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Officials address email timeline, next steps

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — An email regarding a fundraiser for Councilman Richard Shetler's re-election campaign further ignited concern among residents during the council meeting Monday, Oct. 7.

The email was sent

Friday, Oct. 4, to some of the same Woods residents who received two prior emails from Shetler due to an erroneously granted Freedom of Information Act request for residents' email addresses.

"I would've really appreciated seeing something on the agenda about it," resident Christy

McGillivray said during public comment. "I think that the fact that citizen information was FOIA'd is a total flip of the purpose of FOIA. FOIA is intended to make government more transparent to citizens, not make citizens more transparent to government."

Shetler said he will not use the FOIA list of email

addresses again, nor has he since being instructed not to.

"The Oct. 4th email was a list that we developed in August, separate than the FOIA list," he said via email.

Chip Berschback, Grosse Pointe Woods city attorney, said he is awaiting the direction of council to determine any next

steps, but is not certain whether there has been a campaign finance violation or other offense committed.

"In terms of what I'm going to do, I'm going to go to our city attorney to try and address what happened, why it happened, how it's not going to happen again, what steps are taken," Mayor

Robert Novitke said in response to public concern. "But I do want you to know there's nothing ... that we as a body can do. ... If the individual wants to talk to you after a meeting or separately or maybe make you feel comfortable that it won't happen again, he can do

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The Grosse Pointe Shores Osius Municipal Park Tot Lot opened to residents Tuesday, Oct. 8.

Osius Park Tot Lot opens

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The existing play park at the Shores Osius Municipal Park was last renovated around 14 years ago, but with the growth of younger families in the city, it has undergone further improvements.

Physical construction on a tot lot for 2- to 5-year-olds began the last week of September and was completed Monday, Oct. 7. The tot lot opened to residents Tuesday, Oct. 8.

"It's another improvement for the Shores and we're making it a newer community and a younger community because we are getting younger people moving in and we want to keep that going," said Brett Marshall, president of the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation.

The approximately 1,675 square feet of engineered space is now located next to the previously existing Playscape.

The space includes a

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Negotiations stall on \$1 million gift to GPPSS

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — Time is running out on the 30-day deadline to negotiate a deal on a \$1 million gift to fund an early childhood expansion plan for the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Grosse Pointe Park city

attorney Dennis Levasseur made the surprise announcement at the end of the Board of Education regular meeting Sept. 9. Levasseur said he represented an anonymous group of donors willing to fund the first phase of an early childhood education proposal presented to the board by a group of

Grosse Pointe Park residents Aug. 12.

The plan proposes expanding GPPSS's current tuition-based full- and half-day infant, toddler and preschool offerings at Barnes Early Childhood Center and three elementary sites into a comprehensive, full-time, full-year model with infant to pre-K

care in each elementary school. The \$1 million gift covers the cost of the initial start-up, with subsequent growth funded through revenue.

While the board met to discuss the plan during a work session Aug. 26, the consensus was to not pur-

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Lieut. celebrates 50th birthday with retirement

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Lt. Jeff Longo gave himself a gift for his Oct. 14 birthday: He's retiring from duty at the Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety.

After 27 years he's looking forward to ending his law enforcement career in the only city he served — and on the date he turns 50. Longo officially remains with the department until Nov. 1, but he used days accumulated for sick leave to finish remaining weeks. He said he'll enjoy retirement, but he'll miss working in the Park. "I started in Grosse Pointe Park when I turned 23 and that's the only department I've worked for," said Longo.



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Lt. Jeff Longo

Not only was the Park his only public safety department, it was the first one to respond to his applications. Longo chuckles about the interesting numbers and timing: His first law enforcement job offer led to the one position he

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City responds to complaints about delays

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Slow progress in the new housing effort at 850 Briarcliff has left some community residents feeling impatient.

The former site of University Liggett Middle School has been delayed in its scheduled

renovation into 12 units that would form Legacy Oaks Condominiums. A conditional rezoning request to convert the nearly nine-acre parcel was approved by Woods City Council Aug. 18, 2014.

Following a Sept. 23 meeting with city officials where several neighborhood residents

decided the project, Building Administrator Gene Tutag said efforts to address their concerns are being increased.

"Anytime you try to repurpose a building you run into things that you didn't anticipate," said Tutag.

The presence of ele-

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kept until his last day of work.

A Macomb Township resident, Longo only has praise for the Park and its public servants.

"It's really a terrific place to work — the chief, the city administration, city manager, the guys I work with," he said. "I really fell into a good spot."

It was 14 years, a little more than half his full tenure, before Longo was pro-

moted to sergeant.

"That was the first highlight, as far as personal goals go," he recalled.

But most memorable are the times when he and his fellow public safety officers helped save the lives of Park residents, he said. One occasion in July, just two or three years ago, left Longo thinking his officers arrived too late when a 16-year-old girl stopped breathing at 3 a.m. A fellow officer was just minutes away from her home, so they acted quickly, but she had no pulse.

"Even when we dropped her off the doctor was like, 'This isn't looking good,'" said Longo.

He remembers returning to the house to offer condolences to the family, but there was no one home.

"Two weeks later she walked into our office," said Longo.

Grateful to Longo and the other officers, the teenager has brought them cookies every year since she recovered from a sudden surgical complication that almost left her

dead. If the Park responders had been just a few minutes slower, the teenager couldn't have been saved, Longo learned. He later wrote a recommendation that led to his colleagues receiving commendation from the city. He'll most miss his fellow officers in retirement.

"No one's sad about leaving," Longo said. "But they all say they miss the camaraderie. They all say that, and I can see it's going to happen with me." Chief Stephen T. Poloni,

director of public safety, said Longo, too, will be missed.

"In the short time I've worked with him for the past four years, he has been a consummate professional and a dedicated employee," Poloni said.

He praised Longo for supporting charitable causes in the community, adding that the lieutenant deserves a "really great retirement."

Longo plans to spend more time supporting his teenaged son and daughter in their athletic devel-

opment and pursuits.

"My kids both play high-level soccer for their ages," he said. "They travel around the country."

In December, Longo and his family will spend about two weeks in Florida for soccer activities.

While he might eventually consider a part-time job, Longo won't be looking for employment outside the Park immediately, he said.

"I'm glad it worked out the way it did," Longo added. "It really is a first-class place."

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sue the plan — which proposed keeping all nine elementary schools open — and proceed with closing Poupard and Trombly elementary schools as part of the reconfiguration plan approved in June.

Levasseur urged the school board to revisit the proposal.

Levasseur met with Board President Brian Summerfield Sept. 12. While Summerfield said he "didn't have much to offer in the way of details," Levasseur asked him to email a list of questions. Summerfield sent an email Sept. 15, stating he was acting in his individ-

ual capacity as a board member, not board president, and requesting a meeting "with the donor to better understand her intent and expectations." Levasseur responded Sept. 27.

In framing his questions, Summerfield said he "was trying to ascertain the donor's intent around a lot of different issues ... to address a lot of concerns that were shared by the board at various meetings and it doesn't look like the responses address the concerns that have been stated."

For example, at the Sept. 23 board meeting, Trustee Christopher Profeta said he was uncomfortable with the 15 percent tuition increase

after the district already raised costs 7.5 percent the past two years. He also had concerns about the emphasis on full-time programming and use of private funding.

"There is a compromise to be found here," Profeta said. "One of the ideas that came out of that early childhood committee four years or so ago was repurposing an elementary as a south-end ECC. I think that's something that we could explore. But what I would like to see first before any of that is for us to implement the reconfiguration plan that we voted on in June. We've got elementary parents in our district who quite literally don't know where they're sending their kids to school next year. We've got fourth-grade parents — and to a lesser extent fifth-grade parents — who don't know what their kid's day is going to look like next year."

Other issues raised by trustees, such as the board's responsibility to its core K-12 mission and the fact keeping schools open to expand preschool

offerings doesn't resolve K-4 program issues, remained similarly unaddressed, in Summerfield's view.

"We're just going to go forward with reconfiguration," he said. "The ECC plan or at least this proposed funding model doesn't address enough of the questions to get a consensus out of the board based on what's been stated by board members so nobody is putting it forward."

While Summerfield said he hoped to gather enough details from Levasseur to write a resolution himself, "there wasn't anything in the conversation I had with (him) that suggested that we could tweak (the plan) in such a way that we could develop the consensus we would need to get majority support on that."

No meeting with the donor was offered nor, according to Levasseur, was such a request made, even though Summerfield mentioned a meeting twice in his email.

What might have generated support from the

board was keeping Trombly open to repurpose as an early childhood center, as suggested by Profeta. Summerfield said he believed "board members articulated that they'd be interested in doing that" as long as it followed reconfiguration.

In a follow-up email Oct. 1, Summerfield asked if "the donor would be interested in funding a south-side ECC program, like Barnes (at the north end of the district), at Trombly."

Levasseur responded, "I spoke to the donor's representative. Trombly would have to remain open as an elementary school."

Dave Brumbaugh, one of the ECC plan authors, cautioned board members Trombly wasn't conducive to being repurposed as an early childhood center due to the number of second-floor classrooms — state licensing laws require child occupancy on the first or main floors unless certain requirements are met — and cost of renovating an older building.

According to

Summerfield, there are nine classrooms on the first floor at Trombly and 11 on the second. In considering an expansion at Barnes, district administrators looked into modifying the second floor to comply with state law. Summerfield suggested similar modifications could be made at Trombly.

However, based on Levasseur's response, the \$1 million gift "is not available to us for that purpose," he said.

"The district will continue down the path that has already been stated and the board has already said it's interested in, which is we will continue to take profits we get out of the ECC program to expand where expansion is needed and space is available. And it could be Trombly depending on what happens in the future."

Levasseur said he preferred not to comment on ongoing negotiations.

"They have 30 days," he said. "They still have time. We have given them the answers to their questions and we have not heard back."



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Boo-Fest to delight children a week earlier this year

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Families in the Shores have the opportunity to get a headstart on Halloween festivities with one of the community's most anticipated events taking place a week earlier than usual this year.

Shores Osius Municipal Park will be the home of the annual Halloween Boo-Fest from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, for Shores residents and their guests.

"They've been doing it for 20-plus years," Park Manager Alison Scarfone said. "It's (a) pretty popular long-term thing. Last year they had over 200 tickets sold, so it's a pretty big event."

Kids can dress up and enjoy activities such as unlimited hayrides around the peninsula of the park between the harbor and the water, a bounce house,



Gwyneth Gwinnell, 2, of Grosse Pointe Shores, darts through a pumpkin patch during Boo-Fest in 2016.

a jail set up where attendees can get their photo taken and a pumpkin patch where kids can choose a pumpkin to take home.

A family-friendly haunted house also will be set up in the park's pavilion.

"It's not terrifying by any means," Scarfone said. "It's definitely kid-friendly. There's coffins and skeletons. People don't touch you. There aren't any

humans in there at all, nothing like that."

Free doughnuts and hot chocolate also will be offered along with a bonfire.

