is on the road commonly traveled," he said. "An alternative pay-as-you-go system is the road less traveled because it's the harder road."

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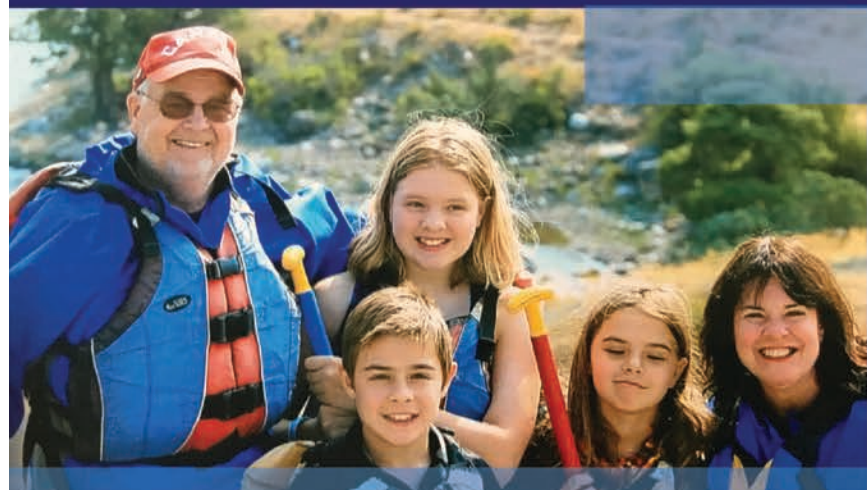
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Haunted history? Sisters venture into paranormal activity

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The things that go bump in the night are some of the things Sara Villani finds most intriguing.

Villani — one of three sisters who organized VP PaRanormal in 2008 — has been searching out answers to paranormal-related questions more than 20 years.

The Grosse Pointe Farms resident isn't into paranormal for the entertainment value. She's all about exploring history and making it more accessible.

"It's my passion," Villani said. "I study, research, read up on things. ... What we do is educating and investigating. With all the TV shows, more people think it's entertainment. But there's a section of people who take it as

real."

Unlike the entertainment industry — television and movies that use fear to boost ratings or ticket sales — VP PaRanormal has a more logical focus.

"The education part for me has become important," Villani said, adding that unlike the movies, "I don't walk in and control things. It's not about me; it's about the location. History can be ignored, but it doesn't die. If you're willing to sit long enough and listen ... things happen that may not be TV worthy, but when you think of the grand scheme of the world, of energy, of the body, it's a cool experience to think history can be repeated in some form."

Villani — and her sisters, Michelle Poirier and Debbie Roberts — get together several times a



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Sara Villani holds an antique ouija board at her Grosse Pointe Farms home.

year to investigate locations. They have explored museums, libraries, asylums and personal homes, largely in western New York where Poirier lives.

Personal homes, Villani said, can be touchy because some people already are convinced something paranormal is afoot. Villani and her team try to stay open-minded when approaching any situation.

"With personal homes, people want you to come out and validate their beliefs," she said. "I listen. I try not to judge whether it's real or not real. I see if I can replicate (the experience) using equipment and show evidence. If we don't get anything —

which nine out of 10 times we don't — it's OK. Paranormal doesn't kill."

Oftentimes when people show fear, she said, it furthers their belief in paranormal.

"When people freak out with big fear responses, they trip or fall or scratch themselves," Villani said. "Then they turn it into, 'A ghost did it.'"

Sometimes people are open to hearing such an experience was their own doing, but others are set on believing it was demonic.

"In a world of social media, TV, entertainment, we're so hungry for our experiences," she said. "We want everyone to believe it. Sometimes when you tell a story and

tell it again and tell it again, it gets a little bigger. When I hear stories, I need to listen to what's not being said or how it's being said to get an understanding of how someone has perceived the situation.

"I've gotten into the psychology of why people are drawn to paranormal," she continued. "I started to notice I was watching the living more than paying attention to the dead. There's so much to paranormal. ... I try to explain that when I'm studying, it's more about the living. It's perception.

"We can do a lot with our own energy that can mimic what a paranormal experience could be like."

Villani does not consider herself a debunker — she believes there's something on the other side and she's experienced a handful of oddities — but she finds value in educating her clients and sharing history. When she does occasional tours of historic buildings, she donates any proceeds toward historic preservation of the building.

"I can't charge a fee," she said. "I can give you peace of mind, but I can't prove peace of mind."

Villani often uses a K-II EMF meter and a Rem Pod during investigations. The team also calls on the help of a psychic medium from Detroit, a retired Navy officer familiar with electromotive force and magnetic fields and a geologist who understands different Michigan locations.

But the best piece of equipment, Villani said, is the brain.

"Your body is intuitive," she said. "Sit and listen."

Villani investigated the claims of an elderly Mount Clemens woman who said she was being attacked by spirits, "even as we were sitting there. We found nothing equipment-wise. It was only natural-made evidence.

"None of my equipment was going off, but as she was telling the story in her basement, she started getting revved

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Equipment Villani uses during an investigation includes a camera, Rem Pod, K-II EMF meters, Ghost Box "Shack Hack," Mel Meter, dousing rods, chalk, FLIR thermal camera, thermometer, digital recorder and tripod.

Art & Antiques returns to War Memorial

Shores resident among lecturers during four-day event

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Grosse Pointe Shores resident John Booth has been a collector most of his life.

His interest in collecting began at age 4 and was influenced by his intent to "create a miniature world of my own and hold history in my hands," he said.

That interest continued to grow throughout his life and has been shaped by his family and the people who surround him, he said.

Currently, Booth and his wife collect "a great many things," he said. "My primary interest is the British Empire and Commonwealth."

Booth shares his passion for collecting during Art & Antiques, which returns to The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, Thursday, Nov. 1, through Sunday, Nov. 4.



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One of the show's dealers discusses an item with a potential buyer.

He'll present "The Joy of Collecting: The Why and How of Collecting, a Personal Story," 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 2.

"The talk won't be about what I collect, but it will be about why I collect," he said, "the ways I approach

collecting, to hopefully share ideas of how others can collect what they're interested in."

Booth said he believes all collections should be a mirror to one's life. And collecting doesn't have to be expensive, he added.

"It doesn't have to be about money. I learned early on the sum of the parts is much greater than the whole. They collectively tell a story, which is of value to me. My father collected things he loved. He loved to travel and



Collector John Booth presents "The Joy of Collecting" 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 2.

walk on beaches, so he collected shells and sand — none of which has intrinsic value, but it was valuable to him."

Booth, whose biggest and favorite collection is of toy soldiers, said he hopes his lecture imparts joy on his audience.

"I hope people find it interesting and they find other ways to collect that they haven't considered as a way to find their own joy," he said.

Booth's lecture is just one facet of Art & Antiques, which opens with a preview party Thursday, Nov. 1. The four-day show also features "Artfest: An Evening at the Alger" on Saturday, Nov. 3, which includes a fall-themed celebration on The War Memorial's lakefront lawn.

The main show is open for general admission

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up,” she continued. “As she got angrier, the K-II meter was going off. We give 15 to 20 feet of EMF off our bodies naturally. Was she getting energized with emotion and I was picking it up or was she feeding an entity?”

Regardless of her findings, Villani said she doesn't try to change people's minds. However, old homes with lots of wiring can affect equipment readings and molds in older homes can cause delusions or shortness of breath.

