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Peter W. Waldmeir

Councilman Peter W. Waldmeir dies

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Following a courageous battle with cancer and surrounded by family, Grosse Pointe Farms Councilman Peter W. Waldmeir passed away Friday, June 28.

“Beyond his incredible skills as a member of city council, he was a friend,” Mayor Louis Theros said. “I personally will be forever grateful for his support and counsel over the years and will miss his mentorship. He loved this community and his contributions will be felt for generations to come.”

Waldmeir was first elected to council in 1995, making him the longest current serving member of the Farms City Council; however, his service to council dates back even before that with time on the City of Grosse Pointe council.

Throughout these years, he was deeply respected by his colleagues for his intelligence, institutional knowledge and wit.

“Peter was a master problem solver,” friend and fellow Councilman John Gillooly said.

“He had a way of taking a complex issue and breaking it down to its most relevant components. He was principled, but also pragmatic and looked for common ground to reach compromise.”

Waldmeir also put these talents to use serving as chairman of the Parks & Harbor and Communications committees where he was instrumental in strengthening policies and procedures to ensure greater clarity and transparency.

Waldmeir leaves behind his

wife, Sandra; daughter, Sara, her husband Jon and their son Jackson; and daughter, Charlotte, her husband Domingo and stepson Brent Michael Reno. Also surviving are his father, Pete Waldmeir, former Detroit News columnist, and his wife Marilyn; siblings, Patti, Christopher and Lindsey, extended family and many friends.

Municipal flags will be flown at half-staff in Waldmeir’s honor.

Funeral arrangements are detailed on page 4B.

Foundation announces expansion

Plan to attract families of law enforcement and teachers to Pointes

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — One of the most impactful neighborhood programs in Grosse Pointe Park is expanding its footprint to the surrounding communities.

With an eye toward supporting enrollment in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, the Grosse Pointe Housing Foundation announced a new grant initiative inviting educators and public safety professionals to move their families into the Park, City, Farms, Shores or Woods. Having awarded \$2.7

million in grants since its 2011 inception, the foundation will accept applications for a five-year initiative to further boost residency beginning mid-July.

Michael Stines, a member of the foundation’s board of directors, calls the expanded program a way to benefit schools throughout the district by targeting parents in search of more affordable living opportunities.

“Certainly, that was a consideration,” said Stines. “Also, we thought it was a good idea to track and maintain talented teachers.”

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STOCK PHOTO

A recall petition hearing was held June 26, at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center in Detroit.

Commission rejects recall petition

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — A petition to recall Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education members Kathleen Abke, Judy Gafa and Christopher

Profeta was rejected by the Wayne County Election Commission.

At a hearing at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center in Detroit June 26, the commission voted 2-1 on three separate motions on each board member to

reject the petition due to lack of clarity. Chairman Freddie G. Burton, Wayne County Probate Court chief judge, voted to support the petition, citing a voter’s fundamental right to recall elective public officials from office.

Before recall petitions can be circulated in the community for signatures, the county election commission must determine whether the reasons for recall are stated clearly and factually.

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Residents urged to beware of scams targeting elderly

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — According to John Alcorn, deputy chief of the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department, identity theft of all kinds, including scams, is the crime he sees reported the most. “Grosse Pointe City’s this big, so it’s scary of how big these

scams actually are if we see so many of them and we’re tiny,” he said.

In particular, Alcorn estimates senior-targeted scams in Grosse Pointe occur weekly at least.

“They’re targeting groups of people who don’t have the skills or education to know right away if something’s fraudulent or not,” he explained.

A number of the most com-

mon such scams reported in the Pointes, as well as ways to prevent them, are:

Pretending to be a grandchild

In this recurring scam, a resident receives a phone call from someone claiming to be a grandchild or the representative of a grandchild such as an attorney or bill collector. The person

claims the child is in immediate need of money for medical expenses, bond from being arrested, etc.

“The thing that all these scammers have in common is they’re extremely convincing,” Alcorn said. “Sometimes they’ll have some information about the family that they can find out

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Colin Moulder-McComb

Home: Grosse Pointe Park
Game designer and virtual reality software developer



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Scholarship awarded

Dr. Mary Sue Stonisch has practiced dentistry at her Faircourt Dental Smile Studio in Grosse Pointe Woods more than 32 years. Passionate about her career, she mentors students weekly who are interested in this profession. As a way of giving back, she presented her first \$500 dental scholarship to recognize a student of senior status pursuing a career in dentistry.

The winning candidate was Steven VanGorp of Richmond. He graduated from Richmond High School with a 4.043 grade-point average and will attend Michigan State University this fall.

VanGorp wants to become a dentist because he is interested in concentrating on oral health, as well as the overall outcome of a person's smile. He also wants to make a difference to others both medically and aesthetically and is looking forward to the ever-changing challenges presented to him by future patients along with new technology and treatments.

Visit faircourtdental.com/scholarship to review the criteria and guidelines on eligibility for next year's entry. Applications will be accepted starting Feb. 1, 2020.

Shajahan receives Women of Impact Award

Asha Shajahan M.D., medical director of Community Health at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, recently was recognized with a Women of Impact Award by the Joyce Ivy Foundation. The award recognizes the achievements of rising female leaders who have demon-

strated professional talent and a commitment to improving their communities. She was honored for improving health disparities and her passion for her many initiatives to help the homeless and vulnerable



Shajahan

populations. The Joyce Ivy Foundation, based in Ann Arbor, is a non-profit organization dedicated to broadening the college aspirations of talented female high school students from the Midwest.



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Store manager Malissa Michajlyszyn and assistant manager Amy Trogu used bolt cutters to cut the chain for the ribbon cutting; the ribbon was woven through the chain. Store staff and Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce staff were present to celebrate.

SCAMS:

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from any online source."

In a recent case in the City, a scammer called and said they were a friend of the person's grandson; he had just been arrested in Canada and needed \$5,000 to get him home. The resident came close to paying when something struck him as unusual. He asked what the grandson's little sister's name was and figured out it was a scam.

"If they're asking for \$5,000 and it only works one out of 20 times, then they're still ahead," Alcorn said.

Virus messages

Pop-up virus messages on computers also are common. The messages implore the computer owner to purchase hundreds of dollars in iTunes gift cards and send the scratch-off information to a number in order to unlock the computer.

"Usually it's an easy fix, or something you can just cross out or check no, then it goes away," Alcorn said. "Every once in a while they'll come up

where they lock up the system, but I haven't seen a lot of those."

The Pointes have had a couple people fall victim and spend hundreds of dollars on gift cards, which is virtually impossible for public safety to track down.

"I think the reason is that technology is changing and it's new, so it's hard to keep up on this stuff and if you're not familiar, if you're not using your computer on a daily basis or even weekly sometimes, that stuff can be scary," Alcorn said.

DTE Energy scams

In these cases, the scammer could send a letter or visit in-person, claiming the resident's power will be shut off if he or she doesn't pay immediately. These schemes can get especially elaborate when the scammers even provide literature, shut-off notices and clone caller ID to say DTE Energy.

Alcorn reported DTE would never show up at a house and state they're shutting off service immediately. They would send warnings first, even if the resident was past

due a month.

DTE also posts on its websites some of the scams it has seen, as well as clarification on what its workers will and won't do.

Social Security and IRS scams

Scammers often will call and say a resident's Social Security benefits are going to be cut off or they owe money to the IRS.

This is a phishing scheme where they're looking to get Social Security information for identity theft purposes, but they'll also take money if they have the opportunity.

According to Alcorn, these governmental entities would not contact anyone and ask for that information over the phone. They already have it.

He added if it's truly them, they will notify the resident in writing with some type of letter that can be verified.

If a resident is concerned, the Social Security Administration can be reached at 1-800-772-1213 to verify.

Magazine sale scam

While there are legitimate companies that sell magazines door-to-door, scammers also target residents for money by saying they're selling magazines for a charity or scholarship fund when no such magazine exists.

They also may use this as a distraction technique where one person will sell a magazine at the front door while a partner sneaks in the back and steals easy-to-find items in the house.

Elderly also can fall victim to letting these people in where they can put items such as jewelry in their pockets when the person isn't looking.

While one of the best ways to prevent falling victim to a scam is being aware of them, another significant way is through protecting one's personal information.

"Very rare would be a circumstance where I think you should release information over the phone," Alcorn said. "Your Social Security number, your date of birth, your driver's license number, all those

Scams affecting various ages

◆ Vacation rentals — A person will advertise a vacation rental home for half what one would be able to find anywhere else as bait and ask them to wire money in advance. It is virtually impossible to track them down again.

◆ Dating sites — Victims have been lured by a scammer using a photo of a celebrity on dating sites and then asking for money once an interaction is going.

◆ Online marketplaces — Common scams on Facebook Marketplace and Craigslist include offering a rare item for cheap but asking for money upfront as a downpayment to hold it and offering to send items for free if the buyer sends money for shipping.

◆ Cheating extortion — Scammers will send letters in the mail to random men, accusing them of cheating and threatening to inform his wife unless they're paid in bitcoins.

◆ Scamming children — Young teenagers may be contacted via social media and offered a chance to model for a magazine if they send photos. They will be prompted to eventually send more suggestive photos before being extorted for money with the threat of releasing such photos to friends and family.

◆ Lottery fraud — A telephone call or postcard will state the victim has won some type of lottery and then ask for money to cover taxes and fees so he or she can get the jackpot.

things should be kept private."

Additionally, he reported scammers often give themselves away by exhibiting a bullying-type behavior. They may talk quickly or be pushy to get something done right away.

The idea of better safe than sorry applies as well.

"If anyone is unsure, they can contact the local police department and we can usually tell them over the phone right away if it's fraudulent or

not, because we're hearing about it more than anybody else," Alcorn said.

If they can't tell over the phone, they'll send an officer to check out the situation, he added.

"Identity theft and all variations of it are the most popular crimes there are right now," Alcorn said. "And until we find better ways to protect ourselves or easier ways to investigate them, they're going to continue."

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Lasting Legacy

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Legacy on the Lake gala June 19, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. This year's event honored Mary Wilson and the late Ralph Wilson. Above, Marlene Boll, left, presented the Legacy award to Mary Wilson.



Clockwise from top left, Ester Truitt and her daughter, Dr. Sandra Robinson, provost of the Mary Ellen Stemple University Center, Wayne County Community College District; Marlene and John Boll celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary the night of Legacy on the Lake; and the children who played orphans in Grosse Pointe Theater's production of "Annie" performed for the crowd.

RECALL:

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"School board members who are named in a recall petition in Michigan should understand that the reasons for recall are not limited to misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance in office," wrote Joel Gerring, Michigan Association of School Boards assistant legal counsel, in his blog, The Basics of Recall. "School board members may be recalled simply based on positions taken or votes cast in the course of fulfilling their official duties."

The petition language reads, "On June 11, 2018, the Board unanimously passed a resolution directing GPPSS officials to propose a plan to address declining student population and reconfigure schools. A Board meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2019, at which time the Board will consider approving a plan proposed by GPPSS officials to close schools. According to an April 11, 2019, article by the Detroit News, the Board President stated the Board is only considering plans that close schools."

Scott Hughes, an attorney from Dykema's Lansing office filling in for the petitioner, Genevieve Tusa of Tusa Law LLC in Grosse Pointe Farms, opened the hearing by citing Article II, Section 8 of the State Constitution limiting the review of recall efforts.

"That language, according to our courts, was intended to preclude judicial or administrative review of the substantive merits of the reasons alleged in a recall petition," Hughes said. "Therefore the inquiry today is a limited one. Under state law, the role of this commission and this hearing is to determine whether each reason for the recall stated in the petition is factual and of sufficient clarity to enable the officer whose recall is sought and the electors to identify the course of conduct that is the basis of the recall."

It was not up to the commission to determine the accuracy or truthfulness of the statement, he added.

Thomas Bruetsch, a partner with the Law Offices of Ottenwess, Taweel & Schenk PLC in Detroit, represented the three board members. He countered Hughes' comments by criticizing the "merits of the petitions themselves, which are littered with factual

and clarity problems."

For example, the petition, filed June 4, referenced a June 10 meeting that had not taken place and made "predictions on how that meeting was going to go and what was going to be voted on."

"We don't have hypotheticals in our recall petitions," Bruetsch said. "The law says that the petition must make a statement of reason based on the act or acts of the individuals who are going to be recalled. They couldn't have taken an act because that meeting hadn't happened yet. ... What's worse, that vote didn't happen at that meeting on June 10."

Bruetsch provided copies of the agenda and minutes to confirm this.

He also took issue with the petition's claim about the resolution the board passed June 11, 2018, directing the administration "to propose a plan to address declining student population and reconfigure schools," according to the petition language.

"Again, the actual resolution — which I have copies of — didn't say that at all," he said.

"And finally, yet very critically, another reason they put in the petition is that the board president allegedly made some statements to the Detroit News about closing schools," Bruetsch continued. "The board president is not here today. None of the members of the board subject to recall are the board president. ... The law says it has to be about the individuals that are subject to the recalls — their actions."

Following the vote, Burton acknowledged a standing-room only crowd.

"I trust by the claps and applause that most of you are supportive of these three," he said.