The Full Circle Foundation will participate, since Osius Park works closely with the organization as it handles the park's concessions during the summertime.

"I asked them if they would

want to come and help pass out candy bags that were made, so there's a candy bag station where they'll be dressed up and pass those out and they can also be involved in the activities," Scarfone said.

Tickets are \$6 per child and adults do not have to pay for entry unless they want a pumpkin. Two year olds and younger get in free.

Tickets may be purchased at the Shores city offices or at the gate the night of the event.

"I am most interested in all of the families having fun here at the park," Scarfone said. "That's always been my first priority here, just safe, fun, family events. That's what I'm most excited about."

Volunteers still are needed to help set up the event Friday, Oct. 11.

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Scarfone at ascarfone@gpshoresmi.gov.



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Anna Wujek, 7, of Grosse Pointe Farms, peeks out from behind a decorative tombstone while playing hide-and-seek during Grosse Pointe Shores' annual Boo-Fest in 2016.

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two-seat seesaw, a Little Buddies play structure, a snail rider, a playhouse with benches, three tot tables and a family bench.

"Mothers and families that come to the park in the fall because it's been so beautiful lately, they love it and they cannot wait," Park Manager Alison Scarfone said prior to the tot lot opening. "They've been asking the construction com-

pany every day, 'When is it going to be done?' Everybody is excited."

Discussions revolving around the addition of a tot lot at Osius Park began last winter.

"We had some new members and new trustees join the foundation and there were a lot of young mothers who showed great interest and many of them came up with this idea and then followed through on it," Marshall said.

Michigan Recreational Construction developed

the design plan and built the tot lot, completing construction in around two weeks.

"The company we went with has been extremely professional and they got it done really quick for us," Marshall said. "We were delayed because of all the wet weather we had in the spring. (We) had a lot of anxious people to get it done, but (it) went in quick so we're very happy with that."

The creation of the tot lot was fully funded by the improvement founda-

tion with some support from the city, Marshall reported.

"The Grosse Pointe Foundation has been an integral part of seeing this through to completion," Scarfone said. "It is just beautiful."

The improvement foundation's next endeavor with Osius Park may be new pickleball courts.

The foundation currently is in talks with a company that builds the courts, Marshall reported, so the project won't take place until next year.

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, OCT. 14

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

TUESDAY, OCT. 15

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 795 Lakeshore.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 15115 E. Jefferson.
- ◆ League of Women Voters voters forum for Grosse Pointe Farms City Council candidates, 7 p.m. at Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

FRIDAY, OCT. 18

◆ Hob Nobbin' with the Goblins, 6 to 8 p.m. on the Grosse Pointe Woods municipal grounds, 20025 Mack Plaza. Advanced registration is required; tickets are available through Oct. 11.

SATURDAY, OCT. 19

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods hazardous waste drop-off, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the DPW yard, 1200 Parkway Drive.

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ments like reinforced concrete have presented challenges for American Community Developers Inc., which is tasked with making the property livable, Tutag added. Initial delays came with developing a full construction plan and securing the proper contractors.

"We're proceeding," American Community Developers Project Manager John LaQuiere said earlier. "Everything is going fine, just slow due to the attention to detail."

But Legacy Oaks' first phase was scheduled for completion early this year. Instead, a "green screen" still shields the area.

"It's a visual barrier between the construction site and the surrounding properties," said Tutag.

"I get it: It's been there

for two or three years and they're tired of looking at it." Complaints about the screen, the presence of heavy equipment and related matters are understandable, he added.

"I am sympathetic to the neighbors. If I lived in that area, I'd probably have the same concerns. I know the developer has them, too."

Ongoing costs associated with maintaining the property are burdens to American Community Developers, which is eager to finish the job, said Tutag.

He plans "to do a follow-up every month for the mayor and council, leading to the first of the year," to better facilitate response to the residents' feedback.

The end result of the condos, which might otherwise have been replaced with a different school or busy facility, will be pleasing to neigh-

bors, said Tutag.

"From an impact standpoint," he said, "it's probably the type of use that, when it's all

said and done, will have the least amount of impact in the neighborhood and on the community."



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Composer's love for music leads to the big screen

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

Chris Plansker has held a deep love for music since a very young age, beginning to compose short pieces on the piano when he was just 8 years old.

"I found it satisfying to create music," he said. "It was easier for me to write my own music than to learn somebody else's."

While piano is his main instrument, he plays a little chromatic harmonica, as well as guitar and bass.

"When I started playing piano I kind of gravitated toward the feeling you get when you play," he said. "There's something kind of magical about it and it felt right, it felt comfortable. It was a way to escape everyday life and I still use it as a tool to escape reality. You can go down your own path of whatever you want. So it was something about that that really got me into music and I stuck with it."

His passion and commitment led to his compositions being placed in TV shows, including "CSI," "One Mississippi" and "Tales from the Crypt," as well as in movies such as the recent

locally produced "My Soul to Keep" and the 2017 DreamWorks production "A Dog's Purpose," which earned him his first soundtrack credit on his IMDb page.

Some of the compositions were originally written as demos for TV commercials that never found a home.

There is a library of such music on his website — chrisplansker.com — that is available for advertising companies and music companies to license.

"Now you have all this music that you've amassed over the years and I literally have 1,500-plus, maybe 2,000, tracks that are just sitting around and I believe in recycling, not only with my beer bottles, but with my music, so we try to find a home for this music," Plansker said.

Commercials into which his compositions did find their way include Kinder Chocolate in Germany, Barnes and Noble and investment company Edward Jones, as well as the popular Cigna TV doctors commercial.

The Grosse Pointe Park resident's around 25-year career also includes performing jazz live, often

with Stewart Francke, a songwriter in the area.

The two played The Stone Pony and the Bottom Line in New York before it was torn down and have opened for the likes of Bob Seger and Lady Antebellum.

But what is Plansker, a man who has worked for clients all over the world, most proud of?

"I've made some CDs of my band. I'm pretty proud of those," he said. "Whether it reached a lot of people I don't know, but I just know that I put a lot of work into them. I'm proud of stuff that I can walk away and say, 'Yeah, this is kind of how I wanted it to turn out.' Oftentimes when you do music for advertising, you hear it on the air and it's not quite what you envisioned. You understand that there are a lot of obstacles that you have to overcome to get it there and so you make concessions, but it's never really your work, good, bad or other."

The CDs can be found on his website as well as streaming sites.

"I recently wrote a piece just in reflection of all the gun violence in this country that I put out on iTunes and it's called 'When Violence Fades'

and I kind of like that piece," Plansker added. "It's very subtle."

His other passions include traveling with Stephanie, his wife of nearly 25 years, and son, Ian, who attends Grosse Pointe South High School.

Ian is a flutist and harp-sichord player.

"I studied a little bit of it in college, but he's really taken it to another level," Plansker said. "... It's pretty cool. We get to jam together sometimes."

Stephanie is a dance studio teacher.

"We've collaborated on dance projects through the years," Plansker said. "It's a little cliché, but we love it."

Woodworking and home renovations are his other loves.

"Everybody in the neighborhood, you'll see all these vans pull up," he said. "They all have work to be done on their homes. I can probably say I've had a van come to the house once. I usually take care of most of the stuff myself. I love it."

It's another way to free my mind. I have to be careful with my fingers, but so far so good."

Currently in the works are some jazz vocal pieces he's planning on



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Chris Plansker's compositions have been placed in movies such as "A Dog's Purpose."

recording soon, as well as music for Proctor & Gamble Co. and Pampers.

Moving forward, he'd like to get the chance to be the main composer

for a full feature movie.

"My other goal is just to get better on the piano," Plansker said. "I'm always striving to be a better pianist. Practice, practice, practice."

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that, but we can't force him to do that."

Shetler said the email and saved version of the FOIA have been deleted.

"In addition, the uploaded list of FOIA emails to the bulk email service has been removed," he added via email. "If you feel you have received my email in error, you can remove yourself from the distribution list by clicking unsubscribe."

In a prepared response,

Berschback explained to council and the audience why the FOIA initially was granted.

"The clerk and I discussed the statutory language, which would indicate that information of a personal nature is exempt and that's defined as being intimate, embarrassing, private or confidential," he said. "You also have to show if you've exempted that it's a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. We discussed that, based on our experience, we knew that voter history, names and addresses of

voters is generally available to the public.

"I was also cognizant of the general rules regarding a FOIA. The burden of showing an exemption is on the city; courts favor disclosure; and attorney fees may be awarded if disclosure turns out to be wrongly done. So based on that, we provided the information to Mr. Shetler pursuant to his FOIA request."

Berschback clarified that Shetler received only names, addresses and email addresses.

He also addressed the steps being taken to ensure a similar occurrence does not take place in the future.

"We are taking steps and have already met with some department heads as to reviewing and revising any policies relating to FOIA," Berschback said. "I personally have started a comprehensive review of FOIA case law. I've been to prior seminars in the past. It's an ever-changing legal area and one that can be very subjective."

He also suggested to

council that an attorney who specializes in FOIA law be made available and paid when he has questions.

Novitke added FOIA procedures will be addressed at the Committee of the Whole meeting Monday, Oct. 14.

"It is time to resolve this matter and restore trust in our city government," resident Pat Anstett Kiska said.

Timeline

During his prepared response to public concern, Berschback provided a detailed timeline of the events.

Aug. 27: Shetler submitted two FOIA requests to the city clerk, Lisa Hathaway, requesting addresses and emails from the water bill list and the parks and recreation list. Hathaway called Berschback and the request was discussed over the phone.

"We both felt at that time the requested information was not exempt and I authorized the release of the information," Berschback said.

Aug. 29: Hathaway processed the FOIAs.

Aug. 31: Shetler sent out a campaign email to the names on the list and at least one resident complained the day the email

was sent.

Sept. 1: Berschback received an email forwarded to him by one of the council members. He researched the issue and found that case law has held that names, addresses and email addresses were exempt from disclosure.

Sept. 3: Candidate Kenneth Gafa and incumbent candidate Arthur Bryant filed identical or similar FOIA requests for the information.

Sept. 4: Berschback called Shetler and informed him that he had researched the issue over the weekend, that the information had been given to him in error and he should not use the list anymore.

Sept. 10: Gafa and Bryant's FOIA requests were denied.

Sept. 21: Shetler sent a second email.

Sept. 23: Berschback called Shetler again and confirmed verbally that he would not use the list he obtained from the FOIA request.

Sept. 24: Berschback drafted a letter to Shetler confirming the discussion and asking him to reply to the letter in writing by either letter or email.

"The City has received several additional complaints from residents,

which indicate a violation of privacy and misappropriation of email lists intended only for use for City business and information," the letter reads. "Accordingly, in my capacity as City Attorney, I am again directing you to stop using any email addresses you received pursuant to the FOIA and any other email addresses that may be obtained from City directories and data bases."

Sept. 30: Shetler called Berschback and indicated he had not yet received the letter, so Berschback dropped it off in his mailbox. That evening Shetler emailed Berschback saying he received the letter, but wanted to confirm he had not received it prior to that, even though it was dated Sept. 24.