“The feeling of being watched or feeling nauseous or light-headed can be caused by radio waves and microwaves,” Villani said. “Everyone reacts differently. ... But when it comes to private homes, it's better to educate than have them live in fear.”

Villani said paranormal investigation is just starting to come alive in the Detroit area.

“For us it's more about keeping the integrity of history,” she said. “Stories are great. It's fun to share stories attached to a location. ... We're giving life to history that belongs to a location. Paranormal's a great way to share amazing history.”

She has given tours of the Detroit Yacht Club and hopes to investigate the Huron City Museum, Belle Isle, Masonic Temple, Players Club, Cadieux Cafe, 315 Fisher in Grosse Pointe Farms and areas of Mount Clemens.

“There are so many amazing locations I would love to go to,” Villani said. “I want to pick brains.”

She also would love to get inside some of the local homes and haunts she's heard about — and those she hasn't.

“There's a home on Lakeshore that's for sale constantly,” she said. “I've heard ghost stories about it for years: A woman was married to a Great Lakes captain who died on the Great Lakes and she roams the house waiting for him to come home.”

“I would love to be able to get into some of these homes with a realtor and listen to the claims,” she continued. “Grosse Pointe has amazing history. The stories in Grosse Pointe nobody speaks about are amazing stories. It should be a hotspot for paranormal activity.”

Villani said she's looking for an assistant to help with research, book potential investigations and just being along for the ride.

“I do believe there's something on the other side,” she said. “Energy continues on. That's the stuff I'm interested in exploring even more. ... I'm trying to understand what really does happen when we pass. I want to know. I have a hard time believing we just cease to exist. The body might go, but what happens to what's left? Where does the soul reside? Where does energy reside?”

“You can be too logical and you can be too gullible,” she continued. “I want to fill that gap. Things do happen. People experience things all the time. But research should never stop at the end of an investigation. If you don't research before and after an investigation, you're missing a lot.”

Villani dubbed VP PaRanormal “the good witches of paranormal.” The sisters regularly receive encouragement to keep doing what they're doing.

“I do believe, but I want to make sure,” Villani said. “This team, we educate and investigate. We make sure we understand more first.”

“We're here for those people looking to really understand what's happening.”



Marie Vanderpool, age 2 in 1921.



Vanderpool at her 100th birthday celebration.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF JULIE MCBRIDE

Longtime Pointer turns 100

Marie Vanderpool (nee Hosten) celebrated her 100th birthday Sunday, Oct. 14. A 90-year resident of Grosse Pointe, Vanderpool moved to Grosse Pointe Park when she was 10 years old. She attended Defer Elementary and Pierce Middle schools, as well as the original Grosse Pointe High, graduating January 1936.

She has lived in Grosse Pointe Shores the last 40 years.

Vanderpool is the daughter of the late Joseph and Emma Hosten. When her father died of a heart attack

when she was 16, Vanderpool began helping her mother with property management. Later she married John Vanderpool and had children — Marie (Ron), Julie (Don), the late John (the late Cynthia), Bob (Kathy) and Janet, all of whom graduated from the Grosse Pointe school district. Her family and friends — including eight grandchildren and their spouses, plus 22 great-grandchildren — continue to bring her great joy. She also formed lasting friendships with women she met through the former Grosse Pointe

High School Mother's Club and has been active at The Helm, formerly Services for Older Citizens.

After raising her children, Vanderpool enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and later to Europe, China, Southeast Asia, Australia and New Zealand, South America and Antarctica. She considers herself a lucky woman.

Vanderpool celebrated her 100th birthday at her home Sunday, Oct. 14, in the company of family and friends.

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dozen dealers from across the country professionally displaying their items in the historic Alger House and ballroom. The event, which is open to the public, hopes to draw in both seasoned collectors as well as those interested in learning

how to use fine art and artifacts when decorating their home or space.

“People are discovering that grounding a room with an antique item, despite how modern the room may be, imbues the space with a special grandeur,” said Scottie Knight, Art & Antiques publicity committee chair. “With this show, we hope to bring guests through the beautiful historic Alger House, expand their design palate and ultimately raise funds to support the preservation of our estate and our mission-centric veterans' causes.”

In addition to Booth's lecture, architect Gil Schafer and Kenneth J. Myers, curator of American Art at the Detroit Institute of Arts, will speak.

General admission

tickets are \$20 per person and include admission to both Booth's and Myers's presentations Friday, Nov. 2. Tickets to attend Schafer's lecture are \$35 and include admission to Saturday's show.

“We are ecstatic about the lineup of presenters we have for this year's event,” said Beverly Curtiss Walsh, Art & Antiques benefit co-chair. “The level of historical knowledge and design expertise that these three gentlemen bring to our show is awe-inspiring and sure to help elevate Art & Antiques at The War Memorial to become a nationally-known show in years to come.”

Those wishing to have a more intimate experience with Schafer may purchase tickets to attend a luncheon with the

renowned architect at the Grosse Pointe Club, 6 Berkshire Place, Grosse Pointe Farms, before Saturday's presentation. Tickets are \$75 and include lunch, admission to Schafer's lecture and the show. Copies of Schafer's best-selling books, “The Great American House” and “A Place to Call Home” will be available for purchase and the author will personally sign each.

“The War Memorial strives to stay true to its mission of being a patriotic, cultural and community leader,” said War Memorial President and CEO Charles Burke. “The proceeds from Art & Antiques will help us maintain the integrity and beauty of the historic estate, as well as increasing our ability to honor, support and recognize veterans and their families through our Patriot Initiative Fund.”

Mary Kay and Keith Crain of Crain's Detroit Business are this year's honorary co-chairs.

For more information, including ticket levels and sponsorship or to purchase tickets, visit warmemorial.org/artandantiques or call (313) 332-4075.

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WEDDINGS

Garbarino Damery

Alexander John Garbarino and Erin Frances Damery were married Saturday, June 9, 2018, at Meadowbrook Hall, Rochester. A reception followed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of George Damery of Ann Arbor and Mary Damery of Alpena. The groom is the son of Michelle Laboe and Steven Garbarino of the City of Grosse Pointe.

The bride's sister, Julie Bernier, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were friends, Valeska Minkowski, Elizabeth Nesmith and Ashley Turner and the groom's sisters, Erin Garbarino and Stephanie Garbarino.

Attendants wore floor-length, ice-blue dresses and carried bouquets of white peonies with hints of greenery.

Joseph Blackmer, the

groom's best friend since grade school, served as best man. Groomsmen were the groom's brother-in-law, D.J. Ferguson and friends, David Folt, Joe Tsao and Timothy Shields.

The bride graduated from Alpena High School

in 2006, the University of Michigan in 2010 and the University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy at Chapel Hill. She is an oncology pharmacist at West Chester Hospital in Cincinnati.

The groom graduated from Grosse



Erin and Alexander Garbarino

Pointe South High School in 2005, the University of Michigan in 2009 and Wayne State University School of Medicine in 2014. He completed his internal medicine residency at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit and is employed at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center with a fellowship in pulmonary critical care.

The couple honeymooned in Australia and reside in Cincinnati.