Three of those supporters spoke, including Jen Evans of Grosse Pointe Park.

"I am shocked and saddened that I'm here today to defend (Abke, Gafa and Profeta) against what I and many others believe to be a blatant attempt at intimidation by a vocal and possibly well-funded minority of Grosse Pointe residents," said Evans.

"These people have spent the better part of their year working in their fiduciary capacity as board members to find solutions for the funding crisis that our district is in through this reconfiguration process," she continued. "They've been open, honest, transparent and tireless in their

efforts to find answers that will work for the greater good of all the students."

Before adjourning the hearing, Burton reminded those present, "This body is not designed in any way, shape or form to make a determination about whether something is true or false, but only whether or not the language that's included in these recall petitions reflects clarity. We talk about rights of citizens to have an opportunity to present petitions for recall. ... Do I happen to agree or disagree with what the petitioner proposed? That's not relevant. But I can tell you this: We've presided over more petitions to recall school board members than any other political body; not just in Grosse Pointe, but any place. Why? Because it's the most thankless political job in America, in my opinion."

Bruetsch said he was pleased with the results.

"The petitions were very poorly done and so I think the commission appropriately rejected them," he said. "They weren't factual, they weren't clear and in at least one case they didn't even deal with the acts of the three people who were here."

Bruetsch said he didn't know if the petitioner would appeal the decision or resubmit recall language.

"I hope they don't. I think that this issue has been divisive enough," he said.

Hughes declined to comment on who was behind the recall, stating only that the petitioner was Genevieve Tusa.

Said Gafa, "I'm just thankful that the commission rejected the petition and for all the community members who came out to support us against the recall."

Recall process

Step 1. Petition language submitted for approval

Not allowed during first or last six months of term

Step 2. Clarity/factual hearing held

Between 10 and 20 days after petition language submitted

Step 3. Appeal of clarity/factual determination *To Circuit Court, within 10 days of clarity/factual hearing determination (no circulation during appeal)*

Step 4. Circuit Court — final determination on appeal

Within 40 days of appeal

Step 5. Recall language valid

Up until 180 days after approval of language

Step 6. Signatures valid

60 days

Step 7. Recall petition filed (signed/circulated petitions)

Officer with 2-year term or less: not allowed during first or last 6 months of term

Officer with greater than 2-year term: not allowed during first or last year of term

Step 8. Determination of petition's sufficiency/insufficiency

35 days from date of filing

Step 9. Recall election

At least 95 days after recall petition filing and held on the next regular May or November election date (whichever occurs first)



The weather held out for the event, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's major fundraiser of the year.

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, JULY 8

◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 90 Kerby.

◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 15115 E. Jefferson.

TUESDAY, JULY 9

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Tree Board meeting, 7:30 a.m. at city hall, 795 Lakeshore.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

◆ Grosse Pointe Park Planning Commission meeting, 6 p.m. at city hall, 15115 E. Jefferson.

THURSDAY, JULY 11

◆ Music on the Plaza, 7 p.m. in The Village, featuring music by The Universal.

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

FRIDAY, JULY 12

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski office hours, 9:30 a.m. at city hall, 795 Lakeshore.

SATURDAY, JULY 13

◆ 67th annual Fishing Rodeo, 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Windmill Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Park.

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4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

Game designer gets real with virtual reality

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

When Colin Moulder-McComb played Dungeons & Dragons as a 10-year-old in Park City, Utah, he had no idea he would one day start a gaming business.

"At around age 15, I discovered people actually made money doing this," he said.

Before graduating from Lake Forest College in Illinois, Moulder-McComb took a long shot and wrote to TSR Inc., the publishers of Dungeons & Dragons.

"To my great surprise, they sent me back a writing test and I wrote up an adventure for them."

To his even greater surprise, he was called in for an interview. He wrote another adventure for them and, while he thought he "totally blew" the opportunity, "They called me back a few weeks later and said, 'When can you start?'"

Moulder-McComb earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy from Lake Forest College.

"Everybody was asking me, what are you going to do with a B.A. in philosophy? Maybe you should practice saying, 'Do you want fries with that?'"

Instead, he began his "dream job right out of college," as a game designer at TSR in Lake Geneva, Wis. For five years, he worked on building adventures and helping develop campaign worlds, or pre-generated settings for games,



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN F. MARTIN PHOTOGRAPHY

Colin Moulder-McComb gave out free dad hugs during the third annual Grosse Pointe Pride March by We GP June 22.

including a D&D campaign setting called Planescape.

His work on Planescape caught the attention of a game developer in California. Moulder-McComb accepted an offer at Interplay Entertainment — later called Black Isle Studios — in Irvine, Calif., where he worked as the creative lead on a number of critically acclaimed games, including Planescape: Torment and Fallout 2.

He also was creative lead for Torment: Tides of Numenara.

Moulder-McComb met his wife, Robin, while at Interplay. She was the bass player for an all-female band called Jack Off Jill. He had been working around-the-clock on Planescape: Torment when the database crashed and his team lost weeks' worth of work.

His boss called and said Moulder-McComb

had to cancel his out-of-town Thanksgiving plans, otherwise, they'd miss their goal of shipping the product in 1999.

"I said fine, OK, my mental health is awful, but whatever. I'll do it for the project," Moulder-McComb recalled.

His boss invited him to his house for Thanksgiving, where Robin was there with her band. They talked for hours.

"I literally knew after a week or two after dating her I was going to marry her," he said. "It was really obvious to both of us."

In 2000, the couple moved to Michigan when Robin, who had left the band and was working as president of a dot-com company, was offered the opportunity to set up a dot-com incubator in the Detroit area. Moulder-McComb left his position at Interplay to join her.

"It was only supposed to be for a year and here we are," he said.

With the dot-com bubble bursting in 2000, the timing was bad and the plan fell through. The couple fell in love with the area, however, and decided to put down roots. After living on Riverplace in Detroit for nine months, they purchased their first house in Grosse Pointe Park and lived there 14 years before moving to their current home in the Park.

"We realized this is a great place to raise kids," Moulder-McComb said.

Their two children, Caroline, 16, and

Lachlan, 13, attend Grosse Pointe South High and Pierce Middle schools, respectively.

In March 2008, the Moulder-McCombs started their own company, 3lb Games. It started as a software service and consulting company and while it continues to provide these services, it has evolved into virtual reality.

"We are building a virtual reality training company and selling it to manufacturers and staffing suppliers so that they can train people or qualify them for use on their tools or machinery or discover if they have the capacity to stay on task for long periods of time," Moulder-McComb said. "We've been demo-ing it to several people in the area and they've been overwhelmingly enthusiastic. It reduces capital equipment outlay; you don't need to have a huge training space; you don't need to have a bunch of expensive machinery; you don't need to worry about your newbie guy crashing into fuel tanks and blowing everything up because you can do everything in VR."

On the side, Moulder-McComb still develops games.

"Games are essential for teaching us how the world works," he said. "... The games we teach ourselves teach us how to interact with other people. That's why we call our company 3lb Games. Your brain weighs three pounds."

While their focus is on entertainment, Moulder-McComb said they try "to sneak in the education" component.

"VR is also really good for physical therapy," he added. "We're working on a climbing game right now. There's a VR boxing game out there that teaches you to duck and dodge. We're trying to make sure these games are a workout as well."

Outside of work, Moulder-McComb is active as vice president of We GP — Welcoming Everyone Grosse Pointe — and helps plan events like the recent Grosse Pointe Pride March, town halls and meet-and-greets with local and state representatives — all focused on "trying to get people involved and raise their voices," he said.

Having spent most of his childhood as a non-Mormon in Utah, Moulder-McComb knew what it felt like to be an outsider and the importance of creating an inclusive community.

"It's weird to grow up as a minority as a white person," he said. "As a non-Mormon in Utah, you are acutely aware of how you don't fit in and how things are stacked in another direction."

That experience, "definitely pointed me towards the inclusion and diversity for everybody," he said. "Feeling on the outside all the time really made me understand the importance of bringing people in."

EXPAND:

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The newly expanded program allows qualifying public safety personnel and teachers who have children, but don't live in the school district, to receive grants of no less than \$200 a month toward rent, mortgage or related home expenses if they relocate within

the Grosse Pointe schools enrollment area. An additional \$200 a month per child would be available for five years or longer, while participants remain in the program.

The foundation's overall goal is to help prevent local school closings.

At the higher education level, the original program drew 150 residents to the Park within

its first nine months after many local college students settled there instead of popular locations like Detroit's Midtown. First established to help strengthen the leasing district in Grosse Pointe Park after the crash of the rental market in 2008, the initiative successfully attracted undergraduate, law school, medical and graduate students. Paying about half the monthly rent at standard costs of units in the Park, the foundation drew new occupants to many dwellings that had been abandoned during local fallout from a nationwide foreclosure crisis.

Former Park City Manager Dale Krajniak, who supports the program's expansion, praised its efforts in the Park, which filled dozens of empty properties.

"I've been here 33

years and I'll tell you that program put the district on steroids," said Krajniak.

Along with reducing vacancies and helping restore surrounding neighborhood property values, the foundation's work generally revitalized life in the community, he said.

"In the evening on the weekends Antonio's restaurant was the only building with its lights on," Krajniak added. "There was virtually no activity in the district."

By marketing its efforts to expand throughout the Pointes the foundation wants to do a similar job of reviving classrooms from decline, said Stines.

"Essentially we're authorized by the IRS in the initial filings to expand the program to folks like teachers and law enforcement officials," he said.

"It's just a matter of

communicating it and publicizing it."

Educators might find the opportunity particularly appealing, Stines said.

"Especially when you're talking about public school teachers, who have salaries of \$35,000 and \$45,000 a year, thousands and thousands of dollars in grants should be attractive to them."

The foundation is hoping to spread awareness to not only applicants, but potential donors who will support the effort. Applications will soon be available at gphousing.com and inquiries may be sent to info@gphousing.com.

Krajniak is optimistic the families of public safety and teachers initiative can replicate its success in the Park: "It really was a home run that they created for us."

Grosse Pointe Memorial presents free carillon concerts

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents its annual Summer Carillon Recital Series on four Tuesday evenings in July.

Recitals are played on the church's refurbished set of 48 tower bells. The concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. and the first program is Tuesday, July 9. Listeners are invited to gather on the front lawn of the church.

A closed-circuit television is provided so the audience can see the performer at the playing clavier in the tower. Tours of the tower and the carillon are available at the conclusion of each 45-minute recital. Programs are offered rain or shine.

The performers for the 2019 series are:

- ◆ July 9 — Bernard Winsemius
- ◆ July 16 — Anna Kasprzycka
- ◆ July 23 — Carlo Van Ulft
- ◆ July 30 — Alex Johnson

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Grosse Pointe Farms

Didn't quite sleep it off

Broken taillights on a vehicle driving eastbound on Mack resulted in a traffic stop at 1:37 a.m. Tuesday, June 25.

The 28-year-old Detroit man had bloodshot eyes and smelled of intoxicants. He indicated he had been drinking earlier, fell asleep for a short time and then went to pick up the passenger.

When asked to select a number between 21 and 19, he said 15 and 18. His blood alcohol content was 0.156 percent and a Secretary of State check showed he had one current suspension and one prior conviction for driving while license suspended.

The man was arrested.

Drinking buddy MIA

Officers were dispatched to the area of Kerby and Grosse Pointe Boulevard after a report of a suspicious vehicle at 3:23 a.m. Tuesday, June 25.

A 68-year-old Detroit man was found sleeping in the passenger seat of the vehicle with no license plate or driver. The man said he had been drinking with his son and woke to

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find him gone and that the vehicle would not start.

An open whiskey bottle was found in the passenger seat. A preliminary breath test showed .099 blood alcohol content. The man was arrested for having an open liquor container in a vehicle.

Caught in the act

Around 5 a.m. Wednesday, June 26, a Farms woman heard the sound of a car door opening and looked out the window to see two men enter a vehicle in front of her driveway and drive off at a high rate of speed.

The unlocked vehicle in her driveway on Stephens had been gone through and the lug nuts taken off the driver side front and rear tires.

Officers spotted the suspect vehicle traveling northbound on Stephens and pursued, but eventually lost sight.

Coffee run larceny

A 60-year-old Windward resident left his house to get coffee at 7:56 a.m. Wednesday, June 26, and when he

returned noticed a package containing his wheel locks at the end of his driveway.

The man then noticed the glovebox in his unlocked vehicle was open and the contents were on the passenger seat. \$18 was taken.

Roadrunner

A 50-year-old Detroit woman was pulled over at Chalfonte and Cook at 7:38 p.m. Wednesday, June 26, after running a stop sign without even slightly applying the breaks.

A Secretary of State check showed one current failure to comply with court judgment suspension and one prior additional suspension on her license, making her driving status ineligible.

The woman was arrested for driving while license suspended.

14 suspensions

At 2:43 a.m. Friday, June 28, an officer observed a vehicle traveling westbound on Mack with no license plate light. Running the plate through LEIN showed

fraudulent application for insurance and that it had expired.

After a traffic stop, the 29-year-old Detroit man was run through LEIN, which showed an expired license and 14 suspensions.

The man was arrested.

— *Laurel Kraus*

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

No new incident reports.