Oct. 1: Berschback called Shetler to say his email response didn't answer the question of confirming in writing that he would no longer use the list. Shetler responded by email saying, "Just to further clarify, the emails obtained by the FOIA will no longer be used."

Oct 4: Residents, some of whom had received a previous email, sent emails to city staff and council members saying they had received another email from Shetler.

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Caught red-handed

A man called public safety at 9:35 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, to report the passenger in his car parked at a Kercheval business was using drugs while he was in the store.

The 31-year-old Roseville woman was using a crack pipe when officers arrived. She was arrested for narcotic equipment—paraphernalia, crack possession and on a misdemeanor arrest warrant.

Operating while intoxicated

At 10:12 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, an officer noticed a vehicle stopped with its front left tire up on the median near Mack and St. Clair.

The 44-year-old Detroit man inside was slumped over the wheel. After multiple attempts to rouse him, the man came to.

A preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content at .179 percent and 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.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Angry ex-employee

A 36-year-old Harper Woods man who recently quit working at a landscaping company, has been texting the 36-year-old Farms owner of the

PUBLIC SAFETY

company demanding to be paid and making vague threats. The suspect has numerous warrants.

Moped license required

A 14-year-old Farms girl was pulled over after driving a moped on McKinley, the wrong way down the one-way, at 4:18 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, without a moped license.

Credit card fraud

After a 51-year-old Farms woman's discovery that \$392.43 worth of unauthorized charges were placed on her credit card Tuesday, Oct. 1, receipts from the businesses led public safety to the name, address and phone number of an 18-year-old Oak Park man.

Should've used Uber

After an officer observed a vehicle stop for a red light partially in the intersection and then fail to yield to an oncoming car when it turned left, a 62-year-old Grosse Pointe woman was pulled over at Moross and Chalfonte at 10:33 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3.

The woman said she was on her way home after an evening with girlfriends during which she had wine.

Field sobriety tests showed her inability to follow instructions,

unsteady balance and poor coordination. A preliminary breath test showed her blood alcohol content at .13 percent and she was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

Rebelling brothers

A real estate agent attempting to sell a home on Moran contacted public safety at 12:32 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, in regard to a stolen lock box containing the house key and for-sale sign missing from the property.

A witness saw the 23- and 25-year-old brothers, who are upset their mother is selling the property, put the sign in the garage.

Unwelcome photography

A 58-year-old Detroit man with a history of taking pictures on his phone of teenage girls following services at an area church was advised Sunday, Oct. 6, by a pastor and officers that he is no longer welcome at the church and will be arrested for trespassing if he returns.

Missing person

Brandon Scott Labadie, a 32-year-old Warren man with brown hair and hazel eyes who is 5 feet, 11 inches, was reported missing by his three roommates Sunday, Oct. 6.

He is deaf and is an

insulin-dependent diabetic.

He was last known to be working as a handyman on Vendome Thursday, Oct. 3.

One of the roommates contacted his boss, who said he finished his work Thursday and did not show up for work Friday or Saturday.

Additionally, the roommate said in her witness statement that Labadie's ex-girlfriend told her she spoke with him by text Friday, Oct. 4 at 8:55 p.m.

A 1999 Green Toyota Camry is his only transportation.

Suspended license

While on patrol, an officer noticed a vehicle completely missing its front bumper on eastbound Mack at 4:36 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6.

A LEIN/Secretary of State check showed the 41-year-old Eastpointe woman has eight suspensions. She was arrested for driving while license suspended.

— 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 crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Tree trimming vigilante

After DTE informed a 63-year-old Woods woman that a tall tree on her Littlestone property was not at risk of damaging power lines, a neighbor took it upon himself to trim the tree Tuesday, Oct. 1, leaving a pile of debris in her yard.

Food fight threats

A 34-year-old Woods employee at a restaurant in the 2000 block of Mack threatened to take all of the chickens off the spit and throw them on the ground after an argument with his shift manager at 1:42 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2.

Stolen vehicle

Between 4 and 5:10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, a 63-year-old Woods man's locked four-door black 2018 Ford Expedition Max Limited, license plate number EEK0702, was stolen from his Torrey driveway.

Out of hand mistruths

A 68-year-old Huntington resident

noticed numerous missed texts from an unknown number at approximately 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, threatening death if the man put his hands on his daughter again.

The texts are suspected to have come from the daughter's ex-boyfriend, who was led to believe domestic violence was occurring after the daughter got angry with her father. Both father and daughter told officers there has been no domestic violence.

Family dispute

Officers were called to a residence on Anita three times throughout the evening Sunday, Oct. 6, due to repeated threats and confrontations between a split couple who live together, along with multiple friends and children.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Park

No new incident reports.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.

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OUR VIEW

Good, fair, poor
of Michigan roads

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer used her line-item veto Sept. 30 to ax the Legislature's plan to put an extra \$400 million of general fund money toward roads in the current fiscal year. That leaves everyone — the state, counties and local governments — stuck in the downward spiral of deteriorating roads.

The bad news is readily apparent no matter where you drive. A recent database posted at Bridgemi.com shows the Pointes are hardly immune; for the most part, local streets are worse than the statewide average.

Here's how each of the Pointes show up by the percentage of their streets ranked good, fair and poor:

◆ City: 6.7 percent good, 33 percent fair, 60.3 percent poor.

◆ Farms: 2.1 percent good, 21.7 percent fair, 76.2 percent poor.

◆ Park: 2 percent good, 27.7 percent fair, 70.4 percent poor.

◆ Shores: 0 percent good, 86.4 percent fair, 13.6 percent poor.

◆ Woods: 6.6 percent good, 18.2 percent fair, 75.3 percent poor.

◆ State average for cities: 18.8 percent good, 38.6 percent fair, 42.6 percent poor.

The Shores appears to have a different strategy from everyone else — or very different traffic patterns — since an overwhelming majority of its streets remain in fair condition. In every other city, more than half the roads are rated as poor.

The numbers are from last year, so this year's paving projects may improve the statistics. The compilation comes from the state's Transportation Asset Management Council, an appointed board that reports to the Michigan Transportation Commission. Its chief role is to advise the commission, promote and provide best practices — and produce annual data to help everyone keep score.

With such an awful statewide average — less than a fifth of city streets in good condition — it's a wonder anyone gets anywhere. County statistics aren't much better: 45 percent of Wayne County's roads get rated poor. Macomb (41.2 percent) and Oakland (47.8 percent) are basically in the same boat.

It's a testament to the extent that Michigan has starved its roads. The state has a convoluted formula to distribute some of its gas tax revenue to counties and cities, but more and more cities have asked voters to supplement the meager state offerings via a separate millage.

According to the Citizens Research Council of Michigan, more than 700 local units of government now levy a road millage. That includes at least two of the Pointes. But local millage is not a solution for poorer and more rural communities, and drivers can hardly be expected to stay within their hometowns.

Gov. Whitmer's original budget proposal called for eliminating general fund spending on roads and raising the gas tax by 45 cents a gallon. It's worth noting that the amount lawmakers wanted to siphon from the general fund also could be raised by an 8-cent-a-gallon hike in the gas and diesel tax.

The problem with scraping road money out of the general fund is that it means holding down spending elsewhere, especially for education. As much as the roads need fixing, the repairs shouldn't come at the cost of a poorly educated generation of Michigan kids.

Yet lawmakers so far have resisted raising the gas tax even partway toward the governor's goal. There's off-and-on talk about putting a choice of proposals before voters, but it's hard to justify having a Legislature if lawmakers just boot major decisions back to the people.

Meanwhile, the roads can only get worse and more expensive to repair or replace. More bridges may become unusable. Putting off a solution has another downside — almost total paralysis by roadwork if and when a decent amount of money finally gets raised. But for now the bumps in the road remain, here, there and everywhere. Especially here.

Pure
Grosse
Pointe

Future North Class of '35 alumnus Graham McGregor, 2, of Grosse Pointe Woods, was not happy recently with the Grosse Pointe News' Sports headline "Blue Devils sweep Norsemen."

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OUR VIEW

Zero violent crime in the Park

When the FBI released its city-by-city crime statistics for 2018, Grosse Pointe Park got the premier spot in Michigan: last in the rankings for violent crime, with zero reported last year.

The list, compiled in an online database available at MLive.com, consisted of 137 communities with their own police departments and populations over 10,000. Grosse Pointe Woods also is large enough to qualify and ranked 108th with a violent crime rate of 0.8 incidents per 10,000 residents. Muskegon Heights and Detroit took the top two spots.

Neither of the two Pointes did quite as well on their reported property crimes, for which city rankings were not compiled. But their statistics put them in a league with many other suburban communities and college towns, such as Madison Heights, Westland, Wayne and Ann Arbor.

Another recent ranking, by backgroundchecks.com, also put the Park and the Woods in good spots using 2017 data. The Park ranked third among

nearly 3,000 cities in Michigan, just behind Grosse Ile Township and Beverly Hills; the Woods ranked 16th, virtually tied with Milford and Fraser. The company's formula uses both the violent and property crime statistics, plus a factor reflecting the ratio of law enforcement personnel to residents.

There's every reason to believe that the smaller Pointes are comparably safe and benefit from well-staffed public safety departments. It's also reassuring that the FBI reports showed a decline in homicides and armed robberies throughout Michigan last year, along with a drop in all property crimes, including stolen vehicles.

That doesn't mean crime will ever disappear completely. And some of the concerns about safety have shifted — to identity theft, online and telephone scams and other cybersecurity issues. Those crimes have no community; it's not clear how often they even get reported to local police.

But residents surely can take comfort in Michigan's overall decline in crimes reported to the FBI in 2018 — and the safety of the Pointes in particular.

LETTERS

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

Vote YES
for school mills

To the Editor:

Every few years, voters residing in our neighborhoods that make up the Grosse Pointe Public School System must RENEW two critical ballot proposals.

The first is the operating millage. This was approved by voters in 1995 and currently makes up 25 percent of Grosse Pointe public schools operating budget.

The second is a renewal of the Sinking Fund millage. This Sinking Fund millage has contributed approximately \$3 million annually of the \$10 million needed to keep our school buildings operational and safe.

Both of these are essential components of our school systems budget.

Michigan election law's wording requirements have made it look as though these are new

taxes on the ballot when, in actuality, they are taxes we have been paying for a long time.

Our schools are the backbone of our community. With property values directly tied to our schools, a renewal on Nov. 5 will keep both thriving.

Vote YES on these renewals.

CHACE WAKEFIELD
Grosse Pointe Shores

Dangerous
wording

To the Editor:

I just received my absentee ballot Friday, Oct. 4. I am very disturbed about the wording in the second paragraph of the school millage proposal. It says:

"As a restoration and extension of authority which expires with the 2019 levy, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, County of

Wayne, Michigan be increased by 19.00 mills (\$19.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) to the extent such property is not statutorily exempt, for five (5) years, the years 2020 to 2024, inclusive, to provide funds for operating expenses of the school district?"