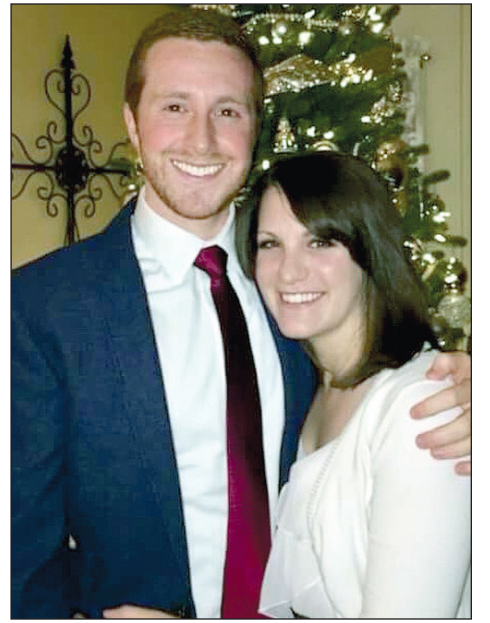
ENGAGEMENTS

Brock-Thompson

Steven and Susan Brock of Grosse Pointe Woods announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Katherine Brock to Connor Maxwell Thompson, son of Kevin and Cindy Thompson of Maplewood, N.J.

An August 2019 wedding is planned. Ms. Brock is a 2011 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in physiology from Michigan State University and a Master of Health Science degree from Duke University. She is a pathologists' assistant in Neptune, N.J.

Mr. Thompson earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from Michigan State University and a Master of Education degree from Rutgers University. He is an eighth-grade social studies teacher in Clifton, N.J.



Connor Thompson and Rachel Brock

Cobane-Mezey

Michael and Carolyn Cobane of Grosse Pointe Farms announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Reisig Cobane, to Michael Andrew Mezey, son of Michael and Laurie Mezey of Bloomfield Hills.

A fall 2019 wedding is planned.

Miss Cobane earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. She is an associate attorney with Abbott Nicholson P.C.



Michael Mezey and Erin Cobane

Mr. Mezey earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. He is a research attorney for the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Home improvement funds available

Recently, Wayne County awarded funding for minor home repairs to Harper Woods and all five Grosse Pointe communities as a joint community development project. The budget for this project is \$136,000 for home improvement loans to income-eligible owner-occupants who reside in Harper Woods, Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Park, City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Farms.

Those interested in applying may contact program manager Ty Hinton, economic and community development director for Harper

Woods, at (313) 343-2501.

"This project is historic, in so far as it is the first collaboration between all six communities utilizing Community Development Block Grant federal funds," Hinton said. "Applications will be available at each city hall. Funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis."

The following is a summary of the maximum income limits for this CDBG program:

- ◆ one-person household, \$37,950
- ◆ two-person household, \$43,350
- ◆ three-person household, \$48,750
- ◆ four-person household, \$54,150
- ◆ five-person household, \$58,500
- ◆ six-person household, \$62,850

The funds are not to be used for kitchen, bathroom or other general home renovations, Hinton said. Limited funding is available for minor home repairs, such as requirements to correct code violations, new roofs, gutters and downspouts, driveway repairs, garage roofs, front and back porch repairs, repairing or replacing leaky window and doors and the like.

Playwriting workshop, 10-minute play festival slated

Ten-minute plays are storming stages across the country. And they're taking center stage at Grosse Pointe Theatre as well.

Members, non-members, patrons and the general public are welcome to attend two playwriting workshop sessions 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, and Saturday, Nov. 17, hosted by GPT at 315 Fisher, Grosse Pointe Farms. Lunch snacks are provided.

The first session includes discussion about the basic 10-minute play format, building conflict and using secrets to strengthen characters. This session also covers proper manuscript format and generating ideas for a 10-minute play. Attendees spend time writing, followed by the homework assignment of finalizing the play idea and writing the first draft.

The second session works with what the playwrights have accomplished in the intervening two weeks. Those who want comment on their first draft will have the opportunity to have their dialog read by other attendees and hear a discussion of impressions and issues with their writing.

Reservations are requested in advance by contacting the festival chair at mellbee@earthlink.net or calling the Theater Box Office at (313) 881-4004. Cost for the two workshop sessions is \$25; no charge for GPT members.

All plays submitted this year should be centered around winning or losing

something important to the characters in the play.

All Michigan playwrights may enter plays for consideration by electronically submitting a properly formatted script by midnight, Dec. 31. However, if the play is selected for performance as part of the 10-Minute Festival, they must join GPT with annual dues of \$45. There is no fee to enter the competition; attending previous workshop sessions is not a requirement to enter.

Entries are judged anonymously by a panel of local and out-of-state judges. Plays submitted that are not in proper manuscript format, not a suitable length nor within the theme of "Winning and Losing" will be rejected without notice to the playwright.

In addition to performing several of the selected plays at the GPT general membership meeting Monday, May 13, the actual festival, open to the public, takes place the following Saturday afternoon, May 18, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Up to 15 plays are expected to be continuously performed during the afternoon with audience members able to attend as many plays as they wish, coming and going at will. Exact timing and winning plays will be announced and posted on the GPT website at a later date.

For more information or to register, contact Mary Lou Britton at mellbee@earthlink.net or (586) 779-8974.

Yes, even teens can master social skills

Q: I'm a parent of two teens who couldn't be more different. My daughter is my "social butterfly" and I can't keep up with her social calendar, while my son seems to struggle interacting with peers and doesn't have one "real" friend. He has trouble maintaining attention/focus. What can we do to help him succeed with everyday social situations?

A: Pragmatic language therapy in an individual therapy situation would be a great start for your son. After comprehension of the ins and outs of social interaction is solid, grouping your son with another peer or peers in a "social group" for practice would be the next step. From there, when the time is right, the group of peers then goes out to practice being social together, in other environments. Peer social groups are an important component in the transferring of skills across environments.

Social skill deficits accompany many diagno-

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ses, including but not limited to anxiety, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, autism spectrum disorder and speech-language impairments.

Thanks to The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods, we have an opportunity to provide additional information on this topic, along with exploring ways to provide support and learning opportunities for children, teens and young adults who find social interaction challenging. Join us Wednesday, Nov. 14, at Christ Church for a helpful discussion.

Michelle Harr M.A., CCC-SLP, and Amy McIntyre M.A., CCC-SLP, together have 35 years of experience in the field of speech pathology. The speech-language pathologists are partners in SPARC Speech and Language Services, pro-

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"Socially Challenged: Acquiring Skills Necessary for Everyday Interactions" 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms
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viding individual therapy and social communication skills groups for children 18 months through young adults. They can be reached at amy.mcintyre@sparcgp.com and michelleharr@sparcgp.com. SPARC Speech and Language Services is a member of The Family Center's Association of Professionals.

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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.

Yevheniya Horova Shanle

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Yevheniya Horova Shanle, 37, died Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018, at Angela Hospice Care Center.

Born May 21, 1981, in Krivoy Rog, Ukraine, to Raisa Gorova and Nikolai Horovy, she graduated from Krivoy Rog National University in 2003. She was a chef at The Rivers Grosse Pointe.

She enjoyed cooking, baking, gardening, traveling and reading.

Yevheniya is survived by her husband, Daniel Joseph Shanle; daughter, Mary Tatiana Shanle; son, Daniel Yakov Shanle; mother, Raisa and brother, Nikolai Temchenko.

She was predeceased by her father, Nikolai.

A funeral service was held Oct. 21 at St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Southfield.

Donations may be made to Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

Dolores J. Kurz

Dolores "Dee Dee" J. Kurz, 87, passed away peacefully, Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2018.

She was the loving mother of Todd, Kevin and Marla (Paul); beloved grandmother of Adrien and Gabe; cherished sister of Robert George "Micky" Gelinas (Henryka) and Rudolph "Rudy" Gelinas and favorite aunt and cousin to her dear Gelinas relatives.