— *Laurel Kraus*

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Assault

A 21-year-old man suffered a minor injury when he and a friend argued following the suspect's partial repayment of a debt Sunday, June 30, in the 1400 block of Brys.

About 11:30 a.m. the 21-year-old spoke with a friend by telephone about repayment of a \$15 debt, but the friend said he had only \$11. After delivering the \$11 to the victim, the suspect and victim argued until a fight broke out between the two.

The suspect fled before police arrived

and the victim was treated for a cut above his eye.

Operating while intoxicated

A 53-year-old man was arrested around 2 p.m. Friday, June 28, at Mack and Vernier, after he was found sleeping in his vehicle on gas station property. The man told police he had consumed alcohol earlier in the day. He failed field sobriety tests, was arrested and his vehicle impounded.

Larceny

The employee of a local landscaping company reported the theft of about \$600 in lawn maintenance equipment at 2:43 p.m. Monday, June 24, at Severn and Bramcaster.

Two suspects reportedly fled in a black, newer model Chevrolet Equinox after witnesses said they removed the equipment from a parked trailer.

— *Eddie B. Allen Jr.*

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Larceny

A \$350 black Trek mountain bike was stolen from the rear of a yard in the 1100 block of Three Mile Drive between 2 and 5 p.m. Monday, June 24. The bike had been left

unlocked.

Property damage

A Tao Tao moped was damaged after it was repeatedly battered with pieces of firewood about 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, in the 1200 block of Yorkshire. Two juveniles were suspected of malicious property damage in connection with the incident.

— *Eddie B. Allen Jr.*

Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety, (313) 882-7400.

City of Grosse Pointe

Underage drinking

Officers were dispatched after a report of a reckless driver in the area of Jefferson and Fisher at 11:38 p.m. Thursday, June 27.

The 17-year-old Farms man was then seen traveling at a high rate of speed and swerving.

At a traffic stop, his eyes were glassy, speech slurred and he smelled of intoxicants.

The man said he had not had anything to drink and refused to take a preliminary breath test.

He was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

— *Laurel Kraus*

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

New logo adopted to highlight The Village

The Grosse Pointe Village Downtown Development Authority recently debuted a new logo and tagline as part of its marketing strategy to position The Village as the central destination for shopping, dining and family entertainment in the Grosse Pointe area.

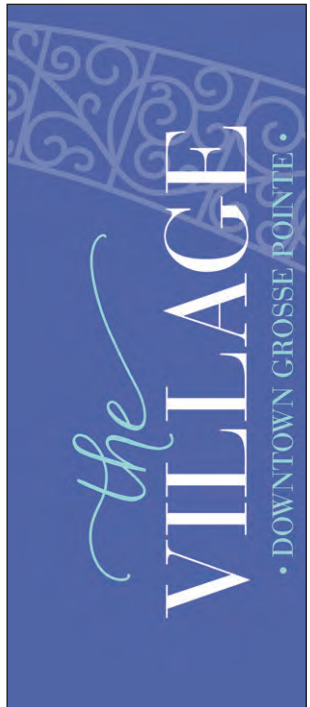
The new Village logo is a blend of tradition, luxury and fun. The goal for the redesign was to convey a sense of the community's tradition with a freshness to reflect the current times.

The logo was designed by Grosse Pointes' Breathe Graphics. The overall simplicity and cleanliness of the logo conveys that The Village is upscale, the serif bodoni text used for "Village" conveys tradition, the brighter blue conveys updated style and the hand-drawn "The" conveys fun and originality.

The extended color scheme enhances the theme. Gray, used with blue, serves to anchor the upscale tradition. Meanwhile, the secondary color palette serves to add enthusiasm and life.

The logo is featured on banners installed May 25 throughout The Village and on its entrance signs. It will be used on marketing collateral and the new website, which debuts later this year. The plan also is to use other advertisements to draw attention and visitors to The Village.

For the first time, The Village also will employ a tagline to underscore the value of the community's largest commercial hub. "The Heart of the Pointes" communicates that The Village is where people gather for fun family events and to celebrate



milestones, meet up with friends and patronize local businesses.

The Village is a tradi-

tional, walkable downtown that serves as the central business district and retail hub of the Grosse Pointes. It offers a mix of national retail chains and locally owned boutique stores. The Village has a range of restaurants, grocery stores, salons and services, but with a history dating back a century.

Community events in The Village are free and designed for families.

"We encourage everyone to check out the heart of the Pointes in The Village, downtown Grosse Pointe," DDA Director and City Manager Peter Dame said. "It's the kind of downtown that draws people to a community and is key to what makes Grosse Pointe special."

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OUR VIEW

The bold experiment

For the scattered folks living in this area on July 4, 1776, news of the Declaration of Independence probably took a long time coming.

They might have heard about the Boston Tea Party in December 1773. Or the start of the Revolutionary War, with the battles of Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775.

And many of them may have been pleased by such news, including of the declaration. The earliest arrivals had been French or French Canadian, but, since 1760, they had been living under the British flag.

If the habitants were prone to political thinking in 1776, they also might have been expressing nostalgia for the summer 75 years earlier — July 24, 1701 — when Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac had landed and set about building Fort Pontchartrain du Detroit for the French.

The early settlement included ribbon farms extending out in parallel from the area around the fort. Initially, the farms had stopped at the great swamp, an area stretching from about where Waterworks Park is today to Bishop Road.

The first settlers of European heritage on the Grosse Pointe side of the swamp were the Trombleys, arriving from French Canada in 1750 to farm, according to the Grosse Pointe Historical Society. The LaForests came then, too, and took up managing the LeDuc windmill on Windmill Pointe.

Other families followed before the French ceded the fort to the British Army just 10 years later, on Nov. 29, 1760, during the French and Indian War. At war's end, in 1763, the British were firmly in command, not only in Detroit, but in all the previously French-held territory east of the Mississippi River.

The change spurred new arrivals to the shoreline community developing along Lake St. Clair. Some were French families — familiar names include the Rivards and the Morans — who had lived near the fort but decided to put more distance between themselves and what had become a British stronghold.

Here, the French families could also continue their ribbon farming tradition.

The long, narrow strips reaching out from the river and lake gave each farm family ready access to water, fish and transportation by boat. The ribbons ran as far back as three miles, providing upland areas for farming and reaching back into forested areas for timber and game. An established Indian pathway, partly along what is now Mack Avenue, became the primary inland thoroughfare.

But by that fateful day in 1776, the era of British control also had delivered non-French settlers to the area — some Scottish, some Irish and, most notably, Alexander Grant, a British naval commander of the Great Lakes. The Forsyths, a family of traders, settled near Grant's house and headquarters at what is now Lakeshore and Moran.

The area saw no notable action during the Revolutionary War, but Great Britain probably did not endear itself to local residents of any heritage as the military requisitioned goods to supply soldiers elsewhere.

And, even though the war ended in 1783 with the Treaty of Paris, it took until July 11, 1796, for the American flag to fly over Detroit.

The heritage of the pre-Declaration years here lives on most visibly in the streets that line up with the ribbon-farm boundaries drawn down to the lake. It's a reminder that what endures through time isn't always predictable.

Predictable or not on July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence has endured, too. Its principles still guide this country; the government it envisions still exists. What the early farmers and traders here couldn't know is what Americans celebrate today: The bold experiment worked. Happy Fourth of July!



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Pure Grosse Pointe

Happy Independence Day to all of our readers!

Meet the STAFF

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

Eddie B. Allen Jr.

STAFF WRITER

◆ **Time at the newspaper:**

One month

◆ **What do you do at the paper?**

I report news and events in Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ **Do you have any hobbies?**

I enjoy studying history and researching Detroit industries and icons.

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

I have written several years for both Pointe Magazine and Detroit River Living (publications of Pointe Media Inc.), since returning to Detroit from Ohio in 1998. I'm originally from Detroit's west side and have the majority of my family here in Michigan.



◆ **Favorite thing about working at the Grosse Pointe News:**

Good people.

LETTERS

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Integrity fleeting

To the Editor:

Many years ago, there used to be something called "conflict of interest." No longer, I'm afraid. ...

At the beginning of the reconfiguration process and after Maire's name was put on the proverbial chopping block for possible closure, rumblings started about whether Dr. (Christopher) Lee, a vocal Board of Education trustee, had a conflict of interest in making any decisions relating to school closings. Administration assured everyone that no teachers would lose their jobs. As a result, no conflict of interest rules were implicated by any potential school closings.

Yet, on June 24, during the very meeting when the decision to close schools was made, a discussion occurred regarding the amount of cost savings associated with the closing of two elementary schools. Administration quite clearly stated during that exchange that cost savings would include "some teachers' savings" which would necessarily result from closing schools.

The BoE president further provided the example of combining multiple classrooms of one grade

into one building could result in four teachers teaching a certain grade level reducing to three teachers teaching the same grade when combined into one building. That specific example is precisely a situation where a teacher could be lost as a result of the reconfiguration. Indeed, the financial savings only makes sense if there are less teachers, because the operational savings are questionable.

The issue here is that Dr. Lee's family member (as defined by the conflict of interest rules) is a teacher at Maire, one of the schools that was up for closure. Having a child in the district is not a conflict of interest, according to the conflict of interest rules. Indeed, the conflict of interest rules specifically say that "having a child in the district does not alone constitute a conflict of interest or a financial interest in a contract or other financial transaction of the school district."

However, the conflict of interest rules state that a presumed conflict of interest exists if "the member of his/her family member ... is an employee of the school district." An individual's employment contract is a public contract within the

meaning of the rules and statute. If the closure of a school would result in any teacher losing his/her job, then that would affect their employment and would be a conflict of interest.

Dr. Lee had no business voting on the issue of school closings. In fact, he recused himself from a vote earlier this year dealing with a benefits issue for teachers. It is not OK for him to vote on an issue where the employment of his family member could be potentially impacted, in direct contravention of the conflict of interest rules. Not only did he vote on the issue, but he actively campaigned on it — when the conflict of interest rules prevent him from even being part of the discussion. He openly discussed his support for proposals and Maire, in more ways than one.

When people ask why the process wasn't trusted, this is just one of the numerous reasons. Conflict of interest rules exist for a reason. They provide confidence that individuals make decisions out of their evaluation of what is right, uninfluenced by outside forces. Conflict of interest rules provide integrity to the process. Even if no actual conflict of interest existed, the mere appearance of a conflict is enough to justify action under these rules.

If Dr. Lee had recused himself voluntarily, or been asked to abstain (not only from the vote but from the entire reconfiguration process), as should have happened, would the result have been the same? Maybe. But we'll never know. That, my friends, is the problem.

PATRICE AREND
Grosse Pointe Park

Support board, administration

To the Editor:

I am writing to support the Grosse Pointe public school board and administration.

My husband and I have lived in Grosse Pointe for 31 years. We have no children, but feel it is necessary to support our schools and be aware of what is going on in our community. We attended the town hall meeting at Barnes School to educate ourselves on the options being considered by the board and administration related to the grade reconfiguration, K-4 and 5-8 and the elementary school closures.

I felt that the board and administration were totally transparent during this entire process.

Yes, it is very difficult to close schools, but the financial reality left them no choice. For those folks who don't believe the numbers or attacked the administration and board for "blindsiding" the community, I say you have a responsibility to educate yourselves on what is happening.

I realize it wasn't a popular decision to close Poupard and Trombly. It saddens me that this happened. You have to put your personal interests aside to accept the decision, which was based on factual data, even if it doesn't agree with your personal needs and desires.

There was a desire among some to delay this decision, not rush to judgment. However, waiting would change nothing, other than people's minds. The facts will not change; numbers don't lie. So delaying would not change a thing.

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I SAY By Bob St. John

Rivalry is fun, but attitude must improve



So far, so good for Addison as she played for the St. Clair Shores Cubs 12U girls fastpitch softball team this summer.

Her head coach, Matt Scuito, and his assistant, Matt Sakalas, have done a wonderful job of teaching the fundamentals, improving their skills and highlighting camaraderie.

Addie just killed it on the field. Her pitching and hitting are getting better and her fielding has been solid. She fields

her position well and knows where to throw the ball when it is hit to her.

It's been a great experience for Addie. It's great to see her enjoy the game and make new friends.

Of course, there are two opposing coaches in the league who do not act appropriately and do not demonstrate sportsmanship on the field. It's disappointing to see this behavior at this age where the girls are learning the game.

This takes me back to watching the high school teams I covered on my beat during the 2018-19 school year.

I've seen a lot of good, sprinkled in with the bad and the ugly. I've seen a basketball official stop a game and warn fans to

cool it or else he would clear the gymnasium and play the remainder of the game without fans, and I've seen opposing fans verbally abuse game officials during a state play-off game.

I've also seen players get out of control during a few sporting events and spew obscenities at their opposition in rival jerseys. Unfortunately, I've also seen a coach walk across the field and scream a profanity at a hall of fame coach.

All in the name of good, clean fun? Not exactly.

Rivalries are supposed to be hard fought and fun. Bragging rights are gained with victories. I don't see anything wrong with students wearing T-shirts with the score of a lopsided football game

printed on the front.