For industrial real property, commercial real property and residential rental property owners, this means the current tax of 18.00 mills could be increased "by" 19.00 mills, equaling a total of 37.00 mills!

"By" is the operative word here. If the proposal had said "to" 19.00 mills, it would be acceptable.

If this proposal passes as it is currently worded on the ballot, you may hear a "giant sucking sound" of all commercial property owners in the Grosse Pointes moving to Macomb, Oakland or other counties.

I will be voting a resounding NO on this proposal. Please consider your decision very carefully.

HELEN REYNOLDS
City of Grosse Pointe

Editor's note: As the previous letter writer noted, state election law mandates that these millage requests are starting anew from a baseline of zero; hence the increase "by" 19.00 mills. Further, the first paragraph of the proposal states, "This authorization would allow

the School District to continue to levy the statutory limit of 18.00 mills on non-homestead (principally industrial and commercial real property and residential rental property) which expired with the School District's 2019 tax levy."

Difficult
maintaining
residence

To the Editor:

In 2018, the tuck pointing done to my home was a disaster and with pressure a full refund was received when the Michigan attorney general intervened.

By September of this year, the tuck pointing was perfect. So perfect, I had the same company do gutters.

This was another disaster. The Michigan AG and local attorney have been contacted in order to get a resolution.

Doing extensive background checks and recommendations did not produce satisfactory work.

Now I am a victim. (Note I have subscribed to paper since 1974. Keep up the good work.)

AUDREY F. LAWRIE
Grosse Pointe Woods

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Letters in next
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I SAY By John Minnis

Giving 'timeshare' a good name



We recently returned from our annual stay at our timeshare in Orlando, Fla. A Marriott property, the two-bedroom condo, pool, golf course, etc., are first class. It is truly our home away from home.

Many people raise their eyebrows when we

mention "timeshare." They have not heard too many — if any — positive stories about timeshare ownership. Our story is different.

Some 15 or so years ago, we were invited to a long weekend at the Marriott resort in Orlando at a ridiculously low price — an offer we couldn't refuse. The catch is that guests of the offer have to sit through the sales spiel.

We've sat through many of these. We've seen couples fighting and wives crying at the more high-pressure presentations — though not at

Marriott.

Fortunately for us, I was paired up with two golfers from Texas the day before our scheduled presentation. Their advice: Marriott is the best, buy anywhere but Florida (where it is the most expensive) and buy pre-owned and exchange into the Orlando resort.

They boasted of buying pre-owned weeks in the Marriott system for \$4,500 — 10 percent the cost of new in Orlando.

When I asked the salesperson the next day about buying pre-owned, he said, "Sure, but you won't be guaranteed your

desired week if the resort is full."

Since we never had children in school, we always go after Labor Day. In that case, the salesman said, you probably shouldn't have a problem.

He gave me Marriott's resale office number, so when we got home, I called and said I was looking for the cheapest resale unit anywhere in the Marriott system. The only stipulation is that it had to be a two-bedroom.

The resale office came up with a two-bedroom unit in Hilton Head, S.C., for the second week of January. Cost: \$2,500. We bought it on the spot.

We have never seen the unit we "own." We've never been on Hilton Head and have no plans to go. We simply wanted to be owners in the

Marriott system.

We've been trading our week for a week in Orlando every year since. The Hilton Head resort is no longer run by Marriott, but the exchange process still works.

Also, being timeshare owners, we get special deals for additional stays, which have expanded our one week to three, the maximum stay at the resort.

True, there is a yearly "maintenance fee," which comes to about \$800 a year, varying on improvements and hurricanes.

But if you take the \$800, plus the \$160 exchange fee and divide by seven nights, it comes to \$137/night vs. \$224 rack rate. Add two weeks at \$350/week and divide by 21 nights, and the cost comes down to \$79/night. Not bad for a four-star

resort.

Marriott and its timeshare exchange company, Interval International, also sometimes offer "short stays." Under this offer, you can get two "stays" instead of one if your stays are less than seven nights. So we can parlay one week into two "six-day" weeks.

We also can use our timeshare ownership and Interval membership to book weeks for others at Marriott resorts and other properties throughout the world.

Terry once saved a co-worker and his family so much money on a Disney trip that they were able to do Universal Studios as well. In fact, the teenage daughter's room was like an apartment in itself.

Word got around, and now Terry is known as "Minnis Travel!"

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1944

75 years ago this week

CITY EMPLOYEES RETURN TO WORK: The strike of the Grosse Pointe Highway Service employees which has tied up the collection of ashes, rubbish and garbage in the City for more than two weeks, has been settled and the men reported back to work Tuesday morning.

The agreement calls for workers to be paid time and a half for hours above 40 a week and six holidays to be paid double time if called in for emergency work.

PROPOSED ISLAND AIRPORT IN LAKE ST. CLAIR IS STILL BEING STUDIED: Inquiry as to the status of the proposed plan for the great airport to be erected in Lake St. Clair opposite Grosse Pointe, which was widely publicized in the Detroit and local press a few months ago, finds the plan is not dead by any means.

1969

50 years ago this week

TEACHERS' STRIKE ENDS: After almost 400 hours at the bargaining table, the teams of the Grosse Pointe Education Association and the Board of Education reached tentative agreement on a two-year contract. The vote was 75 percent for acceptance.

The agreement, which the teachers overwhelmingly approved Thursday, Oct. 2, ended the strike. After an attempt by the administration to keep the schools functioning normally, North and South High Schools were closed. Middle and elementary schools remained open by utilizing volunteer mothers

and substitute teachers. Only about 100 of The Pointe's regular teachers reported for duty.

POINTE KIDS TURN TO HEROIN: "H," Snow, junk, horse, nod ... whatever you call it, heroin spells deadly danger and that danger has hit The Pointes. Now that the supply of marijuana has been cut down, Pointe youngsters are turning to heroin.

Informed sources told the News that it is estimated about 200 Pointe youngsters have either tried or are using heroin.

Obituaries: Dorothy Bakke, Corrine Callens, Charles L. Dahmer, Arnold E. Hofmann, Jean Husted Holley, Richard W. Jeffrey, Adelaide Lambrecht, Marie Schreier, Mary Socha

1994

25 years ago this week

NORTH NEIGHBORS CRY FOUL: Attorneys representing residents on Sunningdale and Hidden Lake asked the Grosse Pointe school board to pull the plug on Friday's one-time-only night football game at North high. The attorneys, speaking on behalf of 200 residents who live adjacent to North, said they would take legal action if the school district did not cancel tomorrow night's game.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PREPARE TO HOLD TAX HIKE HEARING: Seeking to spend \$10 million more than last year, the Wayne County Board of Commissioners has scheduled a Truth in Taxation public hearing.

The county's plan to hike its millage rate by .1730 would raise 1994 revenues beyond the inflation rate and therefore requires a public hearing.

Obituaries: Margareta

Adlhoch, Jean Maurice Belanger, Vera May Blanton, Clara M. Gross, Edward Martin, Hexham, Emily May Kelly, Glynora B. Nash, Richard S. Weber

2009

10 years ago this week

RECALL LANGUAGE FILED WITH COUNTY: The recall of five Grosse Pointe Shores officials has been talked about for six months, but the first measurable step took place Friday when the movement's organizer filed petition language with the Wayne County Elections Commission.

The petition asked to remove from office the mayor and four council members for approving a 1-mill property tax increase.

DOG PARK STAYS IN PLACE: Grosse Pointe Woods canines will continue their cavorting at Lake Front Park after the Woods city council failed to approve a recommendation to close the dog park at the end of the year.

Obituaries: William Prescott Bonbright II, Frances E. French, Robert J. Griffin M.D., Carol B. Hammond, James F. McDonnell Jr., Anne Margaret Schim, Frances Mae Smith

—Karen Fontanive



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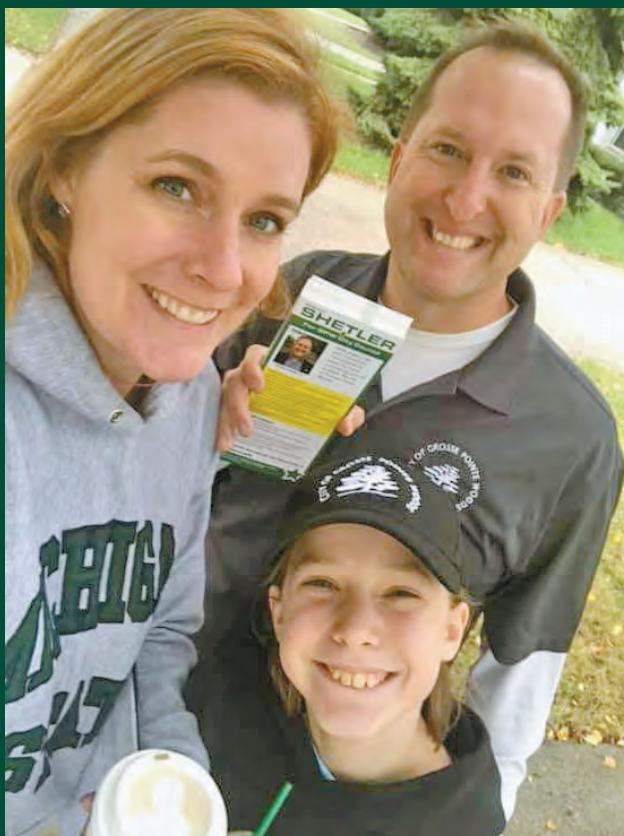
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2. Keep Lake Front Park current for Grosse Pointe Woods residents
3. Keep Mason School a part of the community
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Stroll along Nun's Walk evokes school's past

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

A special guest at The Grosse Pointe Academy's chapel service Monday, Sept. 30, brought students back into the past, invoking them to envision a campus very different from the one they know today.

The visit down memory lane was in preparation for a reflective walk students took along a part of campus known as the Nun's Walk as part of the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the school, formerly the Academy of the Sacred Heart, opening its doors under its new charter as a coeducational independent day school Sept. 3, 1969.

"Today we are going to take this walk together just as the nuns did 134 years ago," said Deborah Wolney, who taught four decades of Academy students.

While she retired in 2013, Wolney returns frequently as a substitute teacher and grandmother to Luke, a fourth grader, and Madeline, a kindergarten. Her son, R.J. Wolney, attended the Academy through eighth-grade, graduating in 1993.

To prepare them for the walk, Wolney provided a brief history.

When the Religious of the Sacred Heart first came to Grosse Pointe in 1867, she said, they were led by Mother Superior Eugenio Demarquest, who purchased 42 acres of land from a successful farming family named the Morans.

"The original property stretched from the shores



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Eighth-graders and their first-grade buddies led the reflective walk along The Grosse Pointe Academy Nun's Walk, continuing past the school grounds to where the path lined by silver maple trees continues along Kenwood Road.

of Lake St. Clair past Ridge Road," Wolney said. "Many of the nuns who followed Mother Eugenio here came from Europe to live a cloistered life. That means, once they arrived, they vowed never to leave the grounds again. If the nuns couldn't leave the property, the challenge was how to provide for all their own needs, including growing their own food and making their own clothes. Mother Eugenio had a plan for all those matters.