Born in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, Dee Dee's lifelong home was in the Grosse Pointe area and later Fraser. She was devoted to her Catholic faith, a single mother and an independent business owner as a caregiver for children spanning more than two decades.

Dee Dee was an active member of St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish in Roseville and St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores. She was a volunteer — best known as "the ticket lady" — with Grosse Pointe Children's Theater, where her daughter, Marla, acted many years.

Dee Dee was an avid gardener, reader and cook. She especially loved traveling with her son, Kevin. She was vigilant about having fun and keeping her mind sharp. She often played cards, Wii or Scrabble with her friends and family.

Her family said the lives Dee Dee touched and the souls she influenced are countless in the legacy she leaves behind.

Donations may be made to Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan at ccsem.org.

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Elsie W. Ruedemann

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Elsie W. Ruedemann, 91, passed away Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018, at home surrounded by her family.

Elsie was born July 26, 1927, in Orlando, Fla., to Karl and Alice Winter. Elsie moved to Grosse Pointe after her marriage to Dr. Albert D. Ruedemann Jr.

Elsie was a wonderful storyteller and loved to tell jokes. Her favorite place to be was in her sunroom overlooking the golf course watching her birds. Her family said she was one of the nicest, most generous, kind-hearted spirits anyone had the pleasure to know.

Elsie is survived by her sons, Albert and Karl; daughter, Nancy; grandchildren, Robert, Elsie, Zoe, Edward, Craig, Dale and Alex and "great-grandsons," Addison, Ryleigh, Mira and Genevieve.

She was predeceased by her husband; parents and brothers, Karl and Edward.

A funeral service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Eleanor Russell

Eleanor Russell, 101, passed away Monday, Oct. 1, 2018.

Born June 22, 1917, in ChIPLEY, Fla., to the Rev. F.F. and Louise Schell, Eleanor moved around the country at the whim of the Presbyterian church, attending several schools in California before graduating from high school in Newton, N.J. She then attended Wheaton College in Illinois and married Detroit Fred Russell in 1940.

In 1957, Eleanor and Fred moved to Grosse Pointe with their children, Cathy and Don, where Fred and his partners opened a Howard Johnson's restaurant near Mack and 8 Mile.

Though Eleanor had a comfortable life in Grosse Pointe, she was not untouched by the storms of life. In 1961, Fred was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease and Eleanor nursed him 24/7 until his death in 1965. After Fred died, she cared for her elderly parents until their deaths. She was heartbroken when her daughter, Cathy Maerzluft, died in 2016, also of ALS.

When she was finally free to travel, Eleanor took to it with a vengeance. Her business school training paid off as she handled her own financial affairs and joined the Financial Femmes Investment Club, an undertaking that paid for her adventures.

She was a Christian, active in her church. She was a leader of Bible study fellowship and a longtime member of the PEO sorority as well.

Eleanor was an avid gardener, twice given the Grosse Pointe Beautification Award. She enjoyed reading, road trips with good companions, word puzzles and corresponding with her many lifelong friends across the country. She took delight in art lessons and oil painting, although she considered herself a copyist.

Eleanor is survived by her son, Don (Irene); nephews, Doug Russell (Diane) and Dave Russell (Sherry) and shirtail kin scattered coast to coast.

A memorial service will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at Crosspointe Christian Church, 21336 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to the ALS Association at als.org.

Michael King Barnes

Michael King Barnes, 69, died Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018, at his home in Harrison Township, surrounded by his loving family.

Michael was born Dec. 24, 1948, in Detroit to Edward Barnes and Jacqueline (nee King) Barnes. As a sailor in the U.S. Navy, Michael served with pride and honor in answering the call of his country, with a willingness to stand in harm's way for the cause of freedom. He was a Vietnam War veteran.

Michael was part owner of Ernst Hotel and Meat Supply at Detroit's Eastern Market. When he wasn't busy working, he enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He especially enjoyed woodworking and sailing in his free time. Michael's most memorable sailing trip was the race from Port Huron to Mackinac.

Michael was known to be the life of the party. He enjoyed cooking for family and friends on the BBQ any chance he could get. Michael will be missed dearly by his family and friends.

Michael is survived by his beloved wife, Georgianne; loving daughter, Whitney Starrs (Rob); brother, Edward Barnes (Kathleen); stepdaughter, Danielle Ryan; grandchildren, Natalie and Sloane Starrs, Chrysta, Cameron, Jacob and Miabella and former wife, Pamela Rossi. He was predeceased by his parents, and brother, Dennis Barnes.

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Yevheniya Horova Shanle



Dolores J. Kurz



Elsie W. Ruedemann



Eleanor Russell



Michael King Barnes



Donald J. Walsh

Earl R. Boonstra

Former Grosse Pointe Shores resident Earl R. Boonstra, 101, of Boynton Beach, Fla., passed away Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2018. He lived by the motto, "Do what has to be done."

The youngest of 12 children born to Sake D. Boonstra and Adriana "Jane" DeGraff Boonstra, Earl was the last surviving grandchild of the early Dutch settlers of Zeeland Township.

Earl considered his life to have three phases: early life on the farm on which he and his father lived alone for several years, his five-year service in World War II and his almost five-decade legal career in Michigan.

He was most proud of his military service with the U.S. Army, for which he volunteered immediately in 1940 when the U.S. began to rearm. Assigned to the infantry, he earned several non-commissioned officer promotions, was appointed to Infantry Officers Training School, graduated second lieutenant, and, as part of the new 76th Division, was promoted to first lieutenant and then company commander. Tired of training with no combat, he transferred to the Air Corps for flight training and thereafter piloted a Boeing B-29 Superfortress for 20-plus weather and photo reconnaissance and bombing missions over Japan from the Mariana Islands in the Pacific. Earl was awarded an Air Medal for distinguished, meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, as well as other honors, and ended his military career at the rank of captain.

Upon return to civilian life, he enrolled at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor under the GI Bill, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Juris Doctor degree with distinction from the law school. After graduation, Earl joined a 12-person law firm in Detroit, now known as Dykema. During his nearly 50 years of practice, the firm grew to one of the largest law firms headquartered in Michigan; it currently has more than 370 attor-

neys nationwide. At age 72 he retired as senior partner.

One of Michigan's leading labor lawyers during the tumultuous, post-war labor-organizing years, Earl represented clients from the manufacturing, banking and retailing industries, as well as cities and municipalities. Earl was a member of the Michigan Bar more than 60 years and was appointed a member of the U.S. 6th Circuit Judicial Conference, for which he became a life member.

In addition to his main hobby of golf, Earl was an avid outdoorsman. He skied the Colorado resorts and Swiss Alps, and hunted caribou, deer and elk — in Michigan since his youth and later in Canada, Alaska and the Western Rockies. In retirement, Earl enjoyed several annual quail hunts in Florida and Georgia.

Always active in volunteer work, Earl served as president of the board of directors of the Detroit Athletic Club and of Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods, director of several hospitals and of the Michigan Senior Golf Association, and member of many civic and club boards. At his death, he was a member of the Country Club of Florida, the Ocean Club and Quail Ridge Country Club and senior honorary member, Detroit Athletic Club.

Grateful for the opportunities given him by the University of Michigan and the GI Bill, Earl established the Earl and Margaret Boonstra Scholarship Fund at the University of Michigan to support merit and financial need scholarships.