One way to make sure you are not the team being mocked: win the game. People actually think this is unsportsmanlike. That is a joke. Do you think University of Michigan football fans will tell Ohio State fans to take off their T-shirts with the Buckeyes' 62-39 victory printed on the front? I don't think so.

However, I've also seen great sportsmanship between North and South players and coaches during most of the games I covered between the two schools. The few rotten apples shouldn't take away from the fun on the field. This great display of sportsmanship should be applauded.

In the fall in varsity sports, North had the

upper hand over South in cross country, while South beat its rival in football, volleyball, boys soccer, field hockey, girls golf, boys tennis and girls swimming.

North evened things out in the winter, winning on the basketball court in both girls and boys, plus the wrestling teams each earned a win over each other.

South boys and girls hockey beat North and the boys swim team defeated the Norsemen.

This spring, North won two of three over South on the baseball diamond and the Norsemen's softball team swept two from the Blue Devils. It was all North on the soccer field, winning the three games.

The South boys golf team beat North on the

course each of the four rounds and the girls tennis squad beat the Norsemen. It was even on the track between North and South, while on the lacrosse field South had the upper hand against North in boys and girls.

There were plenty of positives from those contests to build on and use as examples of how these student-athletes, as well as coaches and parents, are supposed to act at sporting events.

Hopefully everyone gets back on track during the 2019-20 school year and they sit back and enjoy the athletic competitions. Rivalries are fun, so let's keep it that way.

As for Addie, go Cubs and keep the mojo going strong.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1944

75 years ago this week

◆ **TIP PROVES DISAPPOINTING TO POLICEMEN:** A woman living on Grand Marais was scandalized by what her vision told her were young people disrobing in their automobiles down on the lakefront preparatory to taking a dip in the lake.

The scandal squad of the Park police department hastened down and found two young ladies who had driven up in their car all properly and abundantly dressed. Under their dresses they wore their bathing suits so that no time would be lost on arriving at the watering place.

The mere flirt of the outer garment over their heads was the disturbing sight which the lady with the binoculars had seen.

The squad returned to quarters in a melancholy mood.

1969

50 years ago this week

◆ **VANDALS SMASH 21 WINDOWS AT THREE SCHOOLS IN WOODS:** Woods police have no clues to the identity of vandals who broke a number of windows at three schools in the city. While on routine patrol, Cpl. Peter Thomas discovered five windows broken at Barnes School and 15 at Monteith School.

Additionally, the maintenance man at Our Lady Star of the Sea School called authorities to report that an unknown person, or persons, had broken a 4-by-5-foot plate glass window at the school.

Rocks and firecrackers were believed to have caused the damage.

◆ **STATE CUTS SCHOOL AID FOR 1969-70:** With Gov. Milliken's approval of Senate Bill 101, officials of the Grosse Pointe Public School System have calculated they will receive \$141.81 per pupil for 1969-70, compared to \$144.19 for 1968-69, a decrease of \$2.38 per pupil.

"This situation underlines dramatically one fact that we have been attempting to get across

to the people of this community for a long time: with our level of State Equalized Valuation, we can no longer look to the state to help us finance public education in Grosse Pointe," Mrs. Joseph P. Thompson, secretary of the board of education, said.

Obituaries: Oscar P. Beauvais, Mother Helen Bourke, Edward A. Cucchi, Elaine Dossin, Howard H. Garman, Carl F. Gartz, Lillian Hebinge, John L. Hunt, Frances Olejniczak, Katharine Cansant Spalding, Emma A. Strek, Louise N. Tade, Mary T. Zeising

1994

25 years ago this week

◆ **SHORES OKS NEW CABLE PACT:** Sometime late this year or early next year, Grosse Pointe Shores residents won't be able to complain that there's nothing on television.

The quality of programming may not change, but the quantity will.

The Shores will have 80 channels from which to choose and the village will have the ability to determine which channels to carry on its cable system.

The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores Council capped nearly three years of negotiations by unanimously approving a new 15-year agreement with Comcast Cable Investors Inc.

◆ **GROSSE POINTE FARMS PIER CLOSES BEACH BECAUSE OF BACTERIA:** Grosse Pointe Farms residents can take little comfort in the news that the E coli bacteria problems that have shut down several beaches in Macomb County will not come to Grosse Pointe.

Water around the Grosse Pointe lake front is tested weekly. While last week's results were within safety limits, in contrast to what Macomb County officials have found regularly, this week's results indicated higher than normal bacteria count in one of three samples so the beach was closed down just to be safe.

Obituaries: Delmer L. Buttrey, Fred J. Grosse, Dorothy Miller

2009

10 years ago this week

◆ **OFFICER SAVES LIFE OF 8-YEAR-OLD:** Officer Joe Adams finished an 18-hour shift Monday, June 22, saved the life of an 8-year-old girl, went home and was back on the job six hours later.

Adams, of the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department, responded to a mother's call about a child choking in the 500 block of Neff. The mother had used the Heimlich maneuver to no avail.

Adams proceeded with the Heimlich maneuver. After about eight to 10 times into it, it finally

freed a piece of meat about the size of an Oreo cookie from the girl's throat.

◆ **ST. JAMES REDUCES EXPANSION:** Economic conditions have forced members of St. James Lutheran Church to scale back hopes for a brand new addition.

Instead, a two-story wing of the church on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms that was to be razed and replaced, will now be renovated and reused.

Obituaries: Dorothy E. Clute, Jo Dan Hartingh II, Kenneth Lair Gould, Frank Sanders Smith, The Rev. Stephen Kyne Fraser-Soots, William R. Urbancic M.D.

— Karen Fontanive

LETTERS:

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We elect our board members and place our trust in their judgment to protect our schools and keep our children safe. We need to respect their role and support them.

I was appalled at some of the rude and nasty comments directed to our board and administration at the June 24 meeting and congratulate them on their professionalism and integrity as they sat there and listened to these attacks!

I am also very pleased that the board has reached out to the Michigan Department of Civil Rights to assist with the transition and other issues related to the latest decisions.

It is my hope that the community can come together and embrace this

unpopular decision and move forward to support the board and administration during the transition process.

JUDY FLORIAN
Grosse Pointe Park

Thanks from Days for Girls

To the Editor:

We deeply apologize for not publicly thanking our dedicated partners at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Their amazing quilting group has partnered with Days for Girls GPF for over a year and have provided us with several hundred beautifully sewn components. We owe our gratitude to their leader Liz Jenzen. Thank you ladies and we hope this partnership continues for many years.

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TEACHERS IN THE SUMMERTIME

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

Summertime ... and the learning is easy

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

A group of women gathered on the porch near the dock at Pier Park to catch up, enjoy light snacks and discuss their most recent book selection.

It could be any book club on a summer evening in Grosse Pointe Farms. But this group was made up of Defer Elementary School teachers who carved time out of the summer to learn together about how to increase innovation in their classrooms, encourage critical thinking and inspire creativity among their students.

This is the second summer Defer teachers formed a summer book study group. Last year they read "The Wild Card: 7 Steps to an Educator's Breakthrough" by Hope and Wade King.

This year's selection is "The Innovator's Mindset: Empower Learning, Unleash Talent, and Lead a Culture of Creativity" by George Couros. The first of three meetings took place Wednesday evening, June 26, and the teachers shared insights about the first two chapters.

New this year is direct communication with the author. After the book was selected by popular vote, kindergarten teacher Nicole Filiccia contacted Couros, whom she had seen present at the Galileo Institute for Teacher Leadership in the fall, on Twitter, offer-



PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Defer Elementary School teachers held their first of three book study sessions at Pier Park less than two weeks after school let out. Pictured, back from left, are Carrie Morris, Tina Justice, Stephanie Dye, Trisha Gout and Janette High; and, front row, Courtney Dykstra, Nicole Filiccia, Jane Nugent, Melissa Krotche, Kari Mannino, Jenn Richards, Lisa Rheume, Shelley Denison and Chris Bergeron.

ing to include him in their summer book study using hashtags.

Couros, in turn, sent the group a welcome video.

"I'm truly honored that anybody would take the time to read my book, but it also doesn't surprise me that you as a group of educators are doing things to better yourself because that's what great educators always do," Couros said. "I really hope you get something out of the book. I am really looking forward to hopefully hearing from you. I'd love to hear your thoughts."

"This is meant to be the beginning of a conversation and not the end of it," he added. "I hope that I can have the opportunity to learn from you through the process as well."

He encouraged them to tweet their questions and to "take time for yourself this summer. Enjoy life. Get some relaxation. I know as a teacher how hard it is to teach and how much energy you give."

Filiccia said teachers have tweeted comments and questions to Couros directly or included him in general comments

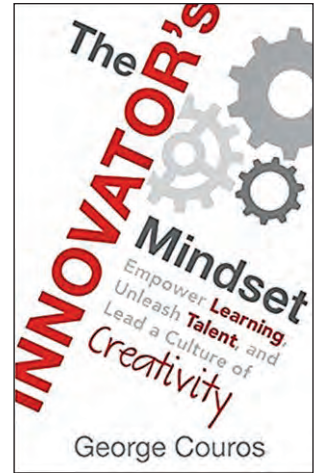
using the #gpinnovators hashtag, encouraging other educators from Grosse Pointe who are reading the book, such as Kerby Elementary School teachers, to join the conversation as well.

"I think he's just very inspiring," Filiccia said. "He has a really good way of encouraging teachers to take more risks. Stop following the general formula of: This is the way the school day should look. Not every school day should look the same. Not every classroom should look the same. Everybody should be welcome to

bright, fresh new ideas."

Couros focuses on starting the school year building a relationship with students "so they trust you, they believe in you, they know that you're willing to take those risks with them," Filiccia added.

It helps when the school principal encourages and supports those risks. Principal Lisa Rheume, Filiccia said, is "always right next to you when you're at that front line. She will support you. ... She's that 'Yes. Try it.' If she thinks there's something that might be concerning,



Defer teachers tweet comments to the author of "The Innovator's Mindset" as part of this summer's book study.

she's not going to tell you no. But she's there to support your risk.

"We've been really blessed with the new, different viewpoints in our building," Filiccia continued. "And we'll experience change again next year and we'll embrace it."

Rheume said the book study helps teachers relax, debrief and reflect on the school year.

"When we did this last year with 'The Wild Card,' it helped start the year to have these conversations and to continue the conversation about how we feel about teaching and learning. It's a springboard conversation," she said.

"I'm always amazed by our conversations and what we do every day for kids. It's exciting to me. Connecting and learning together."

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Above, Avery Girven and Clare Murphy practice CPR. Left, for a demonstration during which someone was injured on the water slide, Kara Thompson portrayed the victim while Annika Helenberger, Ava Boileau and Joey Tringali got her out of the pool and waited for the ambulance to arrive.

Teaming up to save lives

Annual in-service bridges Woods lifeguards, St. Clair Shores first responders

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park is in a unique position.

While the park is owned by Grosse Pointe Woods, it is located in St. Clair Shores. As such, it's under the jurisdiction of St. Clair Shores first responders should a situation arise.

To make training seamless for Lake Front Park lifeguards and the emergency medical technicians coming to the scene of an emergency, Recreation Supervisor Nicole Gerhart offers an annual in-service featuring both parties. This year, training took place Friday, June 21.

"We invite St. Clair Shores every year to

come out," Gerhart said. "We have 90 lifeguards on our aquatic team. A lot of them are new guards. A lot of them are in high school. We teach them how to prepare in advance — what we call preventative lifeguarding.

"With that, it's about enforcing rules," she continued. "I always tell them if there's a rule, there's a reason."

During this year's training, three scenarios were presented — a choking victim in the baby pool, a heart attack victim in the lap lane and a head/neck/back injury on the water slide. Through the drills, lifeguards and first responders practice their responses.

"In a perfect world, we

would know what time an emergency was going to happen," Gerhart said. "When an emergency happens, as humans, the body goes into fight or flight. We want our guards to go into fight mode and be prepared. By showing them the whole scenario, they know what to expect."

The in-service is one of several training sessions for lifeguards at Lake Front. Training is offered weekly, Gerhart said, and everyone is required to participate for one hour each week while the pool is closed.

"For this training, the lifeguards decided what scenarios they wanted to run through," Gerhart said. "The schedule for this in-service includes CPR, a deepwater backboard, first aid and heat exhaustion. We go through scenarios of what can happen; there's a lot of quizzing. ... We expect their everyday skills to be up to stan-

dards." At Lake Front, when a situation occurs, a lifeguard signals to other staff and supervisors that something is happening. An airhorn is sounded and the team jumps into action. Steps then are taken to preserve the privacy of the victim and their loved ones.

"If we do have to close the pool, we ask them to leave the area for privacy and respect for the patron," Gerhart said. "We tell them, 'If this was your loved one, we'd want to show you the same privacy and respect.' We would not want someone to find out about the event on social media. If something happens and patrons have to walk around the area, lifeguards create a barrier.

"After an EMS scenario, lifeguards team together for debriefing," she added. "Each lifeguard who worked during the scenario — if they were a first responder, if they moved some deck furniture for EMS to get through, if they directed patrons to the exit — each of them fills out an incident report. After the debriefing, we decide if it's safe to open the pool

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Kurt Grover, EMS coordinator with the St. Clair Shores Fire Department, talks with the lifeguards about safety and response.

Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe starts new year at new home

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

After nearly 70 years of meeting weekly at The War Memorial, the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe will kick off its new year, beginning July 1, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

"The move was for financial reasons," incoming club president Judy Masserang said. "We were losing money at every meeting. The financial concern caused members of the board to look into other venues. The yacht club came up with the best financial offer for us.

"It was a difficult decision," she continued, "but the parting is amicable. There's a sadness to the move, too. We've got-

ten to know people there. We'll miss the staff. The War Memorial has worked hard to accommodate our financial needs over the years. They've been a wonderful partner."

New home

This marks the fourth home for the Grosse Pointe club since its founding in 1937. Initially, the group met at the old Neighborhood Club building, until 1940, when it began meeting at the Whittier Hotel. It stayed there 10 years, before moving to The War Memorial in 1950.

For decades, the group met Mondays for lunch and a speaker. In 2016, it moved its meetings to Wednesday evenings and saw an uptick in mem-

bership. Despite the change in venue, the group will continue to meet Wednesdays — at 5:30 p.m. for social time, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar; then from 6 to 7 p.m. for the regular meeting.

Masserang said she hopes the move helps energize the club, which signed a one-year lease with the yacht club.

The move comes with a cost savings, Masserang said, though there will be a one-time cost to move locations. Rotary also is bringing in its own audiovisual equipment rather than renting.

The yacht club plans to accommodate Rotary by allowing meetings to continue even when the club is closed for a month during winter.

"We'll still meet there," Masserang said, noting members will bring their own food as the kitchen will be closed.

Regular meetings will take place in the fo'c'sle, or forecastle, a meeting room near the yacht club's lower-level bowling alley. Of Grosse Pointe Rotary's 77 members, an average of 35 to 40 attend each week.

New leadership

Along with the club's new venue, Rotary also welcomes Masserang as its new president. On June 26, she accepted the gavel from outgoing president, Gary Niehaus.

In the club's more than 80-year history, Masserang is just its fifth female president.

"I'm still formulating

goals," she said. "I'd like to do more about continuing the many things Gary Niehaus started and enhancing them. One of my main focuses is making sure we have host families lined up for exchange students for '20-21."

It's nothing new for Rotary to host foreign exchange students, though the club has taken a couple years off from doing so. In years past, at least one and sometimes two exchange students have been hosted by members.

"Rotary members who host exchange students, they're not in this alone," Masserang said. "The last exchange student we had moved a couple times to different host families. And many people in the

club took him to dinner, took him on trips, had him for weekends. It's really a club effort to make the experience for the exchange student the best it possibly can be. It's like having 75 parents. It's very rewarding for everybody."

Another of Masserang's goals is making the Rotary name more prominent in the community. Since joining the club three years ago, Masserang said anytime she mentions Rotary to friends or neighbors, they ask her what it is.

"We're trying to get ourselves with a forward face out in the public, so when people hear the name Rotary they're not so puzzled," she said.

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Kiwanis makes comeback in Grosse Pointe

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Hoping to make a difference in the lives of children throughout the community and beyond, a Kiwanis Club has sprouted in the Grosse Pointes and new members are welcome.

Following a May blitz led by members of Kiwanis International, 15 interested philanthropists became charter members of the Kiwanis Club of Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

"A number of people came in from around the country to open up several different clubs," said Marian O'Higgins, immediate past governor of the Michigan District of Kiwanis. "When they left, it was up to people in Michigan to follow through collecting applications and dues."

As such, O'Higgins is the club opener for Grosse Pointe, as well as a member of the Detroit No. 1 Kiwanis Club — the first Kiwanis club in the world, chartered in 1915. The Sterling Heights resident joined the Grosse Pointe club as well. She joins President Deborah Renshaw and board member Alan Lowenthal, among other new members.

Kiwanis isn't new to

Grosse Pointe, but there hasn't been one in the community for some time.

"About 10 or 12 years ago, it ended," Lowenthal said, explaining aging members retired to warmer climes. "Now we have new blood. Deborah and I sure aren't moving anytime soon."

The new club is still in its organizational stages, but has high hopes of making an impact on the community.

"I used to do a lot more philanthropic work, a lot more pro bono work, especially when I lived in Atlanta," Lowenthal said. "I missed it. I saw this as a great opportunity to reignite something in Grosse Pointe that I think is not only needed, but could be valuable to the community."

Renshaw said joining Kiwanis appealed to her because she has a soft spot for children.

"Anything that has to do with kids, I'm all about," she said.

Currently, the club doesn't have a specific project in mind, but Lowenthal has an idea of how to select one.

"Something that would be helpful — although each of us has in the back of our minds what we think children in Grosse

Pointe might need — is to listen," he said. "What's going on with children in our community? I have a 15-year-old daughter, but that's just a narrow slice of what kids are dealing with in the community."

He said he'd like to speak with leaders in local government, police and schools.

"These are people who are touching children of Grosse Pointe every day," he said. "I want to hear from them what they think the needs are of Grosse Pointe kids. It's certainly not a homogeneous need. ... It's likely we're going to find out needs I never knew existed."

Added Renshaw, "We live in a very affluent area; these kids have had an easy life. I'd like to expose them to some of the kids in Detroit, so they can appreciate all they've got here. And also do something for those less fortunate than them."

Lowenthal said he hopes the club provides tangible benefits to different children in the community.

"We have a reputation that's somewhat undeserved that we're just another affluent community," he said. "That's a misnomer, I think. From an income and educa-

tional attainment standpoint, we have a record we should be proud of, but there are elements that are not doing well in one way or another. Maybe a family is affluent, but their kid has issues with drugs. Regardless of background or income, there are kids in the community that have needs."

Helping kids is a long-time goal of Kiwanis, though not its original mission.

"Kiwanis was started by a group of businessmen in downtown Detroit as a networking group," O'Higgins said. "After a year or so, they decided they needed to do more than that — provide service to the community. That's what our mission is: 'Serve the community, one child and one family at a time.'"

"What makes us unique from other service clubs is we're not just for adults, but for all ages," she continued. "We have K-Kids at the elementary level, Builders Club in junior high or middle schools ... Key Club in high schools, Circle K in colleges and universities and Aktion Club, which is for special-needs adults. All of these are in addition to our main club of Kiwanis. We help and work with every-

body, not just one group of people."

A Key Club already exists at Grosse Pointe South High School, Renshaw said, and the new club hopes to start one at Grosse Pointe North High School, too.

As for a service project, O'Higgins said it's up to the club to find something that suits them. The signature project of the Detroit No. 1 Kiwanis Club, for example, is Books for Kids.

"There are very few homes in Detroit that have books," she said. "We give out 100,000 free books each year."

"We try to work with the club to get feelers from the community what the services are that are needed there," she continued. "It's what they want to do for the community."

O'Higgins is confident whatever project the Grosse Pointe club chooses, it will be effective. It's the nature of the club and its members.

"We're a global organization that's in over 80 countries around the world," O'Higgins said. "We're always trying to help out anybody and everybody that we can. ... Everybody I know in Kiwanis has passion. The more you give, the more

you get back.

"Alan and Debra, they're going to help take our club into magnificent directions," she continued.

Those interested in joining the club don't have to live in Grosse Pointe.

"Anyone who wants to get involved in helping kids and being around other good people" is welcome to join Kiwanis, Lowenthal said.

Annual dues are \$125. Former Key Club members can join Kiwanis without paying dues the first year.

The Grosse Pointe club has met twice. Meetings take place at 6 p.m. the first and third Mondays of each month. The group still seeks a permanent home, but Renshaw said she hopes to start meeting at the Neighborhood Club.

"We also welcome any charity that wants to talk to us about anything related to children," Renshaw said.

For more information or to become a member, contact Renshaw at drenshaw1@yahoo.com or (586) 940-3744 or O'Higgins at marian.o@sbcglobal.net or (586) 801-6706, or visit facebook.com/GrossePointeMIKiwanis.

BNI

The Business Network International Pipeline Chapter meets at 7 a.m. Friday, July 5, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

The Business Network International East Side-Launchpad Chapter meets at 7 a.m. Wednesday, July 10, at St. Michael's Episcopal

Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Beth at (313) 690-5723.

Blood drive

The American Red

Cross hosts the following blood drives:

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

◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, July 8, Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, Gilda's Club Lake House, 23500 Pare, St. Clair Shores.

Register online at redcrossblood.org.

Woods Community Center

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza, offers a trip to Plymouth for Art in the Park on Friday, July 12. The event features more than 400 artists offering paintings, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, fiber, glass, woodworking, photography, folk art and more. Cost is \$9 for Woods residents, \$11 for non-residents, and includes bus transportation. Registration at the community center is required by Friday, July 5.

Libraries

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following programs at its branches:

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

◆ Tween Art Lab — Space Craft, 2 p.m. Saturday, July 6, for ages 11 to 13.

◆ Drop-In Crafts for Kids, 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 9.

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

◆ Nerf Wars with Joel Tacey, 10 a.m. Monday, July 8.

Woods — 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods,

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◆ "It's all Fun and Games," 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays throughout July.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets at 7 p.m. Monday, July 8, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 9, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

100 Women

The next meeting of 100 Women Who Care begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, at WaterMark Bar and Grill, 24420 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. For more information, visit 100womenwhocare-grossepointe.org.

The Helm

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers the following programs:

◆ Free blood pressure screenings, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, July 9.

◆ AARP Driver Safety Program, 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, and Thursday, July 11. Cost is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members.

◆ Guided Meditation, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, July 9 to 30, and 1 to 2 p.m. Thursdays, July 11 to Aug. 1, with facilitator Jonathan Itchon. Cost is \$24 for members, \$32 for non-members.

◆ Body Alignment 101, 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, July 10 to Aug. 28. Cost is \$48 for members, \$64 for non-members.

◆ Mah Jongg lessons, 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays, July 10 to 24. Cost is \$12 for members, \$20 for non-members. The Helm's Mah Jongg Club also meets 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursdays, starting July 11.

Registration is required for all of these programs. Call (313) 882-9600.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. A representative from Detroit Abloom speaks. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

GPAА

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association hosts the following classes and exhibits at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms:

◆ "Basic Drawing with Pat Duff," 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, July 10 to 31.

◆ "Watercolors: Painting Flowers with Cathy Huntoon," 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, July 11 and 18.

PFLAG

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 11, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. For information, email pflaggp@gmail.com.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Eastside meets at 7 p.m. Monday, July 15, at Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

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The Encore Years: Patricia Lay-Dorsey

By Amy Fortune
Special Writer

Patricia Lay-Dorsey is a local celebrity who is known internationally. Her photography has been shown in China and graced the pages of Italian Vogue and other well-known publications. She also has been the subject of a Vice video entitled, "They Call Me Grandma Techno." Embraced by the art and music community, her fan base is loyal and multi-generational.



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Patricia Lay-Dorsey, aka Grandma Techno, at the Movement Electronic Music Festival.

Yet, Lay-Dorsey maintains a quiet humility about it all. She simply loves people and music and life. Her eyes sparkle when she talks about music, music festivals and dancing, and her enthusiasm is contagious. Speaking to her about her passions, one quickly forgets she is unable to walk. She was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1988, yet this physically debilitating disease has done nothing to dampen her vibrant spirit. Instead, her sensibility and self-awareness have allowed her to explore and embrace her sensibility, and her unique perspective on the subject is presented fearlessly in a collection of self-portraits entitled "Falling into Place," which was published as a book in 2013.

"These portraits forced me to see myself as I truly am — a woman with a disability — and this was painful," she said. "But it helped me to accept my new reality."

Lay-Dorsey was not always Grandma Techno. In fact, while earning a master's degree in social work, she started her professional life as a young woman with a field placement at the Lafayette Clinic in Detroit from 1965 to 1966. Then, in 1966, at a dinner party, she met the man who is now her husband of 52 years, Dr. Edward Dorsey.

As a Christmas gift in 1974, Dr. Dorsey presented his wife with a drafting table and collection of watercolor paints in tubes, prompting her to sign up for art classes. "Ed thought that this type of watercolor was new, but it had been around for a while," she recalled with a chuckle.

Lay-Dorsey loved painting abstract works, but wanted to learn drawing techniques, so she enrolled in the Center for Creative Studies. After completing her studies, she immersed herself in the Detroit art world through exhibitions of her multimedia and performance art. She also combined her artistic inclinations with her talent for words and began writing artist reviews for a variety of publications.

Eventually, Lay-Dorsey expanded her interests and activities to paid and non-paid social work-related jobs in and around Detroit. In Grosse Pointe, she taught art classes and creative workshops at The War Memorial.

Known affectionately as "Dr. and Mrs. D." the couple has, through the years, maintained a close relationship with the children of Grosse Pointe. For many years, they hosted a Christmas party for neighborhood children, entertaining and providing gifts for as many as 94 youngsters.

In 2000, Lay-Dorsey was at the forefront of blogging with her "Daily Online Journal." By then, she also was living in San Francisco for three to six months every year and slowly losing her faith in words. By 2006, she fully turned her attention toward digital photography, purchasing a Canon Rebel camera and never looking back. "I found that I could express myself more reliably through pictures," she said, "and I started taking pictures of everything — scenes from everyday life."