"In 1885, the Academy of the Sacred Heart was opened as a convent and school for girls," she continued. "... Along with plans for the convent building, Mother Eugenio left very detailed diagrams of how she envisioned the property to be developed."

Wolney asked the students to "picture our

grounds the way they were at their inception — with orchards, arbors, chicken coops, goats, horses and the nuns who lived and worked on this property."

Where now there is a playground was once a large greenhouse and reflecting pool. What today is a soccer field was a giant wooden toboggan run and the big red barn by the main entrance off Moran Road previously housed horses. What is now the lacrosse field was a large apple orchard.

The property also was home to formal flower gardens, grape arbors with Concord grapes, raspberry patches, vegetable gardens and pear and peach trees. Sheep, cows and goats grazed in an enclosed field and chickens laid their eggs in a large poultry house. "Each summer the nuns

canned and preserved the fruits and vegetables that were served to the students during the school year," Wolney said.

"Furthermore, because Mother Eugenio knew the nuns who lived on the property had vowed never to leave, she wanted to provide a space for them to be able to walk, reflect, meditate and pray," she continued. "So Mother Eugenio ordered the planting of a double row of silver maple trees from the formal gardens — which were just outside of the convent building — to beyond Ridge Road. We lovingly refer to this path as the Nun's Walk."

In closing, Wolney reminded the students, "Most days the Nun's Walk is where we play and run during recess. But today when we walk, we will do it silently, like the nuns did, and with reverence."



The property where The Grosse Pointe Academy sits was once five ribbon farms, running from Lake St. Clair to Ridge Road. When the Convent of the Sacred Heart purchased the land to build a school for girls, the Mother Superior left detailed instructions to include a double line of maple trees from the formal gardens to where Kercheval is today to create what is known as the Nun's Walk. Many of these trees still exist on the Academy's property and along Kenwood Road.

District conducts survey

The Grosse Pointe Public School System is conducting a customer feedback survey to ascertain awareness of two proposals on the Nov. 5 ballot.

To complete the survey, go to gpschools.org and click on "Ballot Proposals 2019" or go directly to research.net/r/GrossePointePSS.

The first proposal has two parts: a renewal and extension of the homestead millage to be levied on primary residences; and a non-homestead millage to be levied on rental properties and businesses. Both millages were first approved by voters in 1995.

The second proposal is a 1 mill sinking fund first approved by voters in 2004. This millage expired with the 2019 levy. It seeks to restore and extend the levy to one mill for five years and expand its use per new Michigan legislation.

The survey closes 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18.



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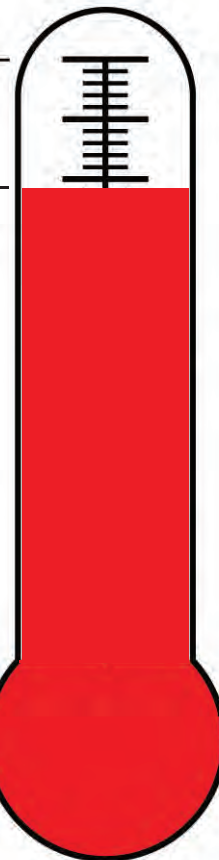
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Documentary addresses anxiety

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Nicole Runyon, a licensed master's social worker and psychotherapist, has been seeing children and adolescents in her private practice 16 years. In the past four, she has noted "an extreme influx of anxiety."

Middle school counselors in the district noticed it too. This served as an impetus to work with The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods and the Grosse Pointe Public School System to bring "Angst," an IndieFlix Original documentary designed to raise awareness around anxiety, to all three middle schools Oct. 2. In the evening, families were invited to watch the film at Parcels Middle School.

Attendance of nearly 300 in the school auditorium was a clear sign to Parcels counselors Carla Palffy and Kim Radant the issue of anxiety is prevalent in Grosse Pointe. Dan Hartley noted it was one of the largest crowds he's seen at Parcels in his years as principal.

The attendance "shows that we're feeling it and



PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Pierce Middle School's calming center is a place students in crisis can go to redirect their thoughts. Creating a distraction from anxious feelings is one of the tips the documentary "Angst" recommends, as it gives the amygdala — the part of the brain that processes emotions — a break.

the families are feeling it," said Radant. "Everyone is recognizing that this is something that needs to be talked about."

Following the film and before opening the floor to questions, Runyon spoke to the audience to provide root causes and ways parents can help.

A clear difference she noted in recent years is the introduction of electronic devices to children at increasingly younger ages. A critical age is 9, or third grade, when a child is going through a

developmental shift.

"Their brain grows, they grow emotionally in a way that makes them see themselves as an individual outside of their family," Runyon said.

This is a time many children are given their first electronic device. While in the past they would learn to cope with normal feelings of anxiety, the device provides an immediate distraction, Runyon said, hindering the child from feeling "whatever you're feeling because you're growing up."

In extreme cases, this behavior becomes addictive.

"This is where parents can really have an influence," she said. "Talking to your kids about the way they're feeling. Once the way you feel comes out of your mouth, then it becomes real. Then it becomes something you really have to deal with."

"Anxiety is about not being able to control and not being able to have power," she added. "... If you don't have any control, it makes it hard when you actually have to make decisions."

Another key is to empower kids by giving them the tools and coping skills.

"It's OK to be uncomfortable. It's OK to be sad," Runyon reminded parents. "It's OK to have these feelings. You just need to show up for them. Let them pass. Eventually, they will feel comfortable with the uncomfortable."

Finally, she said, anxiety disorders are treatable, but may require the help of a mental health professional.

One question that came

Tips for managing anxiety

Every person experiences some level of anxiety as a part of life. When faced with potentially harmful or worrying triggers, feelings of anxiety are not only normal, but necessary for survival. Anxiety becomes a problem when it disrupts your day-to-day life and prevents you from doing things you used to enjoy. The American Psychological Association describes a person with an anxiety disorder as "having recurring intrusive thoughts or concerns."

The APA classifies anxiety disorders into six main types: generalized anxiety disorder, social anxiety disorder, panic disorder, phobias, obsessive-compulsive disorder and separation anxiety disorder.

Tips for managing anxiety include distracting yourself, thinking of the logic of the situation, taking your mind into a place where you feel safe or special and talking to someone.

Simple activities like holding ice cubes in your hand or focusing on looking at your hands and then focusing on the floor are proven helpful as ways to distract, which gives the amygdala — the fight or flight part of the brain — a break.

If you're unsure whether your anxiety has reached an unhealthy level, reach out to a mental health professional.

Additional resources are available at AngstMovie.com.

up during the question-and-answer session was how parents distinguish between periodic normal anxiety and an anxiety disorder requiring professional intervention.

"Normal anxiety (is) situational," Runyon said. "Maybe (the child has) a presentation at school the next day. Maybe they had a fight with a friend. This is something you can talk through and then use that to move on from. That is normal."

Anxiety disorder, on the other hand, affects daily functioning.

"Does it prevent your child from going to school? Does it keep them from sleeping?"

These are indicators a reaction is out of proportion to what might normally be expected in a situation.

Parents may contact their child's counseling office for additional information and resources.



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Grosse Pointe South's Pointe Singers were named national grand champions last year.

South choirs present Fall Follies

Grosse Pointe South High School show choirs kick off the 2019-20 season with their annual Fall Follies Friday, Oct. 11, and Saturday, Oct. 12. Both performances are 7 p.m. at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center at Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The shows feature all four choirs — the Pointe Singers, Tower Belles, South Singers and Sounds of South — as well as the extracurricular a cappella group, The Suspensions, and solo performances.

"The first big perfor-

mance of the new season is always special," said Choir Director Christopher Pratt. "We all know we have a busy year in front of us between our international trip to Austria and Poland, our usual performances in and around Grosse Pointe and our competition season. But there's always a little extra energy around Fall Follies. Everything is brand new and the young men and women in all our choirs are anxious to get the year started on a great note."

Highlights include classic Broadway pieces from "Les Miserables,"

"The Hunchback of Notre Dame" and Chicago, among others.

Tickets, available at gpsouthchoir.org, are \$15 for all lower level seats. Balcony seats are \$12 or \$9 for students and senior citizens. Gold card members may arrange seating by calling (313) 432-3639 or at the door. Visa, Mastercard and Discover are accepted and a 50 cent convenience fee applies to all online ticket purchases. Contact the choir office at (313) 432-3638 with questions about ticket orders.

Teacher of THE WEEK



Kathy Schmitz

School: Kerby Elementary School
Years at Kerby: 1 (18 years at Richard)
Grade/Subject: Grade 4
Nominated by: Sara Delgado, principal
Principal's quote:

"We are very excited to have Kathy join the Kerby staff. She is skilled in building relationships with students and her years of experience within Grosse Pointe public schools will be an asset to the Kerby community."

What motivated you to become a teacher?

I always knew that I wanted to be a teacher, but in high school I began working in a cardiology office after school and on Saturdays. It was at that time I decided to pursue a Bachelor of Science in nursing. After 20 years of being a nurse and nurse educator, I decided it was time to put my two passions together — teaching and children. I completed a Bachelor of Science in education in 2000 and was hired by Pat Meek for a first-grade position at

Richard. My love for teaching reading led me to complete a Master's in Teaching in reading and language arts.

What are some of your inspirations?

My parents were the first people to inspire me. At an early age, they instilled in my siblings and me the importance of a quality education and doing our personal best. I have had the opportunity to observe many master teachers over my career, and I am inspired by my students, principal and coworkers every day.

What advice would you give a new teacher?

My advice to a new teacher is to get to know your students and their families. Letting students know that you care about them and are interested in them as unique individuals helps build positive relationships. The better we know our students and the more we develop strong connections, the more likely we are to create a learning environment where risk-



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taking and collaborative learning can occur.

It's equally important to make learning relevant to the students and bring learning to life in the classroom. Benjamin Franklin said it best. "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." I try to remember this as I plan lessons for my students.

Favorite quote:

"The only thing that endures over time is the Law of the Farm. You must prepare the ground, plant the seed, cultivate and water it if you expect to reap the harvest."

— Stephen Covey
I read "Mrs. Spitzer's Garden" at the beginning of each year. It's a metaphor for this very idea.



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Empowered Junior League of Detroit establishes food pantry at The Empowerment Plan

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Junior League of Detroit has long been an advocate for eliminating food insecurity through its Project EAT. The nonprofit's efforts recently reached new heights with the opening of the Junior League of Detroit Empowerment Pantry at The Empowerment Plan, a Detroit-based nonprofit focused on helping families escape the generational cycle of homelessness.

JLD committees, in partnership with The Empowerment Plan, spent more than a year researching and planning the pantry, which was built this summer with a \$5,000 donation from JLD and is stocked weekly by JLD members.

The JLD also committed \$53,000 to the pantry for the 2019-20 year, to provide breakfast, lunch and snacks — canned and dry goods, as well as a full refrigerator stocked

with meats, yogurt, cheese, berries, leafy greens and other healthy choices — to The Empowerment Plan participants. The partnership also includes monthly nutritional programming and cooking and kitchen tools for participants to take home.