Margaret E. Christie "Chris" Boonstra, Earl's devoted wife of 61 years, predeceased him. Earl and Chris enjoyed the sports rivalry of their respective alma maters — U of M and the University of Minnesota. All eight of Earl's siblings who lived to adulthood also predeceased him: John Boonstra, Frank Boonstra, Edwin Boonstra, Richard Boonstra, Ann Boonstra DeJonge, Marjorie Boonstra Bos, Gertrude Boonstra Wagonveld and Elizabeth Boonstra Walters.

Earl's dear wife Lenore Raborn Boonstra and her children, Richard and Robin, along with several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, survive him. Also surviving are 140 nephews and nieces, grand and great, who reside primarily in western Michigan.

Donations may be made in Earl's memory to a charity of the donor's choice or to the University of Michigan for the Earl R. and Margaret C. Boonstra Endowed Scholarship Fund, c/o of Donna J. Snyder, Associate General Counsel, University of Michigan, 3003 S. State St., Suite 9000, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1288.

Donald J. Walsh

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Donald J. Walsh, 53, passed away Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018, after a month in the hospital. He lived in Leadville, Colo.

He was the beloved son and youngest child of John and Marjorie, who predeceased him, and is survived by his siblings, Elaine Upshur (Steve), Terry Walsh (Lorrie), Jane Stephenson (Randy) and Mary Beth Victor (Matt).

Don is survived by his loving ex-wife, Lisa Rodenhizer; several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews, and many dear friends who supported him during his illness.

Don was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served in Grenada. He graduated from Michigan State University as a reluctant packing engineer. He preferred time alone, with his cats and enjoyed nature, including backpacking, snowboarding and mountain biking.

A celebration of Don's life will be during a luncheon noon Saturday, Nov. 10, at Encore Catering & Banquet Center, 21801 E. 9 Mile Rd., St. Clair Shores. Contact the family or close friends of Don's for additional arrangements being held in Colorado.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to a local Alcoholics Anonymous group.

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F. Lewis Barroll Jr.

A memorial service will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 27, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms for F. Lewis Barroll Jr.

Mr. Barroll passed away August 18, 2018.



OBITUARIES

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Bryan Thompson

Bryan Thompson, 84, passed away Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018.

He was born Aug. 14, 1934, in Darwen, Lancashire, England, to William and May (nee Grime) Thompson. His family immigrated to Toronto, Canada, when he was 16.

Bryan graduated from the University of Toronto with honors in geography. He later earned master's and doctorate degrees from Clark University in Worcester, Mass. In 1963, Bryan married Jean Martin and the two spent the next 55 years devoted to each other and their loving family. The couple moved to Grosse Pointe Park in 1967 as Bryan started teaching at Wayne State University in Detroit.

Bryan was involved in many activities. He loved soccer and bird watching. He was blessed to have traveled numerous times back to England, Scotland, Wales, Scandinavia, Portugal and Normandy. He kept his English heritage alive by cooking traditional English breakfasts for his family. He was an avid reader who had published works in geography and urban studies. He was active in the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club and deeply involved with St. Michael's Episcopal Church.

He will be remembered for his kind-hearted nature and selflessness. He was



Bryan Thompson

always there for his friends and family during times of need. He lived by the motto "keep the faith."

Bryan will be missed by his loving wife, Jean; daughter, Sheila and twin sons, William (Julie) and Ian (Lori). He adored his grandchildren, Abigail, Claire, Charlie, JJ, Hayley and Luke. He also is survived by his sister, Shirley Saunders (Derek) and many other beloved family members and lifelong friends in Canada and England.

Visitation is 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

A funeral service is 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. Visitation begins at 9 a.m. at the church.

Donations may be made to St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 or the Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Reformation Celebration set for Oct. 28

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, invites the community to its Reformation Celebration at 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 28.

The celebration includes the Good News Singers, Good News Singers and a brass ensemble. Holy Communion also is celebrated.

The congregation celebrates a proud Lutheran heritage: the Lutheran Church is the original and largest protestant denomination in the world; Samaritans is a

continuation of the social ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America since 1934, featuring senior living, foster care and family support; the ELCA's Lutheran World Relief is one of the largest and most respected relief agencies in the world, collecting and sending humanitarian aid for disaster relief and recovery around the world since 1945.

Immediately after the celebration, a free-will offering brunch is served in The Luther Center.

For more information, call (313) 884-5040.

CHURCH EVENTS

Christ Church

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, presents "A Tour of Italy," choral music from the birthplace of the Renaissance, 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28. A pre-concert lecture begins 1:30 p.m. A freewill offering is collected.

Jefferson Avenue

Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson, Detroit, welcomes the Pete Siers Trio with Dave Bennett at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, as part of the church's Jazz at JAPC series. Call (313) 822-3456 or visit japc.org.

Soar Detroit

Soar Detroit is looking

for mentors to tutor children in reading at Marquette Elementary-Middle School, Detroit. Program hours are 11:15 a.m. to noon, 12:05 to 12:50 p.m., 12:55 to 1:40 p.m. and 1:45 to 2:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday, depending on when the most mentors are available. Mentors need to pass a background check and commit to at least two sessions a day — approximately two hours — once or twice a week. A training session is offered 9 a.m. or 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29, at Grace Community Church, 21001 Moross, Detroit. If interested, contact Valerie A. Ribbron at (313) 449-8087 or valerie@soardetroit.com.

Full Circle gala is Nov. 1

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Full Circle Foundation, which provides training and opportunities for increased independence for individuals with special needs, invites supporters to its gala event, "An Evening Under the Stars," 6 to 10:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1.

A committee of staff and community members have worked tirelessly for a year preparing for the event, the organization's biggest fundraiser.

"It takes us a solid year to prepare for the event," said Sue Banner, Full Circle administrative coordinator. "So we wrap one up, then start planning the next. This one will be held at the Roostertail once again."

Committee chairwomen are Cathy Mestdagh and Lisa Gabel. Honorary chairs are Richard and Jane Manoojian, longtime supporters of Full Circle.

"We are thrilled to have them with us to spread our mission and vision," Banner said.

In addition to dinner, the event features silent and live auctions.

"It takes months to

gather donations, but our community businesses have come through once again," she said. "Our silent auction will be jam packed with beautiful jewelry, gift certificates, wine and more."

Other notable auction items up for grabs include an electric GenZe bike, chinchilla fur coat, Arizona resort vacation package, New York vacation package, Mackinac Island package, El Charro food truck for a private party and a pickleball party for 20 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Entertainment for the evening takes the form of a friendly dance competition.

"We have six community celebrity dancers who will entertain us to the max," Banner said.

Slated to hit the dance floor are Gina Ahee of edmund t. AHEE jewelers; Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education Treasurer Judy Gafa; Brother Tom Gugyen of the Capuchin Ministries; Patty Allemon; Joan McCarron and Paige Niehaus, wife of GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus.

The event also includes keynote speaker Dan Miller, sports director

and anchor of Fox 2 Detroit.

"Dan has a child with autism spectrum disorder and is very passionate about kids with special needs," Banner said. "He was supposed to have been our emcee last year, but had to have a surgical procedure that could not be postponed. Also, Ryan Ermanni, newscaster from Fox 2, is our emcee. He filled in for Dan Miller last year and did an awesome job for us at the last minute. He said he couldn't wait to come back, so we were thrilled that he accepted our invitation to do it again."

Proceeds from the evening benefit Full Circle programs.

"Maintaining and expanding our programs is always a focus, but this year we have had some specific needs," Banner said. "We are hoping to be able to replace various equipment we've used over the years but need replacing; i.e. The shredder we use in our shredding micro-enterprise broke down this week and we have to replace that. We also hope to expand our program areas to increase the number of micro-enterprises the young adults

are involved in; i.e. we have transportation costs associated with our laundry program, but no funding for it. We have costs related to our edible garden, but not enough funding for it."