However, 2005 was the fateful year that led to the birth of the now-beloved Grandma Techno. That was the year Lay-Dorsey decided to attend the Detroit Electronic Music Festival. She fell in love immediately — with the music, the people, the

vibes — with everything. "The music was the loudest thing I had ever heard," she said. "I had to purchase earplugs from a hotel gift shop. But I loved every minute of it."

Quickly accepted and embraced by the techno community, Grandma Techno was destined to emerge and participate in the event — now named Movement Electronic Music Festival, or simply "Movement" — every year since.

In 2007, a fellow Movement attendee strongly suggested the crowd should allow "Grandma Techno" to get through with her mobility scooter and the name quickly became legendary. Now, Movement fans love to have their pictures taken by and with her. They dance with her, give her handmade "kandi" bracelets as tokens of their friendship and make sure she can make it to the front to take her place at the center of the action.

Lay-Dorsey's perspective on Grandma Techno is thoughtful.

"Grandma Techno does not represent every side of my personality, but she is an important part of who I am," she said. "She is my fun side, my wild side."

Those who want to view the colorful world of Movement through

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE HELM

John and Marlene Boll.

Celebrating 90

The Helm at the Boll Life Center feted its namesake, John Boll, with a 90th birthday celebration luncheon Thursday, June 20.

John, his wife, Marlene, family members and Helm members enjoyed lunch made by Chef Brian Brenner and his staff and sponsored by The Rivers.

The Helm presented John Boll with a framed front page of the June 20, 1929, issue of the Detroit Free Press. The Bolls, who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary the day before, expressed their thanks for the luncheon and shared a few stories from their life together.

During the lunch, the Bolls also celebrated Helm regular Jean Gilbert on her 101st



The Bolls with a framed front page of the June 20, 1929, issue of the Detroit Free Press.

birthday, which was June 1.

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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.

Lois Novelle Chasteen

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Lois Novelle Chasteen passed away Friday, June 14, 2019, at her home with her family by her side. She was 106.

Lois was born May 7, 1913, in Fremont, Ohio, the daughter of Claude and Mary Keefer. As a young child she moved with her parents to Detroit. She graduated from Eastern High School. Lois met Dwight Chasteen and they married Nov. 24, 1934, in Detroit. They moved to Grosse Pointe Woods in 1939 and enjoyed 70 years of marital happiness until Dwight's death June 6, 2005.

Lois enjoyed cooking for the holidays, gathering with her family and discussing politics and current events until shortly before her passing. She liked to bowl and golf. Lois was a 70-year member of Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church.

Lois was the beloved wife of Dwight; dear mother of Marilyn Husband (Tom), William (Marion) and John (Patricia); loving grandmother of six; great-grandmother of 12 and great-great-grandmother of two.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 7, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Nancy Ann Lepley

Nancy Ann Lepley passed away peacefully Saturday, June 29, 2019, surrounded by family.

Born Oct. 10, 1929, in Akron, Ohio, to Anna and John Hendershott, Nancy graduated in 1947 from high school in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. She graduated from Flora Stone Mather College and The Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing in 1952. It was during this time at nursing school she met medical student Frederick J. Lepley, whom she eventually married.

Nancy was a longtime member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, where she served as both a deacon and elder. She also was a 50-year member of the Cottage Hospital Auxiliary. Nancy enjoyed spending many good times at the family cottage in Harbor Springs.

Nancy is survived by her children, Anne Wilkins (Matthew), Susan Hinger (Daniel), Frederick Lepley Jr. (Deborah) and Jeffrey Lepley; grandchildren, Matthew and Scott Hinger, Thomas, Jeffrey and Jack Lepley, Julia and Grace Wilkins, Amy Shafer (John) and David Gerrow (Amy) and five great-grandchildren.

Nancy was predeceased by her husband of 56 years, Frederick; parents and sister, Charlene.

A memorial service was held July 3 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Zari Pourmarz

Zari Pourmarz, 94, passed away Saturday, June 29, 2019.

She will be lovingly remembered by her daughters, Mahdokht Rabbani and Parichehr Vakili. Her memory will be cherished by her grandchildren, Bobak and Behzad Rabbani and Reza and Roya Vakili. Her legacy will live in her great-grandchildren, Zachary and Jacob Rabbani and Andre and Isabella Kashy.

A funeral service was held July 3.

Share a memory at santeiufuneralhome.com.

Katherine Norman Anslow

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Katherine N. Anslow passed away peacefully in her sleep at home Sunday, June 16, 2019.

Born in Detroit to O. Arnold and Leona (nee Carbeck) Norman, Kathie was raised in Huntington Woods, where she attended Berkley High School. At the University of Michigan, she edited The Ensian yearbook, joined the Chi Omega sorority and became a member of Phi Beta Kappa. After graduating with a degree in music, Kathie went to work for the Detroit Free Press, rising to the position of society editor.

She married Dr. Richard D. Anslow in 1962 and moved to Grosse Pointe Farms, where they raised two daughters.

Starting in 1977, Kathie worked for First Federal Savings of Michigan (later Charter One) as assistant vice president and public relations officer, and later assistant vice president for branch operations. After her retirement, she was a communications and public relations consultant. She edited Moorings for the Grosse Pointe Historical Society and was a writer and copy editor for The Record, a publication of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan.

She was an active member of Christ Church Grosse Pointe, serving on numerous committees and employed for three years as its communications director.

Kathie was a member of Ibex, serving as its president in 2005-06. She was in The Wednesday Morning Music Club, frequently performing on the piano or acting as an accompanist for others. She particularly enjoyed playing music with her two granddaughters.

Kathie is survived by her daughters, Susan Williams (Eric) and Lynn Anslow and granddaughters, Margaret and Emily

Williams.

A funeral service will be Friday, Aug. 2, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the University of Michigan — indicate Knight-Wallace Fellowships for Journalists on the memo line — and mail to Wallace House, University of Michigan, 620 Oxford Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, Attn: Melissa Riley, or Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Anne Wrigley Molesky

Anne Wrigley Molesky of Boynton Beach, Fla., formerly of Southfield and Grosse Pointe, passed away Wednesday, April 24, 2019. She was 77.

Anne was born Feb. 23, 1942, in Detroit, to Leslie and Olga (nee Erickson) Wrigley. She grew up in Indian Village and graduated from The Liggett School in 1960 before earning a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1965 from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Fla., where she was a Delta Gamma. Anne remained enthusiastically dedicated to her alma maters and fraternity through lifelong alumni group participation. Also passionate about her family history, she was a member of the Jenny Lind Club and the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Anne had a wonderfully fun and social personality and enjoyed meeting new people. She



Lois Novelle Chasteen



Nancy Ann Lepley



Zari Pourmarz



Katherine N. Anslow



Anne Wrigley Molesky



Michael McKenzie D.O.

cherished her family and friends, had a genuine interest in the well-being of those she cared for and was a faithful card and letter writer. She loved traveling, skiing, watching college football and being in the sunshine and could often be found sunning herself poolside.

Anne is survived by her beloved husband of 29 years, Thomas; stepsons, Jonathan and Mark Molesky; sister, Alice Baetz (Andrew); brother, Leslie Wrigley Jr. (Robin); nieces, Cheryl Pennings (Mark) and Michelle Kunzler (Michael); nephew, Christopher Baetz and cousins, Rebecca Ebershoff (David) and Charles Rutherford (Anne).

Anne was predeceased by her loving parents.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. Saturday, July 20, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 2326 Woodward, Detroit, followed by a 10 a.m. Requiem Communion Service. Interment will be in the church's columbarium immediately following the service.

Michael McKenzie D.O.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Michael McKenzie D.O., 74, passed away Friday, June 28, 2019.

He was the beloved husband of Katy, nee Heenan; dear father of Kelly Woolums (Chad), Molly Dunlap (Todd), Michael McKenzie (Rachel) and Ryan McKenzie (Martha); cherished "Pops" of Cassidy, Evan and Andrew Woolums, Ben, Jake and Cole Dunlap, Dottie, Tilly and Henry McKenzie and Everett, Annie and Conor McKenzie; brother of five and uncle and great uncle of many.

Over the years, Michael practiced medical oncology at six hospitals in the local area as well as serving as director of Hospice of Southeast Michigan in the 1980s and Henry Ford Hospice in Wyandotte.

Michael enjoyed life to the fullest. He and Katy were high school sweethearts and just recently

celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. He had a special love for golden retrievers and will be dearly missed by his adoring Maddie. Michael enjoyed being with his family, traveling, reading a good book, watching a good movie, good food and sports.

Michael attended the University of Nebraska on a football scholarship and graduated from Wayne State University. He earned his medical degree from Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine.

His wonderful sense of humor will be missed by all who knew him. A special thanks to all the caregivers at Residential Hospice for their dedicated support and service.

A funeral Mass was celebrated July 1 at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Parks.

Donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Peter William Waldmeir



Loving husband, father, son, brother, uncle, veteran trial attorney and dear friend to many, Peter William Waldmeir, the longest serving member of the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council and a former president and secretary of the Detroit Goodfellows children's charity, died Friday, June 28, 2019, in Ascension St. John Hospital following a courageous battle with lung cancer. He was 65.

Born Sept. 18, 1953, in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, he was the beloved husband of Sandra Lee Waldmeir and the father of two adoring daughters, Sara Grace Perry (Jon) and Charlotte Elizabeth Waldmeir (Domingo).

The son of retired Detroit News columnist Pete Waldmeir and the late Dorothy Bastianelli Waldmeir, he also leaves behind his sisters Patti Ann Waldmeir and Lindsey Moody (Mike), his brother Christopher Waldmeir (Rebecca), Pete's wife Marilyn Waldmeir; his adorable 14-month-old grandson Jackson Thomas Perry, son of Sara and Jon Perry; Charlotte's husband Domingo Javier Meneses and Sandra's son, Brent Michael Caldwell, as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews, family and close friends.

A voracious reader, incomparable humorist and consummate U of M Wolverine sports fan, Peter graduated from L'Anse Creuse High School in 1971, the University of Michigan (summa cum laude) in 1975 and The George Washington University Law School in 1978.

Following graduation with honors from law school, Peter returned to the state

he loved to serve a two-year clerkship on the staff of Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice G. Mennen "Soapy" Williams, Michigan's former governor. Completing an outstanding internship, Peter moved from the state Supreme Court to the U.S. Department of Justice headquarters in Washington, D.C., as a trial attorney.

In 1984 he was lured back to Detroit by the prestigious law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, which he served with distinction until his passing. At Miller Canfield he excelled in several fields of law practice, with a specialty in environmental litigation, and rose to the prestigious rank of senior partner. A major client in his long years of dedicated professional achievement was DTE Energy.

Among his landmark legal achievements was a 1985 verdict in which he and his team won a \$750 million out-of-court settlement for the city of Austin, Texas, in a case involving a faulty nuclear power facility. Two other major cases handled by Peter and his team of lawyers resulted in settlements or awards of \$500 million and \$400 million.

Hailed by Crain's magazine as one of Detroit's outstanding "40 Under 40" in 1991, Peter was a member of the Detroit Bar Association, the State Bar of Michigan, the Federal Bar Association and several other lawyer organizations. He also was licensed to practice in Washington, D.C. He was widely sought as a lecturer and was a prolific writer in the legal field.

His family, the law, public service and charitable work were Peter's driving passions. And he excelled at all of them over a lengthy and fruitful lifetime.

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"Our family is devastated," his father Pete said. "I have lost a dearest friend, companion and compatriot. Peter was kind, generous, compassionate and deeply loved by his wife, Sandy, his children and our entire family and dozens of friends and associates. Just a great guy."

A dedicated and enthusiastic Grosse Pointer since returning to the area from Washington, D.C., in the mid 1980s, Peter served almost two decades as a council member in two local communities. He was elected to a four-year term in Grosse Pointe City in 1989 and served twice in Grosse Pointe Farms — from 1995 until 2001 and from 2003 until 2019. He also served as the Farms' mayor pro tem from 2003 to 2005.

"Peter was a master problem solver," said his friend, neighbor and fellow Farms' council member John Gillooly. "He was principled but he was always pragmatic. He had a way of solving complex issues and looking for common ground."

Farms Mayor Louis Theros hailed Peter's "incredible skills" for his work as Chairman both of the Farms' Parks and Harbor and Communications Committees. "He was not only a great council member," said Theros, "Peter was a great person. He loved this community and his contributions will be felt for generations to come."

A 30-year member of the Detroit Goodfellows, he served as the charity's presi-

dent in 2007 and as Goodfellows secretary from 2011 to present. In those capacities, he also was an innovative fund raiser and pro bono legal advisor for the charity.

"Peter was one of our most active and important members, not only for his fund raising and legal work but his compassion and unbridled love of the Goodfellows organization," said Goodfellows Executive Director Sari Klok Schneider. "His leadership and good nature will be sorely missed."

Peter's family will receive visitors at the A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods, Monday, July 8, from 4 until 8 p.m. and on Tuesday, July 9, from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. A funeral Mass will be celebrated Wednesday, July 10, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe in Grosse Pointe Farms with a viewing at 10 a.m. and the service at 11 a.m., both at the church.