The pantry opened in July and had its official ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 22.

Still in its early stages, the partnership is a work in progress, said Tone Newlove, a Grosse Pointe resident and JLD member. But it's one that makes perfect sense to both organizations.

"This was a fantastic opportunity with The Empowerment Plan," Newlove said. "They have great programming already in place; this was a hole we were excited to fill."

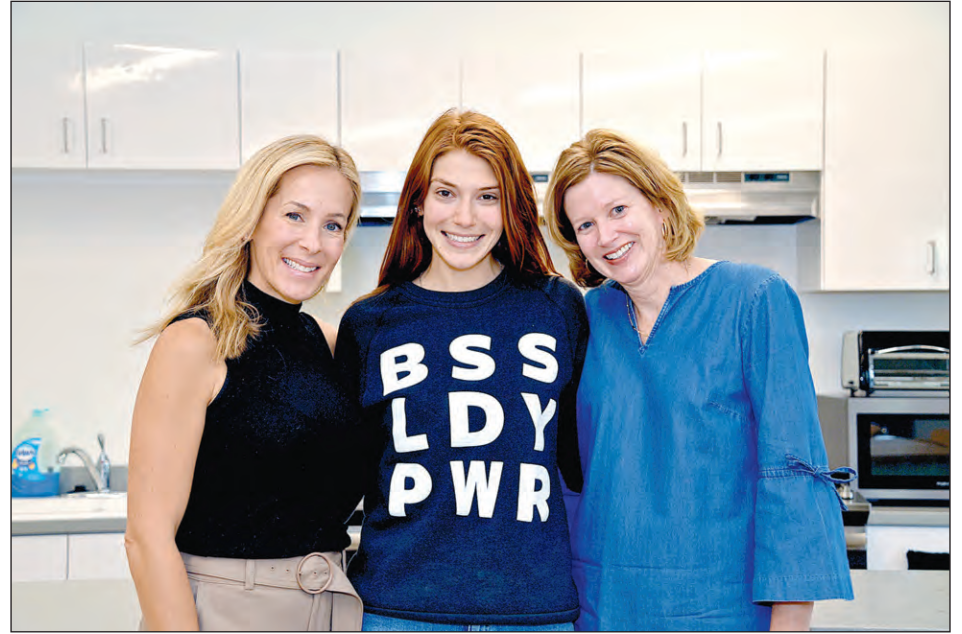
Through Project EAT, JLD members have strived to provide education, access and tools to those in need. Previously,

the JLD handed out kitchen kits which included "everything you need to start up a kitchen," Newlove said. "Our vision was to take the kitchen kit out of the box. When we learned about The Empowerment Plan, we saw this great partnership evolving."

The pantry not only provides fresh, healthy food options for The Empowerment Plan participants, but meets all three goals of Project EAT.

"What we can do is provide access through the pantry, education through these sessions at lunch and the tools they take home with them," explained Grosse Pointe resident and JLD member Kimberly Burke.

For example, Burke said, participants will be taught how to make a meal in a crockpot during an educational session. Then, each participant will get the appropriate groceries and a crockpot to take



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From left, Junior League member Tone Newlove, Erika George with The Empowerment Plan and Junior League member Kimberly Burke.

home, "so they can go home and pass that knowledge to their families," Newlove said. "We want this to impact children. We encourage families to participate."

Added Burke, "In our vision, it wasn't just to provide the pantry, but to teach them to eat healthy. That's what this program does. ... We're bringing in experts to provide knowledge on how to eat healthy, so it can be easy for them to do at home as well."

The project melds well with The Empowerment Plan's mission of providing life skills to a specific sector of Detroiters. The 7-year-old nonprofit employs individuals from shelters who are single parents, largely single mothers, who make coats that transform into sleeping bags and then are distributed globally to the homeless.

The program "has evolved into deeper workforce development," said Erika George, chief development officer with The Empowerment Plan. "Our goal is to break the cycle of homelessness."

Not one person has



fallen back into homelessness since they've been employed at The Empowerment Plan, George said. There currently are around 40 participants; she hopes to grow that number to 55 by year's end.

"Forty percent of their paid time is spent on educational programs, support services, case management," George added.

The Empowerment Plan also offers a GED program in partnership with Dominican Literacy Center, as well as driver's training, financial health services, leadership training, meditation and mindfulness training, professional development and other supportive services.

"Employees are with us on average two years," George said. "Our goal is to serve as a stepping stone — to help as they transition from poverty and homelessness to a life of stability."

Many participants already have moved on to jobs in health care, the automotive industry and even welding careers, each of them taking with them the skills they need to be successful in life.

"Food security was a gap for us," George said. "When you're going through homelessness, access to healthy food is not a priority. Getting food on the table at the end of the night is a win, not what kind of food it is. This pantry was installed in July. Before, we'd see fast food bags every day. Since the pantry opened, I've not seen a single fast

food bag. They're cooking every day, eating fruits, eating vegetables. We're looking for generational change; that's why we're focusing on parents to take this knowledge into the home. They're loving it, taking ownership in it. It's been a great experience and partnership."

Taking ownership of the pantry also was one of the JLD's goals. Leadership positions were created for The Empowerment Plan participants, who provide feedback on what works, what doesn't and what they'd like to see. And while JLD members purchase food and stock the pantry themselves, they've also connected The Empowerment Plan with other food sources, including Gleaners Community Food Bank, Sister Pie and Gordon Food Service.

Newlove said she's noticed the impact the pantry has had on participants. It's even generated excitement about ways to make it better.

"We love the whole philosophy of providing employment and education, life skills, so they can become architects of their own future," Newlove said.

The JLD currently is working to partner with other nonprofits to deploy more Project EAT pantries in and around metro Detroit. Its goal is to open a new pantry around every three years. It also hopes to add more food sources during the next few years.

"I look at my full cart at the grocery store," Newlove said. "I'm so lucky I can buy what I want to. We take that for granted. There are a lot of issues that need to be addressed; food insecurity is just one piece."

"The Empowerment Plan has a track record of being life changing and having a measurable impact."



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The Empowerment Plan participants and their families celebrate the pantry's official opening Sept. 22.



The pantry is stocked weekly by Junior League of Detroit members.

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Moross Greenway Project hosts cleanup Oct. 12

Moross Greenway Project volunteers host Community Clean-Up Day at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, and others are invited to participate.

The Moross Greenway Project is a nonprofit partnership of the east side Detroit community, civic and religious groups that works to re-landscape the seven median islands on Moross Road between Ascension St. John Hospital and the I-94 service drive.

All cleanup partici-

pants who want to volunteer their time are asked to meet at 9 a.m. at Grace Community Church, 21001 Moross, one block east of the I-94 service drive. Trash bags, vests and water will be provided. Volunteers should dress for the weather, wear sturdy boots and gloves and, if interested in helping with perennials, bring a hand pruner, hedge trimmer or rake.

Registration is not necessary. Moross Greenway Project President Sheila O'Hara said the cleanup

will be held rain or shine. Organizers appreciate the help from others that has gone into the project.

"We have volunteers that come back each season," she said. "They have been so incredibly helpful. We couldn't do it without the volunteers."

Launched January 2009, the Moross Greenway Project sprouted from a Grosse Pointe Farms Beautification Commission discussion about the declining landscape on the median

islands of Moross Road. Six years of planning and fundraising later, ground was broken in fall 2015. Beds of perennials continue to be divided and spread throughout the area. There are now almost 10,000 perennials, more than 500 shrubs and 115 trees. Seven additional pieces of sculpture recently have been chosen by the Art Committee and will be installed later this month.

Visit morossgreenway.org to learn more.



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Volunteers take a break during a recent project.

Playwriting workshop, festival scheduled

As part of the eighth annual Grosse Pointe Theatre 10-minute Play Festival, two Saturday morning workshops are scheduled at 10 a.m. Oct. 12 and Oct. 26, at 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe.

Participants are tasked with writing short, 10-minute plays, around six to eight typewritten pages. The theme this year is "By the light of the silvery moon." Plays should be about what happens because of, without, under, behind and above the moon.

Between sessions and during the upcoming holiday season, participants will write their plays. The group will workshop the progress

during the second session.

There is no charge for Grosse Pointe Theatre members for the workshop or to submit a play to the festival. Participants don't have to attend the workshop to submit a play. Anyone in Michigan can submit a 10-minute play for consideration, as long as it fits the theme.

The workshop fee for non-members is \$20; playwrights must join Grosse Pointe Theatre if their play is selected to be included in the festival, set for Saturday, April 18.

The deadline to submit a play is Jan. 1, 2020, and

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Jardinieres

La Societe des Jardinieres hosts its next meeting at noon Thursday, Oct. 10, at The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 159 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. Hostess Joanne Niederoest provides lunch and Master Gardener Andrea Lang presents, "How to Put Your Flower Bed to Bed."

PFLAG

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. For information, email pflaggp@gmail.com.

BNI

The Business Network International Pipeline Chapter meets at 7 a.m. Friday, Oct. 11, 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, Oct. 16, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Beth at (313) 690-5723.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 8 a.m. Friday, Oct. 11, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Gary Niehaus, superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, speaks. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, Eastpointe Fire Department, 16370 E. 9 Mile, Eastpointe.

◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, Henry Ford Medical Center—Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, Lakeshore Presbyterian Church, 27801 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, Lakeview High School, 21100 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Freedom House

Freedom House Detroit hosts its Voices of Freedom gala at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, at MotorCity Casino Hotel, 2901 Grand River, Detroit. Noah Gottschalk of the International Rescue Committee is the keynote speaker. Tickets are \$125 and include an art display, live and silent auctions, open-air photo booth and more. Register online at freedomhousedetroit.org/voices.

Launch

Matthew's Bonfire BBQ hosts a launch party noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at Atwater in the

Park, 1175 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park. Matthew Hessburg's line of barbecue sauces — including Carolina Gold and Blueberry Chipotle — will be available for sale. Visit bonfirebbq.com.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielak at (313) 884-4201.

Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meets at noon Wednesday, Oct. 16, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Guest speaker Mike Bondy of Shoreline Tours presents, "Holiday and North American Tours." Guests are welcome. For guest reservations, call Sally Graham at (313) 608-0901 by Saturday, Oct. 12. The guest price is \$15. For more information, call Sue Plath at (313) 884-5081.

The Helm

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

◆ "Acupuncture: Using Ancient Medicine in the Modern World," 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16. Cost is \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members.

◆ Third Thursday Book Club, "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates, 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17.

◆ Alzheimer's caregiver support group, 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17.

◆ The Classic Book Club, "Runaway" by Alice Munro, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21.

◆ Dinner with a Doc, 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, with Dr. Paul Cullis. Cost is \$35.

◆ "Getting Started with eBay," 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 24. Cost is \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members.