Banner said Full Circle funding also goes to support a fairly new program the organization launched last year, TEAM 26.

"This program is focused on those who have exited the school district but still require a supportive environment to work and continue to learn skills," she said. "We have several of these young people who have started their own micro-enterprise business that we help them with."

Tickets for "An Evening Under the Stars" are \$175 per person and include open bar, sit-down dinner and entertainment. They may be purchased at Full Circle Foundation, 17006 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park; online at fullcirclefdn.org or by calling (313) 469-6660.

"We will be going into our 10th year of operation during 2019," Banner said. "It will be an exciting year of reflection and celebration. Our hope is to be in operation for another 10 years so we can continue to provide programs and services to our community members with special needs."

Exhibition features Farms woman's work

The Anton Art Center, 125 Macomb Place, Mount Clemens, presents an exhibition of watercolor paintings by Grosse Pointe Farms artist Carol LaChiusa from Friday, Nov. 16, to Friday, Dec. 21.

LaChiusa was an art instructor 33 years at The War Memorial and hosted the local cable TV show, "Watercolor Workshop." The retrospective exhibit at the Art Center reflects her travels around the world and passion for art more than 80 years.

LaChiusa will speak about her work at a reception 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at the Anton Art Center.

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MOT's 'Eugene Onegin' teaches deep life lessons from 'Russia's Shakespeare'

By Dina Winter
Guest Writer

Attending Michigan Opera Theatre's Oct. 13 performance of Tchaikovsky's "Eugene Onegin," I had to ask myself where else but from the world of opera can we learn profound truths which can change our lives and help us rise to a better self through a great story with superb music which moves the soul to tears. With Tchaikovsky's masterpiece, inspired by "Eugene Onegin," Alexander Pushkin's great novel in verse, MOT has produced a performance which cannot be rivaled by any other work for lessons in life and moral themes for every human being to contem-

plate. This was one of the finest productions one could ever hope to see. Nothing can rival this gripping tale, embedded in sweeping orchestral richness, exquisite voices and outstanding acting from all members of a superb cast.

Corinne Winters was an exquisite Tatyana with a beautiful and ravishing tone. Quite superb was her "Letter Scene" in which Tatyana pours out her heart to the man with whom she is passionately in love. Though fearing it was not the thing to do, she does it anyway, desperately hoping it will not elicit scorn from her beloved. This scene was surely one of the highlights of the performance. Onegin's response is a painful rebuff that he

would later come to deeply regret.

Ukrainian baritone Lurii Samoilov portrayed Onegin as a selfish, ego-centered and cruel individual who drives his best friend, Lensky, to a frenzy of jealousy by flirting with his wife at a party. One thing leads to another until, finally, to everyone's horror, Lensky challenges Onegin to a duel. The duel takes place the next morning and Lensky is killed. It takes Onegin years to recover from the repercussions of this terrible deed caused by his own callousness.

After traveling through Russia, Onegin returns to his homeland and is invited to a grand party given by the high society Prince Gremin, to whom Tatyana is now married.

Not knowing their former history, the prince introduces Onegin to Tatyana. Both acknowledge having known one another in the past, but claim their relationship to have been merely that of neighbors. The prince extolls the virtues of Tatyana and his eternal gratitude to her for giving him youth, happiness and love. Onegin begs Tatyana for a private audience, which she grants him the following morning. He begs her to run away with him for he now realizes he is madly in love with her. She tells him she still loves him, but will not abandon her husband. It is too late to act on the happy life they could have had together, which now they can never hope for. She leaves him with

words of anger and a determined mind. Onegin is left bereft of all hope and weeps over his tragic loss of what might have been.

Among the outstanding performers in this production is conductor Stephen Lord, who deserves high praise for his sensitive, powerful and inspiring leading of the phenomenal MOT orchestra. Every subtlety was understood, providing a truly moving experience for all present, enabling each performer to reach the height of his or her potential and making the opera, for me, one of the greatest ever performed. We hope to be able to see it some day in a DVD version. It would be a wonderful gift to the operatic world.

An interesting and special delight was a moment of enthusiastic exuberance in Matthew DiBattista's singing of Triquet's celebratory aria for Tatyana's "Name Day" saint. Sung with gusto and verve, this aria lifted the mood of all present. Charm-filled was the chorus of ladies at the beginning of the opera, which gave us a lighthearted counterpoint to the tragic episodes lying ahead in this magnificent score.

Next up is Rossini's "The Barber of Seville," a comic masterpiece that is one of the most beloved operas in the entire operatic repertoire. Be sure not to miss it Nov. 10 to 18. For tickets, call (313) 237-7464 or purchase them online at tickets@motopera.org.



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Soccer

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Clutch victory

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys soccer team stunned favored Royal Oak Shrine 5-2 in last weekend's Division 4 district championship game.

The host Knights scored just 2 ½ minutes into the first half before building an improbable 4-0 halftime advantage.

It was 5-0 before Shrine scored at the 25:56 mark and again on a penalty shot with eight minutes left.

"I told the boys this would be a tough game, but they practiced hard and were ready to play a very talented Shrine squad," head coach David Dwaihy said. "No one expected us to be up 5-0. It was such a bonus to get out to the large lead.

"The boys played great and it's nice to win a district championship."

Sophomore Stewart Smith scored a hat trick. He scored at the 37:30 mark of the first half, assisted by sophomore Sheikh Manneh and



Team members celebrate after beating Royal Oak Shrine in a Division 4 district title game.

senior Alec Azar, and then at the 7:00 mark of the first half.

He scored his final goal at the 33:00 mark of the second half.

His second goal was assisted by junior Matthew Summers and his hat trick tally was assisted by junior Nolan Ondersma.

Summers scored off a

corner kick from Ondersma, and Ondersma had the Knights' third goal, assisted by Manneh.

In the semifinals, ULS crushed Hope of Detroit 6-1 as freshman Doug Wood scored two goals, and in the first round the Knights edged Southfield Christian 3-0 as Smith, two, and Manneh scored

goals.

Sophomore goalkeeper Sam Sword played well in each game.

ULS improved to 11-6-2.

If the Knights beat Ann Arbor Greenhills in a regional semifinal, they play in a regional final at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, at Bishop Foley.

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Tennis

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Cooksey is state champ

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett School sophomore William Cooksey won the No. 1 singles flight in last weekend's Division 4 state finals tennis tournament.

Cooksey, the No. 1 seed, beat Ann Arbor Greenhills's Sahil Deenadayalu, the No. 2 seed, 6-0, 7-5 in the title match.

Cooksey won 6-0, 6-2 in the semifinals, 6-1, 6-1 in the quarterfinals and 6-0, 6-1 in his first match.

He helped the Knights finish tied for eighth with 12 points in the team standings. Greenhills won the title with 38 points, followed by Traverse City St. Francis with 26 and Allegan with 23 to round out the top three.

For the Knights, Max Wiegel lost his first match 6-1, 7-6, at No. 2 singles, and Alex Deimel won 6-1, 6-0 in his first match before falling 6-3, 6-1 in the second round at No. 3 singles.

At No. 4 singles,

Bennett French was a first-round winner, 6-0, 6-1, but dropped his second-round match 6-4, 6-0.