If desired, in lieu of flowers, donations to the Detroit Goodfellows can be made at www.detroitgoodfellows.org or by mail to Detroit Goodfellows, Box 44444, Detroit 48244.

Memorial's Peter Henry accepts call to North Carolina

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

It's been more than 12 years since the Rev. Dr. Peter Henry accepted the call to lead Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

He's been a part of the church's evolution from an old-fashioned, traditional church to a congregation of graceful acceptance and welcoming. It's part of what he's most proud of at Memorial.

"Grosse Pointe is a community that sometimes struggles with change," Henry said. "We realized we don't have to be the church from the 1950s. We can be a non-anxious presence in a time of change."

... We're moving into the 21st century without fear or anxiety. I'm thankful for a congregation that recognizes we need to be part of a bigger world."

The latest change members of Memorial are coping with is

Henry's departure. He accepted a call to Davidson College Presbyterian Church this spring; he starts as pastor and head of staff Sunday, July 28.

"We're headed back to North Carolina," he said. "My wife and I met and got married in Charlotte, N.C. I led a church there and she was a high school teacher."

Not only was the call to serve a draw because both Henry and his wife, Shawn, have family in North Carolina, but Shawn Henry — a librarian at University Liggett School — also grew up in a college town and has always wanted their children — Atticus, 16; Haven, 16; and Whittier, 12 — to have the same experience.

But just as important, it was the right fit at the right time.

"Memorial is in a really good place right now with great leadership and a strong footing on all fronts," Henry said. "They're in a great place — and change can be healthy for everybody."

Connecting with other churches, welcoming new programs, reaching out to non-Christian communities and celebrating diversity are among the ways Memorial has shown growth, Henry said. Welcoming outside groups like Kevin's Song and The Family Center, both which meet regularly at Memorial, also has prompted change.

"There's an openness to diversity," Henry said. "I'm thankful that Grosse Pointe Memorial Church has really embraced the idea of being open to others in a variety of ways. We want to be a part of your life and change as part of that, as a community growing together."

Some issues of importance at Memorial, Henry said, are gay and lesbian relationships and gun violence — issues the church has handled well.

"In 2015, we had our first gay marriage at Memorial," he said. "I'm

thankful for a congregation that handles sensitive social issues gracefully."

Henry is quick to share the responsibility of Memorial's accomplishments, which he said have always been the result of partnerships.

"I'm a player/coach," he said. "I'm here to provide a role as a leader, but not a leader over and above. I lead with you. It's a shared partnership in terms of accomplishments."

Among those accomplishments was the church's 150th anniversary capital campaign, which raised \$4 million and enabled the renovation and enhancement of several of its ministries and facilities, including giving \$250,000 for three Habitat for Humanity houses, expanding and improving its outdoor worship space, repairing and restoring stained-glass windows and the carillon, among other projects.

In the realm of outreach, "At a time when the refugee crisis was on the rise and anti-immigrant sentiments were also rising in the United States, especially in the wake of the Syrian civil war, our church welcomed and helped settle two refugee families," he said.

Within the church itself, "At a time when our denomination has been in decline and when church affiliation and attendance is in decline nationwide, we have grown in membership 10 out of the 12 years I have been here and our worship attendance grew in those same years," he said.

Henry, who earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and his master's and doctor of philosophy degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary, has been in the ministry since 1996. He served congregations in New Jersey and North Carolina before joining Memorial in 2007.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF PETER HENRY

The Rev. Dr. Peter Henry preaching at Memorial.

Since then, he's become engrained in the community in a variety of roles outside of his parish. A member of the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe News Advisory Board, he's also served as a board member of The Family Center, chaplain to The War Memorial, secretary of the Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association and in a variety of ways for the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

"Grosse Pointe has a lot of wonderful things about it," he said. "One of the wonderful things about being here is Grosse Pointe is a small town. From the schools to organizations like The Family Center and Rotary and Little League, I've been blessed to know families all across Grosse Pointe."

"I always have been and still am very happy at Memorial. I'm excited for the next chapter, but I'm sad to leave."

After learning of Henry's departure in May, leadership at Memorial developed a church profile and is receiving resumes for an interim pastor position, which will prepare the church for a long-term pastor moving forward.

"I know Grosse Pointe has experienced its share of change," Henry said, noting his departure, as well as the departure of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church's Msgr. Patrick Halfpenny and the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education's recent vote to close two elementary schools. "The way we handle relationships in the midst of change often is more important than the changes themselves. How we talk about our leaders, our neighbors, these decisions has a bigger impact than the changes themselves."

"It's important to love one another in the midst of change," he continued. "Trust that God can do pretty amazing things in the midst of change if you're open to them."

Henry's upcoming change comes with a heavy dose of gratitude for the people he's served for more than a decade.

"It's been a wonderful ministry for us," he said. "We're aware that wherever we go next can be wonderful, but our time here, the life of this church — this community has been incredibly welcoming and gracious to the Henrys for the last 12 years and we will always be grateful."



The Henry family, from left, Atticus, Whittier, Shawn, Haven and Peter.

PASTOR'S CORNER

By Roger Skully

Kaddish

Kaddish is a public declaration of praise for G-d. It is recited only in the presence of a "minyan," a quorum of 10 Jews. It calls for the name of G-d to be praised throughout the world and for speedy establishment of divine rule. Its most important line declares, "May his great name be blessed forever and ever." It is composed in Aramaic, the spoken language of the Jews during the first centuries of the common era. There are several versions of the kaddish, one of which is recited by mourners.

Kaddish originated as a prayer to be recited after a session of Torah study. In later times, it was adopted for synagogue use in a wide variety of

contexts. Mostly it is an often-repeated refrain during the liturgy. When a particular section of the liturgy is concluded, a kaddish is recited. This avoids confusion by dividing sections of the service.

The recitation of kaddish by mourners is an affirmation that they accept G-d's rule. It is thus a way of coming to terms with the inevitability of loss and our human inability to prevent death.

It affirms that generations will go forward and that his praises will continue despite our individual loss. It is an ultimate affirmation of life even as we face our mortality.

Skully is a past president of the Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association.

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Stay safe at home, in the community

Staying safe has many connotations. The Helm's "Staying Safe" program allows participants to learn from experts how to live more securely and protect themselves in a variety of situations.

Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety representatives will be on hand 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, at The Helm, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, to discuss home and fire security, as well as current phone, mail,

email and text scams and frauds.

Presented in conjunction with The Care Team, this informative evening event is free to members and nonmembers. The Care Team representatives will distribute a File of Life to all participants, who then complete the "file" by listing all their medical conditions, allergies, medications, emergency contacts and more. This one file is kept in an easy-to-access location — even on the refrigera-

tor — so in case of a medical emergency, family members or emergency personnel can access it quickly and provide proper treatment.

The Helm's "Staying Safe" event includes a bonus: K-9 Duke and his handler will demonstrate how Duke helps deter, fight and solve crimes.

All residents of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods are invited. Registration is required. Call (313) 882-9600 to register.



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Passing of the gavel

Outgoing Sunrise Rotary Club President Robert Duker, right, passed the gavel to incoming President Steve Kosinski during a recent meeting of the club. The club meets at 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. For more information, visit grossepointesunriserotary.org.

Pointers honored by Winning Futures

Winning Futures recently hosted its 25th anniversary awards celebration at Club Venetian in Madison Heights, where Winning Futures President and CEO Kristina Marshall announced the rollout of Workforce Prep — a new four-year experiential curriculum that empowers students for success while addressing the increasing workforce gap — as well as honored several business professionals for their commitment to the mentorship program.

Among those honored were Grosse Pointe residents Scott Rice, Julie Owens and Gail Micuida.

Rice, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident and president of Powerlink Construction, received the Sam Cupp Impact Award for his dedication to supporting students in the Winning Futures

program. Rice has been instrumental in expanding Winning Futures into schools in Detroit and developing its board of directors into a fundraising board, raising \$750,000 annually.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Micuida, with Thermoflex Corp., received a Mentor of the Year award and Owens, a Farms resident and U.S. District Court employee, received a Five-Year Mentor Award.

Additionally, 11 scholarships totaling \$25,000 also were awarded at the celebration to students in Harper Woods, Sterling Heights, Detroit, Madison Heights and Warren. Six students representing Cass Technical High School, Harper Woods High School, Madison Heights High School, Pontiac Academy for Excellence, Warren Mott

High School and Mumford High School received Student of the Year awards.

Winning Futures is a nationally recognized and award-winning expert in empowering high school students to succeed. The program includes in-class mentoring, life skill development, goal setting, job readiness training and career exploration. With help from volunteer mentors and partnerships with the business community, students are transformed into self-reliant, employable and productive adults with defined academic and career goals and highly desirable workforce skills. Since 1994, Winning Futures has positively impacted more than 49,000 students and awarded \$1.9 million in scholarships.

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Grandma Techno's eyes can preorder her new book, "They Call Me Grandma Techno," officially debuting this month on 1xrun.com. This book of her festival photos represents a collaboration between LayDorsey, the Detroit



"They Call Me Grandma Techno" is available this month.

Techno Institution, lowered on Instagram at @1xRUN and Paxahau, the patricialaydorsey.com.

producers of Movement Electronic Music Festival.

More of her photography and professional information can be found on her website, patricialaydorsey.com. She can be followed on Instagram at @patricialaydorsey.

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As far as physical projects go, the club hopes to have completed renovations to its tot lot by next year. Meanwhile, it has significant fundraising to do.

"It'll be the second major renovation to the tot lot since it was built in the early 1970s," Masserang said. "We're working with experts at designing meaningful Playscapes," including areas for children with special needs.

The project is a joint effort between Rotary, the Neighborhood Club, Grosse Pointe Public School System and City of Grosse Pointe.

Service & fellowship

Masserang initially was hesitant to join Rotary. She attended two meetings when they were held Monday afternoons and decided it was too much of a break in her day. When the club began meeting Wednesday evenings, she was invited again and changed her mind.

"It's a wonderful group of people," she said. "Some of them go to my church (Grosse Pointe Memorial Church), so I knew them already, but most of them I never would have met."

"The person who invited me the first time and again after the move knows I volunteer frequently at my church," she continued. "Rotary's mission is 'Service Above Self.' The projects are fun, but so are our meetings. Who would think I'd love to go to something every single Wednesday night? It's fun and it's great work."

Rotary's commodities are service and fellowship, Masserang explained, two things that are very synergistic.

"If you spend a morning at a local elementary school pulling weeds with

Rotary honors members

During its June 26 meeting, outgoing Grosse Pointe Rotary Club President Gary Niehaus was honored for his year of service while incoming president, Judy Masserang, was welcomed during a "Passing of the Gavel" ceremony.

Following dinner, several awards were presented to club members for their outstanding service, including:

◆ Rookie of the Year Award — Heather Mayernik — presented to a new Rotarian who has gotten involved in any avenue of service above and beyond what would be expected of a new member.

◆ Rising Star Award — Elizabeth Vogel — presented to a newer Rotarian involved in an ongoing manner in any avenue of service, demonstrating leadership at a level not normally demonstrated by a newer member.

◆ Service Above Self Award — Florence Seltzer — presented to an individual who has spent their years in Rotary always helping others and supporting the activities of the club at every meeting.

◆ Directors Award — Judy Masserang — presented to a Rotary member who most emulates the quality of "Service Above Self," espoused by Rotary's founder Paul Harris. Recipients are presented an award selected by the Board of Directors.

◆ Visionary Award — Philip MacKethan — presented to a Rotarian who demonstrates the greatest ability to visualize and act on the positive future of Rotary. This person should be an active member in good standing and focused not only on the Grosse Pointe club, but Rotary International as a whole.

◆ Infinity Award — Ronald Vitale — presented to a member of long standing and significant accomplishments for Rotary, the club and community, both local and international.

◆ Rotarian of the Year — Mark Brooks — the highest award given by the outgoing president. Recipient should have demonstrated a desire to say yes to any request and always be ready and willing to help the president in any manner.

someone you don't know very well, you're performing a service and you're building fellowship," she said. "You feel good about what you did and it's fun because it's with friends."

The club offers at least two service projects each month. Members are obligated to take part in two projects per year.

Examples of service projects are pulling weeds and picking up trash at Defer Elementary School; packing and loading books that haven't sold at the Grosse Pointe Public Library's used book sales; making and serving lunches at Crossroads; working at the Michigan Humane Society's telethon and serving as marshals in the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's annual Santa Parade.

Members also have the opportunity to volunteer for several organizations and projects throughout

the year, including Life Remodeled, Forgotten Harvest, Gleaners Food Bank, Kids Against Hunger and Operation Warm.

As with any service organization, the more, the merrier.

Masserang said she wanted to make clear that although Rotary will start meeting at a private club, the group is open to the public.

"All are welcome to join us," she said. "There's no pressure. We make our guests feel welcome."

Rotary's first meeting at its new venue — and first with Masserang as president — takes place Wednesday, July 10. Grosse Pointe Yacht Club General Manager Aaron Wagner will welcome the group to its new home and members will hear a presentation about Detroit Abloom.

For more information, visit grossepointerotary.org.

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again. ... The main thing is, is the staff ready? Most of them are high school students. We want to make sure they're equipped to go back."