◆ Friday movie, "Instant Family," 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25. Cost is \$2 for snacks and the movie, \$5 for lunch and the movie for members. Cost is \$3 for snacks and the movie, \$7 for lunch and the movie for non-members.

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

Historical Society

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society hosts the free Dr. Frank Bicknell Lecture "The Detroit/Windsor Funnel" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, at Cook Schoolhouse, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods. Joel Stone, senior curator of the Detroit Historical Society, presents.

ATD MedSpa

ATD MedSpa, 15300 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts a grand opening event 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, including cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, giveaways and demonstrations. Call (313) 492-3787.

GPA

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

◆ "The Glory of Bookbinding with Nikos Karabetos," 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 17, 24 and 31, and Nov. 7.

◆ "A House is not a Home, Charcoal/Acrylics with Liz Frankland," 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Fridays, Oct. 18 and 25, and Nov. 1 and 8.

◆ "Composition for Painters with Vienna Szabo," 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 19 and 20.

◆ "Halloween Costume Create and Swap," 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21.

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Physician prepares for half marathon after spinal tumor removed

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Since July, John Veljanovski M.D., has traveled the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel and Ambassador Bridge on his way to and from work each day. The Windsor resident, section head of the Sleep Disorders Center at Henry Ford Medical Center—Cottage in Grosse Pointe Farms, splits his time between Cottage and Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

The passageways hold special significance for Veljanovski as he trains for his first Detroit Free Press/Chemical Bank Marathon, which takes place Oct. 20. The 41-year-old single dad is getting back into running again after a five-year hiatus.

The break was not self-imposed; he was following doctor's orders. Not long ago, Veljanovski had a schwannoma — a tumor of the peripheral nervous system — removed from his spine.

Picking up running again wasn't a difficult decision for the internal medicine specialist. He's made much tougher moves during his life, including deciding to become a doctor.

After several successful years in business — he was director of a Windsor recycling company and served in financial control at Daimler Chrysler Canada — he decided he'd like to go a different route.

"I had a great job lined up," he said. "I took it and completed my MBA at the same time. I'd been



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John Veljanovski, with his children, Noah and Hallie.

running quite a bit at the time and was debating doing a full marathon.

"While I run, I feel like I do my best thinking; I have the most clarity," he continued. "I remember running one day and thinking, 'I'm going to become a physician.' I want to make a difference in people's lives. I wasn't doing that in the business world."

Veljanovski received support from his family and then-fiance, who encouraged him to make the move.

"So I quit my job with no guarantees," he said. "I hadn't taken a science class in 10 years. You need two years of prerequisite science classes to get in."

And he did. He got into Wayne State University School of Medicine and earned a 3.96 grade-point average.

"I've always believed anything is possible," Veljanovski said. "That's why I run — to prove to myself that anything is possible and I can make a difference. I wanted to pass down to my kids that anything's possible — and I didn't even have kids at that time."

While on a clear path to a new career, Veljanovski hit a few speed bumps.

"During medical school, my dad was diagnosed with colon cancer," he said. "He died my third year. I also developed back pain and couldn't figure out why."

Veljanovski saw multiple specialists during a two-year period before a Windsor neurosurgeon, Dr. Balraj Jhawar, diagnosed him with the schwannoma. The former University of Windsor men's basket-

ball team captain had to stop playing ball, stop running.

He had the tumor resected — "It was a benign tumor; I was fortunate," he said — but was told he had to take a few years off from his favorite sports.

"I couldn't run or play basketball, I was in medical school, I had two babies at that time and my dad was sick," he said. The stress put an end to his marriage as well.

"I didn't run for five years," Veljanovski said. "I missed it. I've been incredibly active my entire life."

During his forced rest, he completed medical training. He was hired at Henry Ford—Cottage late July. In early August, he decided to train for the half marathon.

"Two months is not a

ton of time to train for a marathon," he said. "I use the 10 percent rule — don't increase long runs or don't increase your mileage by more than 10 percent a week. Of course, I listen to my body first."

Veljanovski runs along the Canadian riverfront three days a week and completes a "long run" Saturday or Sunday. He's worked up to 21 kilometers; the half marathon is 21K.

"I drove 21 kilometers with my kids to show them the distance," he said. "They asked, 'Why are we driving this far?' I said, 'This is how far Daddy's going to run.'"

"I want to reinforce with them that anything's possible," he continued. "They can accomplish anything. And it also shows them that it's not easy; you have to put in a lot of work."

Veljanovski tried training with his children — Hallie is 10, Noah is 8 — while they rode their bicycles, but the pacing was too different. However, his favorite cheerleaders will be at the race supporting their father.

"I go through the bridge and the tunnel

daily," he said. "This (marathon) captures my day-to-day life. ... I'm excited at the fact I'm running again. I'm playing basketball again with the same group of guys I grew up with."

Veljanovski said he hopes to continue running long after his first half marathon. He's even making plans to run a destination half marathon with Victor, a colleague he trained with during his internal medicine residency.

And he hopes his persistence and resilience resonate with his children.

"It's important to teach life lessons," he said. "Any chance I get, I do."



Veljanovski uses the Ambassador Bridge as motivation during his training runs.

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Double the pleasure: Dueling pianos concert is Oct. 19

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

An afternoon of Mozart, Rachmaninoff and other composers will be featured at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, as pianists Joseph Palazzolo and Anne Roberts present a dueling piano concert at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

The 90-minute concert — the second such collaboration from the long-time musicians — also includes “Jamaican Rumba,” music from LeRoy Anderson, a jazzy suite and light favorites.

“We’ll be doing some four-handed stuff at one piano and two major works at two pianos,” Palazzolo said, noting the duo already has performed part of the program at Country Club of Detroit — and received a standing ovation. “The



Anne Roberts and Joseph Palazzolo practice a duet at Roberts' Grosse Pointe home.

tunes are so familiar. People say, ‘I know I’ve heard that somewhere before, but I can’t place it.’”

The tunes include Mozart’s only sonata for two pianos.

“Mozart wrote prodigious amounts for someone who only lived to age 35,” Roberts said. “He

started composing when he was 7. This piano sonata he wrote when he was 25.”

Added Palazzolo, “It’s a masterpiece.”

“Jamaican Rumba” is a hit, the pair said, as is the suite for jazz piano, “which went over so well last year, we’re reprising it this year,” Palazzolo

said.

Palazzolo will sit at the church’s piano, while Roberts is having her personal piano shipped to the venue, which is popular for its acoustics, they said.

“The acoustics in our church are an amazing surprise,” Roberts noted. “It seats 200; it’s a nice little treasure in our community. ... There’s not a bad seat in the house.”

Last year, people even sat on stage, they said.

Apart from the music, the pair accompany each piece with snippets of information — about the composer, the piece itself, the time during which it was written.

“I started doing it at my solo concerts,” Palazzolo said. “People really respond to it; it’s educational.”

Added Roberts, “It warms up the audience. It’s friendly ... and audi-

ences like it. They like hearing about the composer, the piece. It gives them a little something to hang on to.”

Palazzolo, who has served as music director at Grosse Pointe Unitarian for 18 years, also performs annual solo recitals there. His most recent show, “Warsaw Concert,” was such a success, he’ll perform it again at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Visit dia.org for information.

The church, he said, likes to bring different religious and ethnic groups together. This year, it’s focusing on racial issues. Palazzolo’s May solo concert is themed, “Composers of Color.”

“In studying different ethnic and religious groups, what Universal Unitarians are most interested in doing is

bring people together,” he said. “We believe in the inherent worth and dignity of every person.”

For now the pair is focusing on playing together, which Roberts said is fun for all.

“It’s really fun to learn new music,” Roberts said. “It’s exciting and challenging. And to have two pianos, to have collaboration, is so much fun. ... There’s tons of literature, tons of arrangements, because it’s so popular. We’re already planning to do this next year — for the love of it and because the people who have come do enjoy it.”

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. They may be purchased online at gpuuc.org or by cash or check at the church office during business hours. A portion of proceeds benefits the church. Call (313) 881-0420.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Dr. Alexander Riegel

Navigating the teenage years

Q: As the mother of a 15-year-old boy, I’m concerned about some of my son’s behaviors and the day-to-day stress he feels. Do you have any advice that might help us navigate these teenage years?

A: This is a great question that a lot of parents have but don’t know how, or whom, to ask. Indeed, as the father of a young man (now 20), I recently had to navigate these same struggles. This drove me into an in-depth study of brain development, which in turn drove me into a study of teenage culture. What I realized is there is a significant mismatch between the teenage brain and the teenage culture our young people must navigate.

In sum, the teenage brain is still in development and lacks a fully functional prefrontal cor-

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tex, which is, in general terms, the mechanism by which self-management is possible. At the same time, the teenage brain is highly susceptible to emotional reactions. In an adult, these two areas of the brain exist in a mutually regulatory relationship. Couple this still-developing teenage brain with teenage culture, which includes everything from unsupervised 24/7 access to the digital world and everything that world contains — from violence to pornography

to intense, daily, peer scrutiny — and it is not hard to understand why our youth have such difficulty managing life in the modern world. Hence, the alarming rates of anxiety, depression, drug use and suicide.

All is not lost, however. With a greater understanding of brain development, regarding which we are making leaps and bounds the last 15 to 20 years, and a determination on the part of adults to take more responsibility for creating the environment our teenagers face, we have the ability to overcome the mismatch between the teenage brain and teenage culture. Even further, we have greater tools at our disposal by which we can create better educational strategies and a healthier teenage culture that supports their maturation.

All of this said, I would be remiss not to give you at least a starting point for educating yourself about these matters, which will help you and your son navigate these teenage years. I think the most accessible writer on the topic is Dr. Dan Siegel. I particularly recommend the following two books: “The Whole-Brain Child: 12 Revolutionary Strategies to Nurture Your Child’s Developing Mind, Survive Everyday Parenting Struggles and Help Your Family Thrive,” and especially, “The Developing Mind: How Relationships and the Brain Interact to Shape

Who We Are.”

As a final note, I want to share that once I came to understand the teenage brain, that it is mismatched with teenage culture and the symptoms this creates in our youth, I altered my parenting style accordingly. This changed the dynamic between my son and me, which made it possible for me to mentor him more effectively through these years. As a testimony to how much this knowledge helped us both, before going away to college my son announced that I was his favorite person in the world. I can live with that.

Riegel, minister at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, has 30 years of experience in ministry. He earned degrees from Harvard Divinity School and Andover-Newton Theological School; is certified in the enneagram, mediation and conflict resolution; and is trained in organizational communication. Riegel is a member of The Family Center Board of Directors. He can be reached at alexgpuc@gmail.com.

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“Arandas” by Anthony Aspeitia.

Juror, artists tell their stories, talk about roots

Artists explore where they came from and how it affects their art in “A Personal Journey,” the current Grosse Pointe Artists Association exhibition at The War Memorial, open through Dec. 8.

“With today’s constant wrangling over immigration, we are apt to forget that people have always moved around the world, so our exhibition committee decided to ask artists to focus on their roots and what immigration has meant to them and their families,” said GPAA President Karen Pope. “We shared the idea with the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn, the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit and the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan’s project on immigrants and refugees and asked for their help in getting artists to tell their stories and enter their work.”