Anthony Fuga and Brendan Connors falling 6-0, 6-2 in their opening round match at No. 1 doubles, while the No. 2 doubles squad of Ryan Warezak and Jacob Tomlinson won 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 after a bye, but lost their next match via withdrawing.

The No. 3 doubles team of Vincent Mariboa and Rocco Scarfone won their first match 6-0, 6-0, but lost a tough match 7-5, 7-5 in the second round.

At No. 4 doubles, Bode Neumeister and Jack Estes won 6-2, 6-4 in their opening-round match and won 6-0, 6-3 in the second round. In the quarterfinals, they lost 6-0, 6-2 to the No. 1 seed from Greenhills.

With most of his players returning, head coach Mark Sobieralski will have his ULS tennis team battling for a top five finish in the state finals.

Swimming

RIVALS

South beats North

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls swimming and diving team won another Macomb Area Conference Red Division dual meet championship last week, beating city rival Grosse Pointe North 139-46.

Head coach John Fodell and his Blue Devils won all 12 events.

They took first and second in the 200-yard medley relay with Renee Liu, Clarice Fisher, Olivia Yoo and Hadley Gordon winning with a time of 1:55.55, and the group of Adrienne Byarski, Jacquelyn Wang, Biz Leonard and Abigail Keane taking second at 2:06.80.

North's foursome of Giuliana Cavaliere, Elizabeth McMahon, Diana Muccioli and Helen Michaelson took fourth with a time of 2:09.84. South also took third, but the swim was considered exhibition.

The Blue Devils swept the 200-yard freestyle with Liu, Yoo and Hayden Barry finishing first, second and third with times of 2:00.89, 2:01.32 and



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South's Caroline Rogers won the diving competition.

2:07.92. North's Victoria Treder and Jaden Payne placed fourth and fifth at 2:14.55 and 2:14.91.

In the third event, the 200-yard individual medley, South's Fisher won with a time of 2:16.72, and teammates Elizabeth Klepp and Wang took second and third with times of 2:22.70 and 2:28.73.

North's McMahon, Muccioli and Mariah Loper placed sixth, seventh and eighth with times of 2:32.84, 2:43.27 and 2:53.71.

South was fifth and sixth in the event, but their point totals did not

count in the standings.

South's Phoebe Bedsworth and North's Amelia Fly had a fight to the finish in the 50-yard freestyle. Bedsworth touched first with a time of 26.85 to 26.97.

South's Hannah Blanz and North's Sophia Vitale were close, too, posting times of 27.07 and 27.58 to take third and fourth.

In diving, Blue Devil Caroline Rogers won with 175.72 points, while North's Abigail Gretkierewicz was runner-up with 151.73.

South's Ada Marotzke

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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils net top 10

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys tennis team finished in the top 10 in last weekend's Division 1 state finals tournament at the Greater Midland Tennis Center.

Head coach John Willard and his Blue Devils earned 12 points as each flight won a match.

Bloomfield Hills won the title with 37 points.

At No. 1 singles, Sean Miller opened with a tough 7-5, 7-6 win in the first round, but lost in three sets in the second

round, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

Michael Willard pulled off a 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 victory in his first match before falling 6-0, 6-2 in the second round in the No. 2 singles flight.

Jacob Harris was a 6-0, 6-1 first-round winner, but was eliminated with a 6-1, 6-2 loss in round two in the No. 3 singles flight.

At No. 4 singles, Alex Prather had a bye before earning a 6-2, 6-3 win. His tournament ended with a 6-2, 6-0 loss.

The duo of Turner Sine and Mickey Kuchta also had a bye before winning 7-5, 6-2 in the second

round. They lost 6-0, 6-4 in the third round.

Sam Packer and John Lynch kept up the winning tradition with a 6-0, 6-2 victory, but lost in three sets to Brother Rice in the third round at No. 2 doubles.

At No. 3 doubles, Kenny Prather and Jackson Marchal had a bye before winning in straight sets, 6-3, 6-2. They were eliminated with 6-3, 6-3 loss in the quarterfinals.

Will White and Blake Discher cruised 6-1, 6-0 in their first match at No. 4 doubles, but lost 6-4, 7-6 in their next match.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen get 4 points at state tournament

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys tennis team earned four points in last weekend's Division 2 state finals tournament at Hope College.

Okemos won the state title with 37 points, while Birmingham Groves and Birmingham Seaholm tied for second with 23 points.

Hunter Williams won 6-1, 6-0 in his first match at No. 1 singles before losing 6-4, 6-2 in the sec-

ond round.

Simon Stallings also won his first match, winning 6-1, 6-1, but was eliminated with a 6-0, 6-0 loss in the next round.

The No. 1 doubles team of Chris Mourad and Joe Haney also won a match, 6-1, 6-0, but lost 6-0, 6-0 to the No. 1 seed from Okemos.

Adam Naimo and Charlie Ramsdell lost their first match 6-1, 6-4, at No. 2 doubles, and the duo of Jonathan Smith and Jonathan Hartley lost 6-0, 6-3 in their first

match after a bye at No. 3 doubles.

At No. 4 doubles, Ben Zoia and Mitchell Mills played one of the longest matches the Norsemen had this season in a 6-7, 7-6, 6-1 loss in the second round. They had a first-round bye.

Simon Olk lost 6-0, 6-0 in his first match at No. 3 singles, and Luke Deskins lost 6-1, 6-0 in his initial match at No. 2 singles.

Head coach John Van Alst returns several starters next fall.

Cross country

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Boys win division; girls runner-up

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North has reason to celebrate after its boys and girls cross-country teams ran well in last week's Macomb Area Conference Division Meet at Lake St. Clair Metropark.

Head coach Diane Montgomery and her boys team won the MAC Red Division meet with 34 points and the girls, under head coach Scott Cooper, took second with 89 points.

In the boys' meet, Romeo was second with 53 points and Macomb Dakota rounded out the

top three with 71 points.

The Norsemen had four runners in the top 10, led by sophomore Preston Navarre, who was fourth overall with a time of 16:08. His time was one of the fastest for a sophomore in school history, and was All-Conference.

Seniors William Hofmann and Kuvin Satyadev finished sixth and eighth with times of 16:11 and 16:12, and senior Garrett Schreck also had a time of 16:12 and was ninth. The three earned All-Conference honors.

In addition, senior Noah White was 25th with a personal-best time

of 16:59, and senior Ben Seagram placed 30th with a personal-best time of 17:09.

Also running with the varsity were juniors Jack Day and Michael Lynch, who finished 78th and 80th with times of 18:07 and 18:11.

"It was incredibly powerful to see four runners from the same team working together in the last 1/2 mile of the race, especially that close to the leaders," Montgomery said. "We are hoping to have a similar showing at the Region No. 8 meet at Lake St. Clair Metropark."

Romeo won the girls'

meet, finishing with 28 points, with North taking second with 89.

Senior Sara Michalik was fifth overall with a time of 19:27, and sophomore Elise Nyquist was 19th at 20:08 to nab a top 20 finish.

Senior Michaela Cosgrove and junior Jackie Albo placed 38th and 40th with times of 21:00 and 21:03, and junior Lyndsay Kluge was 45th with a time of 21:15.

Other varsity runners were senior Vivian Liagre, 51st at 21:21; junior Caroline Mrsan, 64th at 21:33; and junior Sarah Seagram, 65th at 21:34.



PHOTO BY CHUCK DAY

North's top four, from left, Kuvin Satyadev, Preston Navarre, Will Hofmann and Garrett Schreck, at the three-mile mark.