Gerhart said on average the aquatic facility — which boasts a main pool holding more than a million gallons of water — has two incidents per summer, "but it could be we don't have any."

"We normally have 50 saves each summer, too," she added. "This year, we've had one — but we haven't really had a summer yet."

Gerhart said she is proud of her aquatic team, which includes nine lifeguard instructors, one lifeguard trainer and eight water safety instructors for swim lessons. All of them are certified through the American Red Cross.

The June 21 in-service ended with lifeguards checking out the St. Clair Shores ambulance.

"Some of my lifeguards have gone on to be medics," Gerhart said. "This sparks an interest. They think, 'This is what I do now, but what can I do in life?'"

Gerhart said oftentimes past lifeguards have returned to tell her how they've used their in-service training in real life — "whether at school or at the grocery store."

"You never know when an emergency is going to happen," she added. "We want to give them the tools to succeed not only as lifeguards, but in life."



St. Clair Shores firefighter/paramedics Matt Larivee and Jeffrey Knudsen load the "victim," Kara Thompson, onto a gurney.



Avery Girven gets CPR instruction from St. Clair Shores firefighter/paramedics Matt Larivee, Jeffrey Knudsen and Keith Benando.

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Tennis

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

South grads shine at college level

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Three Grosse Pointe South graduates have gone on to fulfill their lifelong dream of playing college tennis.

Maggie Sweeney and Nick Paolucci, 2015 graduates, recently finished their four-year careers at Kenyon College, while Maddie Paolucci, a 2017 graduate, is entering her junior year at Case Western Reserve University.

"I specifically picked Kenyon for its pre-med program and its ability to allow me to play tennis, while getting a great education," Sweeney said. "I had a great four years of tennis under coach (Scott) Thielke, who pushed me to become a better tennis player and allow me to be a great student."

Sweeney, who majored in chemistry, helped Kenyon to a 68-27 record during her four years, while winning 70 singles and 66 doubles matches. She made All-League honors, as well as All-American in doubles this season.

"She came to school knowing she wanted to be a doctor, so I knew there would be days she would have to miss due to school, so we made adjustments to her schedule," Thielke said. "She never doubted her ability as a tennis player. She became a team captain and an All-American. She worked hard and was rewarded for that



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARTIN FULLER

Kenyon College graduate Nick Paolucci excelled on the court all four years he was on the team.

dedication to improving. She will be missed."

During his four years on the team, Nick Paolucci helped the Lords finish 67-30 overall. He won 71 singles and 50 doubles matches in four years.

Paolucci majored in economics, and on the court earned several All-League accolades.

"I looked at a lot of schools and in the end Kenyon was the best fit for me as a student-athlete," he said. "I enjoyed my time on the tennis

team and being a student at Kenyon. I made some great friends being a member of the tennis team."

"Nick came in with a lot of tournament experience, and was a leader by example," Thielke said. "He worked hard at his game and stayed one of our top players, even when we recruited some talented tennis players."

Both Sweeney and Paolucci graduated and are ready to hit the work force. Sweeney has applied to dozens of

medical schools in her pursuit of being a doctor, and will work as a medical scribe, while Paolucci will work at Merrill Lynch and learn the ropes in the financial world.

They also will continue playing tennis, but now as a recreation instead of collegiate competitor.

At Grosse Pointe South, Sweeney played girls tennis for head coach Mark Sobieralski, and Paolucci for the boys team under head coach John Willard.

Sweeney helped the Blue Devils win two state championships, 2012 and 2014. She won a No. 4 singles title in 2012, and played No. 1 doubles with Samantha Perry in the 2014 tournament where they lost in the quarterfinals.

Paolucci also played in the boys tennis state finals while at South, and played No. 1 singles in each of those.

Maddie Paolucci won a No. 4 singles title for the 2014 state championship team, plus played No. 2 and No. 1 singles her other seasons as a Blue Devil.

She also took her time making a college choice. After several recruiting visits, including taking those visits with her family during her older brother Nick's tours, decided on Case Western.

"I knew I could play tennis and get into a great nursing program at Case Western, and it's been a great fit," Maddie Paolucci said.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARTIN FULLER

Maggie Sweeney grew into a leader for the Kenyon College women's tennis team.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JON SCHWARTZ

Maddie Paolucci is one of the top players in the Midwest and enters her junior year.

"Maddie is an exceptional athlete and tennis player," Case Western Reserve University women's tennis head coach Kirsten Gambrell said. See TENNIS, page 2C

Boys lacrosse

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils earn post season honors

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Several Grosse Pointe South players earned post-season honors for the 2019 boys lacrosse season.

Head coach Justin Macksoud and his Blue Devils finished 14-5 overall and were Macomb Area Conference Red Division champions at 6-0. Below is a list of the Blue Devils honored:

- Team Offensive MVP**
South senior captain Miles Dingeman, attack
- Team Defensive MVP**
South senior captain, goalie Jack Coyle
- Team Most Improved**
Senior long stick midfielder Cam Sine
- 2019 All-MAC Players**
Dingeman, senior midfielder Jimmy Rauh, senior defenseman Sullivan Costa, junior defensemen Henry Coyle and Jack Coyle



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Grosse Pointe South's Miles Dingeman earned post-season honors.

- 2019 MAC Player of the Year**
Jack Coyle
- 2019 Academic All-State Team Award**
All State Honorable Mention and No. 6 overall in Division 1
- 2019 Academic All-State Players**
John Kyle, Sullivan Costa, Adam Ebenhoeh and Wyatt Dennis.
- 2019 US Lacrosse Academic All-American**
(Based on combination of play and GPA)
Jack Coyle
- 2019 All State Player(s)**
Jack Coyle, second team goalie, and Rauh, honorable mention mid-field
- 2019 MHSLLCA All Region Team (Playoffs)**
Jack Coyle and Rauh
- 2019 MHSLLCA Gene Reilly "Unsung Hero" Award**
Ebenhoeh
- 2019 MHSLLCA "Team First" Award**
Dingeman

BROTHER RICE



PHOTO BY DAVID DONOHER

All-State

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Brandon Murphy, pictured right against Novi Catholic Central in the Division 1 state championship recently, earned Second Team All-State this season after helping the Warriors edge the Shamrocks 14-13 in the state title game to finish the season 23-0. It was the Birmingham Brother Rice Warriors' 25th state title. Murphy, a senior, is a two-year varsity letter winner and face-off specialist who also earned All-Catholic League honors. Murphy is a member of the National Honor Society and the son of Dana and John Murphy.

Fencing

GROSSE POINTES



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANN MARSH-SENIC

Local fencers, from left, Olivia Walz, Miranda Freedman, Jeidus DeSeranno, Samuel Freedman and Liam Reeves.

Fencers dominating

Renaissance Fencing Club will head into the National Championship with 16 fencers, including Grosse Pointers Jeidus Deseranno, Liam Reeves, Olivia Walz, Miranda Freedman and Samuel Freedman.

The Troy-based fencing club has more than 50 entries in the competition, and hopes to win at least one national title.

Head foil coach Anatolie Senic is looking forward to the event but admits it will be a strong competition.

"Renaissance Fencing is growing every month," Senic said. "We have won medals all season and we are preparing every day to be ready to take on the top fencers in the country. It will be a fight."

Renaissance Fencing Club dominated the region this year, winning 18 regional patches in youth events including 10 gold patches, more than any other club in the country.

They won 32 medals in

super youth and national events in foil, which was the third highest of any club in the United States even though they had far fewer entries into the events on average than the other top eight clubs.

Deseranno, 11 years old from the City of Grosse Pointe, is the favorite in the Y10 men's foil event. He won every Y10 event he entered this season. Deseranno won Gold in Y10 and Y12 at the North American Cup in March.

In Y12 men's foil Deseranno holds the top rank. He is joined by Reeves of Grosse Pointe Park in the 280 plus field.

Y14 men's foil will feature seven competitors from Renaissance in the event with 352 competitors, including four with national rankings, Deseranno, 19th; Samuel Freedman of the City of Grosse Pointe, 104; and Reeves, 135th.

In the cadet (under 17) women's foil, Renaissance will have

two ranked fencers, including No. 17 in the country Miranda Freedman of the City of Grosse Pointe. She will also compete in the Division 1 women's foil where she is ranked 79th.

Walz is competing in the Y14 event.

Three-time Olympian Ann Marsh-Senic, who helps run Renaissance Fencing, is excited about the growth and success of the fencers.

"We are becoming one of the strongest youth clubs in the nation," Marsh-Senic said. "Our kids work really hard and the parents travel to many competitions to allow the kids to fence other strong opponents. It's been a fantastic team effort and I can't wait to see all our kids perform at the national championships."

Founded in 1999, Renaissance offers classes and private lessons to children and adults.

—Ann Marsh-Senic

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McMahon said. "What she has accomplished in two years of playing at this level is unprecedented for our program here at CWRU.

"When you have such a successful player like Maddie, other significant things often get overlooked. She is extremely approachable and easy to

talk to, which is something I've always admired in her. It's also admirable how committed and loyal she is to her family, friends and teammates."

Paolucci became the first All-American singles player in the history of the women's tennis program to pick up a win in the first round of the 2019 NCAA Division III Singles Tournament this spring, beating Caltech's Kana Moriyama 2-6, 6-1, 6-0 in the round of 32.

However in the round of 16, Paolucci lost 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 to Catherine Allen of Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, who was the No. 1 singles player in the West Region.

Paolucci racked up 19 wins her sophomore year as the No. 1 singles player and added 17 more victories in doubles. She was named to the All-CAA First Team.

As a freshman, Paolucci won 16 singles and 23 doubles matches.

Basketball

MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Registration open for Metro D camp

It's time to register for the 27th annual Macomb Metro D Basketball Camp for boys and girls ages 8-17, which runs July 8 to 12, at the Sports & Expo Center (P Bldg.) at Macomb Community College South Campus.

High school and college coaches will provide the proper instruction on the fundamentals of the game, including skill building, lectures, team competition and skills contests.

The facility has eight basketball courts, and camp directors are Jim Twigg, Macomb men's basketball coach, and City of Grosse Pointe resident Jay Ritchie, Macomb women's basketball coach.

The fee is \$185 per player and each camper

receives a T-shirt and hot lunch. The coach-to-camper ratio is 1 to 10 and coaches teach the game and break it down. The Big Ten Division is for ages 8-11, while the College Division is for ages 12-13 and the NBA Division is for ages 14-17. The Metro D coaches are actively involved with teams throughout the area and have high school coaching experience.

Each participant receives a lot of attention. This camp is for players who have a strong desire to develop their skills to the fullest capability.

Campers work on individual shooting skills, moving facing the basket and with their back to the basket, power moves, individual defense, team

defense, passing, screening, rebounding and ball handling.

Awards, contests and tournaments are in one-on-one winners, overtime tournament, star shooting, Mikan drill, speed dribbling, defense award, Most Valuable Player, sudden death tournament, 3 vs. 3 league, free throws, hot shot, hustle award, attitude award, powerball, 3-point shooting and 3 vs. 2 half court.

The camp runs 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, and participants can register at macomb.edu/athletics.

From the menu, select camps and then Metro D. For more information, call (586) 206-4110 or send an email to ritchiej@macomb.edu.

Baseball

NORTH & SOUTH

Sign up for showcase

The Grosse Pointe Baseball Organization, established by former Detroit Tiger Dave Bergman, is sponsoring the 22nd annual Michigan High School Baseball Showcase Wednesday, Aug. 7.

The purpose is to provide a unique event for Michigan high school players and college coaches in the Midwest. It is an opportunity for Michigan's top varsity high school players, who wish to play college baseball, to show their skills in front of Midwest college coaches and scouts.

They encourage the athletes, who are serious about their future in baseball, to sign up as soon as possible to avoid the waiting list.

The sign in and uniform pickup is from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, at event headquarters at Grosse Pointe North High School. The player or parent/guardian must be present to receive the uniform and team assignment.

A jersey will be pro-

vided. Players need to bring their own white or grey baseball pants, socks, catching equipment and helmet, and high school baseball hat. Beverages and snacks will be available for purchase at both fields during games.

A program book with each player's personal profile will be provided to all players attending. Program books for college coaches and pro scouts will include GPA, and SAT/ACT scores. Data in skills competition will be provided after the event to all college coaches and scouts attending the showcase and a copy will be mailed to each participant.

Grosse Pointe North's baseball field is located at 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe South's baseball field is located at 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The registration fee is \$250. Make check payable to GPBO.

Player registration is Tuesday, Aug. 6, with games and skills on

Wednesday, Aug. 7. The rain date is Thursday, Aug. 8.

The skills competition includes infield, outfield, pitching, catching, running and throwing.

The 104 players will be divided into eight 13-man teams headed up by high school coaches for an afternoon game.

Each team will play one game and the contests are held at Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools at noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Detailed information, an application and waiver form are at michiganbaseballshowcase.com, call event coordinator Lorna Zalenski at (313) 590-5607 or email to mishowcase2019@gmail.com.

Profits, net of expenses, go to the Grosse Pointe Redbirds amateur baseball teams, age 13-18.

In the past coaches from the state's institutions are in attendance to scout players, and scouts from a dozen Major League Baseball teams have been in attendance.

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