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All electors who are registered with the Clerk in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election. Sample ballots can be found at www.mi.gov/vote. To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the City Clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils finish sixth

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls and boys cross-country teams finished sixth in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division in last week's MAC Division Meet at Lake St. Clair Metropark.

For the girls, they earned 137 points.

However, senior Devon Krasner was third overall with a time of 19:12, and earned All-Conference honors.

Senior Sarah Bellovich was 47th with a time of 21:19, followed by junior Lizzie High, 55th at 21:25; senior Sarah Rabaut, 56th at 21:26; senior MaryClaire Diamond, 60th at 21:30; sophomore Paloma Beacham, 63rd at 21:33; sophomore Lizzy

Bellovich, 69th at 21:43; and junior Miya Bowman, 94th at 22:35.

"We are very hopeful, and I feel ready, for a top five finish at the state regional," Zaranek said.

For the boys under head coach Mark Sonnenberg, junior Dominic Dulac finished 45th with a time of 17:23 to lead the Blue Devils.

South earned 159 points. Grosse Pointe North won the boys' meet with 34 points.

Other Blue Devils running the varsity race were sophomore Abraham Abouljoud, 55th at 17:32; senior Brandon Flaherty, 56th at 17:32; junior Joey Pellerito, 60th at 17:37; sophomore Jack Carron, 65th at 17:45; senior Michael Schmidt, 71st at 17:56; and junior Noah Huber, 77th at 18:04.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Ladies run runner-up

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It was another banner day for the University Liggett School girls cross-country team.

Head coach Lindsey Bachman watched the Knights take second behind Allen Park Cabrini at last weekend's Catholic League Division 3-4 meet at Kensington Metropark in Milford. Cabrini had 67 points and ULS 86.

The duo of junior Maggie Dunn and freshman Emilia Bronk powered the Knights to the runner-up spot, finishing ninth and 10th with times of 22:48.0 and 22:53.6.

Freshman Gracie Grovier-Laparl was 15th with a time of 23:14.3 to net a top 20 finish.

Junior Margaret Hartigan was 29th at 24:05.0, and the duo of sophomores Sophia Ma and Elizabeth Becker fin-

ished 30th and 39th with times of 24:07.2 and 25:06.1, respectively.

The boys finished fifth with 112 points. Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard won with 29 points, followed by Madison Heights Bishop Foley with 55, Austin Catholic with 104 and Cabrini with 110.

Junior Ashton Pongratz was seventh overall with a time of 18:28.3 to lead the Knights.

Freshmen James Dailey and Jacob Whitton placed 21st and 29th with times of 20:03.4 and 20:47.8 to help the varsity lineup.

Freshman Russell Floyd was 30th with a time of 21:06.6, while junior Ian Shogren was 33rd at 21:42.5.

Freshman Taveon Colston and sophomore Javier Villegas placed 36th and 38th with times of 22:15.8 and 22:25.1.

Soccer

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Done in one

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys soccer team ended its season with a 4-1 defeat to U-D Jesuit last week in a Division 1 district first-round game.

The Cubs scored just 1:40 into the game and added a second goal at the 16:38 mark.

Freshman Thomas Sheffield scored at the 11:34 mark to get the Norsemen right back into the game.

They had the momentum and generated a



PHOTO BY PAUL KANIA

North's John Latiff, left, pokes the ball away from a U-D Jesuit player in a district playoff game.

couple of more solid scoring chances, but they didn't get the equalizer.

The Cubs scored early in the second half, and

again on a penalty kick with 14:36 left.

North finished the season 7-8-4 in head coach Brad VandeVorde's first year at the helm.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Tough loss

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Francesco Cilano and assistant coach Max Canevari said their players must play a smart soccer game.

Grosse Pointe South boys soccer team played well, but lost 3-1 to Dearborn Fordson in a first-round game last week.

The Blue Devils fell behind 2-1 at the half, but dominated the second half. Junior Samuel Tucker tallied for South.

The Blue Devils were



PHOTO BY PAUL KANIA

South's Samuel Tucker, No. 12, scored the lone goal for the Blue Devils.

the dominant team in the second half, outplaying their foe.

Grosse Pointe South ended its season 9-6-2 overall.

Correction

In the Oct. 18 story of South beating Grosse Pointe North, it was senior Thomas Wacker making the spectacular last-minute save. Wacker was also pictured making the save.

Football

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils end 8-1

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South football team's chance at an undefeated regular season ended with a 41-16 loss to Romeo last weekend.

"We weren't disciplined enough or played well enough to beat a talented Romeo team," head coach Tim Brandon said. "This should be a wake-up call now that the state playoffs are here. We have to be at our best every week to win at this time of season."

The Bulldogs took the opening kickoff back to the South 10-yard line. Three plays later they

scored and added the extra point for a 7-0 lead just 85 seconds into the contest.

The Bulldogs made it 13-0 with 2:01 left before halftime, but the Blue Devils used a hurry-up offense to move into scoring position in the final seconds.

Junior Ben Gabrion kicked a 29-yard field goal to get the home team on the board.

Senior quarterback Ryan Downey hit freshman wide receiver Will Johnson on a 15-yard scoring pass with 6:46 left in the third quarter. Gabrion's PAT cut the deficit to 20-10, and it was a tight game again.

After a Bulldog touch-

down, the Blue Devils used a long kick return by junior Grant Hart to start the possession at the Romeo 20-yard line. The Blue Devils scored on a short run by junior running back Kevin McCarron, but they missed the two-point conversion.

Downey completed 20 of 30 passes for 240 yards and one touchdown.

Six different players had a reception, led by Johnson with six for 84 yards and the one TD.

Coming up for the Blue Devils, 8-1 overall, is a Division 1 first-round state playoff game at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at Dearborn Fordson.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen lose to AB

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Joe Drouin and his Grosse Pointe North football team ended its season last weekend, losing 49-13 to host Anchor Bay.

Senior Ka'Ronn Henderson scored on a 2-yard run in the second quarter, and added a 4-yard TD run in the fourth quarter to produce the Norsemen's points.

Sophomore Mike

Zontini kicked an extra point.

The Tars scored on a couple of trick plays in the first half, while putting 42 points on the scoreboard.

"I'm so proud of these guys," Drouin said. "They persevered through a tough year. Week-in and week-out they faced some of the best teams in the state and kept coming back, never giving up."

North finished the season 1-8 overall.

Graduating seniors are K.J. Williams, Jaylin Armstrong, Marlon Davis, Ka'Ronn Henderson, Joseph Salisbury, Myles Stewart-McConnell, Walter Walker, Joe Ayrault, Gianni Horton, Tommy Haggerty, Dominic Hadley, Garner Snead, Edward Smith, Nik David, Kevin Douglas, Ross Fowler, Zack Melendez, Bret Carlson, Zach Hogrebe, Erickson Glazard, Stephen Bly and Sean Bly.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School football team ended its season on a winning note last weekend, beating host Memphis 23-18.

Junior quarterback Ian Narva once again had an offensive explosion, running for 104 yards and one touchdown, while throwing for 240 yards on two touchdowns.

Junior Drew Zelenak had 101 yards receiving

on nine catches with a touchdown.

He was the defensive leader with a season-high 23 tackles.

Head coach Dan Cimini led his Knights to a 4-5 season, which was a three-game improvement from the 2017 season.

The future looks bright for the Knights, which lose only five seniors — Mickey Walkowiak, Dan Bowen, Zach Elliott, Logan King and Connor Barthel.

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