Photographer Anthony Aspeitia has a photo in the show that he took while visiting his native Mexico for the Christmas/New Year holiday, a time of festivals.

“When I look at this picture, it takes me back to that moment being surrounded by thousands of people smiling, laughing together, looking up into the sky, watching fireworks bloom above their heads, looking at those

castles made out of fireworks, spinning with dazzling colors and shapes, waiting with anticipation for the last part of the spire to burn and erupt, spinning almost seemingly out of control and flying off into the air,” he said. “That to me is my heritage: Beautiful colors, smiles and the laughter of hard-working, wonderful people coming together with family, looking up at the night sky, knowing that there’s more to life than the daily 9 to 5. Every time I look at this picture, it brings me home.”

Taurus Burns juried the show that features 48 pieces by 36 artists. He recently was featured telling his own story as a mixed-race person on detroitperforms.org, a project of Detroit Public Television. He has exhibited in dozens of galleries around metro Detroit and in Chicago, New York City, London and Germany. His work is noted for addressing racism, gun violence and the wealth gap in America. Real Detroit Weekly, now part of Metro Times, once listed him as “Best Local Artist” and HOUR Detroit Magazine named him one of the “Best Local Artists to Collect.”

The public is invited to a gallery talk with Burns at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, in the dining room at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

FESTIVAL:

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the winning plays will be performed at the April 13 membership meeting prior to the actual festival.

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For 26 years, Senior Expo has welcomed more than 1,500 seniors, their families and caregivers to a day of health, wellness, recreation and community resource information to help design a happy, healthy and secure lifestyle.

The expo includes more than 50 exhibitors offering information on healthcare, recreation, self-improvement, retail products, managed care, physical training, financial and legal advice, to name a few. Workshops include "Identity Theft," "Stay Connected," "Elder Law" and "Geriatrician." On-site health screenings from area health facilities take place. The expo also includes a community resource center with VA and Medicare information and a Senior Super Tent featuring exercise and fitness evaluations, balance and fall risk assessments, body mass index screenings, recumbent bikes and more.

The keynote speaker for the event is meteorologist Chuck Gaidica, a popular guest of the expo, who will inspire, empower and lead guests to "Journey Strong in Your Second Half."

Gaidica presents two mid-morning workshops on planning second and third careers to continue an active lifestyle.

At noon, Gentlemen of Swing performs during a complimentary lunch, provided by ShorePointe Health and Rehabilitation Center and Marchiori Catering.

The Resource Guide, a valuable book

of available services throughout the metro area, is distributed at the expo and remains a useful reference all year through. The guide is developed by the Senior Expo Committee and made available at hospitals, city offices, libraries and committee facilities.

Senior Expo Committee members include Joan De Ronne and Olga Cardasis, Assumption Cultural Center; Anna Knapp, Beaumont Home Health and Hospice; Dr. Ken Hamilton, Sarah McGhie and Bill Hamilton, Harper Chiropractic Center; Marianne Langlois, Henry Ford Health System; Terri Murphy and Victoria Lines, Certified Senior Solutions LLC, Hope Senior Home Care; Heidi Uhlig, The Helm; Julie Nanney and Heather Michael, ShorePointe Health and Rehabilitation Center, ShorePointe Village Senior Residence and Senior Expo luncheon sponsor; and Gina Carrier, Ascension St. John Hospital.

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A Detroit police car leads the riders to Beaconsfield to begin the ride.

Slow Roll through town

Harper Woods played host to Detroit Slow Roll bicyclists Sept. 16, kicking off the event at Eastland Center. Approximately 1,000 people participated in the ride, which took cyclists down Beaconsfield to Moross, to Schoenherr, then Eight Mile and back to Eastland.

All ages took part in the event, some on bikes that were decorated with fringe, baskets, flags or other items. Some cyclists played music and others took videos of the

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traffic.

All in all, everyone was in good spirits and ready to ride, organizers said.



A long stream of riders begin the Slow Roll.

Artisans' market returns

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OBITUARIES

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Norma Jean Day

Former Grosse Pointe resident Norma Jean Day, née Mettlach, 88, died peacefully Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2019, at home with her children.

Born May 14, 1931, in Hoisington, Kan., Norma was an only child raised by parents and a grandmother she loved more than life itself, as she often told her children. Her father, John, was a Missouri Pacific railroad engineer, and her mother, Florence, was a homemaker who baked a mean cherry pie.

Norma loved her small-town upbringing, but with a God-given singing voice, she left Hoisington after high school to study voice and music at the Kansas City Conservatory of Music. One of her favorite memories from her singing career was a recital she performed at the Conservatory. President Harry Truman's daughter attended the school as well, and after the performance, Truman introduced himself to her backstage to tell her what a beautiful voice she had.

Once she graduated, Norma performed in summer stock theater productions at the iconic Starlight Theatre at Kansas City's Swope Park. While there, she met her future husband, Clarence E. "Bud" Day Jr., of Detroit. The two eventually ventured to New York City, where they gave Broadway a shot, performing in various choruses of major musical productions.

After a New York wedding and reception at Tavern on the Green in 1956, Norma and Bud left the bright lights to move to Grosse Pointe, where they raised two children, Mary Beth and John, and ran a travel agency, Day Travel. The pair traveled extensively throughout the years, often leading charter groups around the world. Norma did not like leaving her children at home when she and Bud traveled, so they often took their children with them, producing lifelong memories they will always cherish.

In addition to travel, Norma loved to golf, socialize, read cookbooks and brag about her kids and grandkids.

Predeceased by Bud in 1992, Norma is survived by Mary Beth and John;

their spouses, John Rudolph and Lynn Day; grandchildren, Allison Phifer (Chris) and Jack Day (Ally) and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial services are private.

Donations may be made in Norma's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at stjude.org or the Michigan Humane Society at michiganhumane.org.

June Beverly Cubba

June Beverly Cubba, of Grosse Pointe Shores, passed away Saturday, Oct. 5, 2019, at age 84.

She was born Feb. 2, 1935, in Grosse Pointe Farms, daughter of Gordon Kenneth and Florence Evelyn (nee Day) Vance.

June pursued a master's degree in guidance and counseling until she married Peter and began her treasured family. She had a lifelong passion for music and enjoyed symphony concerts and musicals. She began a decade-long career as an instrumental music teacher at the Detroit Board of Education, teaching not only students, but her own children as well. Her sons and daughter became proficient at instruments such as piano, violin and clarinet.

June was a member of the Grosse Pointe Symphony for 40 years. She played violin and sang in the choir at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Woods. She was a member of Tuesday Musicales of Detroit, as well as played with many other local orchestras.

June is survived by her loving son, Peter C. (Lindy) and their children, Alexis and Shane; son, Stephan (Kara) and their children, Isabella, Emmanuelle, Luke and Giuliana; and daughter, Jill. She also is survived by many caring nieces and nephews.

June was predeceased by her beloved husband of 55 years, Peter, and her dear brother, John Vance.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. A scripture service will be at 7 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 11, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

A committal service will take place at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Margaret Mary Bingham

Margaret Mary Bingham, 90, passed away Thursday, Oct. 3, 2019.

Margaret was born March 25, 1929, to James and Kathleen Bingham. She was the beloved sister of John Bingham (Pat) and the late James Bingham and Kathleen Carolin; sister-in-law of John Carolin (Sharon) and loving aunt to eight nieces. She also is survived by many great nieces, nephews and grand-dogs.

For many years Margaret attended St. Matthew Catholic Church, later attending daily Mass at St. Philomena until it closed. She then became a member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

Margaret attended Dominican High School and Sienna Heights University before earning a bachelor's degree in pharmaceutical sciences from Wayne State University. She had a long and rewarding career, working as a pharmacist until 70.

Margaret was an avid gardener — even in illness she was in her garden caring for her flowers.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 7, at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Grosse Pointe Woods.

James Mason Hackenberger

Grosse Pointe resident James Mason Hackenberger, 82, died peacefully Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019, surrounded by loved ones.

Jim was born Nov. 22, 1936, in Detroit, to Frank and Hazel Hackenberger. He married his beloved Janice in 1960, beginning a lifelong commitment as a family man. Jim graduated from the University of Michigan in 1961 with a degree in architecture and spent his career in the commercial architecture field. Throughout his career, Jim was an active member of the American Institute of Architects.

Outside of work, Jim loved cooking, gardening, drawing, watching Michigan football and bragging unabashedly about his children and grandchildren. He was a private man, finding the greatest joy when spending time with his family and a few close friends.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Janice; children, Sue (Robert), John (Catherine) and Nancy (Edward) and grandchildren, Amy, Samantha, Paige, Zach, Ryan, Sarah, Grace and Mason. He also is survived by his brother, John (Aiko).

A private memorial was held Tuesday, Sept. 10.



Norma Jean Day



June Beverly Cubba



Margaret Mary Bingham



James M. Hackenberger



Evelyn Geneve Piper



Geraldine R. Henkel

Evelyn Geneve Piper

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Evelyn Geneve Piper (nee Campbell), 91, of Winter Haven, Fla., passed away peacefully Friday, Sept. 20, 2019.

Evelyn, or "Ginny" as she was affectionately known, was born June 2, 1928, in Fort Valley, Ga., to a family of successful peach farmers. She spent the majority of her upbringing in the South surrounded by acres of a working farm, animals and her three sisters. As a young woman, she attended both Chevy Chase Junior College and Wesleyan College in Macon, Ga.

She was visiting family on holiday in Grosse Pointe, when she met World War II Navy veteran, Louis William Piper. The couple settled in Grosse Pointe and raised two children, Louis "Will" and Julie. While Louis worked many years as an automobile designer for General Motors Corp., Ginny volunteered as a member of the Junior League of Detroit and was an active member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. With an eye for numbers, she also worked as a bookkeeper for a number of years.

Ginny and Louis spent more than 40 years in Grosse Pointe before relocating to Winter Haven for the sunshine.

Ginny was a devoted and loving mother. She was proud of her two grandchildren, who loved spending time at the Winter Haven house. Ginny was known for her sassy sense of humor, her love for Division 1 football — as long as it was a Southern team — her loyalty to Coca-Cola and her desire to drive only GM vehicles, particularly Buicks.

Ginny was the beloved wife of the late Louis William Piper, devoted mother of Will Piper and his wife, Kathryn, and the late Julie Piper Sautet. She was the loving "Granny P" to both Holly Geneve and Jeffrey Campbell. Ginny also is survived by her sister, Jan Buracker, and several nieces and nephews.

A true Southern belle until the end, she will be missed dearly.

Family and friends will gather at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit, at a

date and time to be announced for a memorial service and reception.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in honor of Ginny and Julie to the Aplastic Anemia & MDS International Foundation at aamds.org.

Geraldine Rounds Henkel

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Geraldine "Gery" Rounds Henkel, 88, passed away peacefully Saturday, Oct. 5, 2019, surrounded by her family.

Born in Detroit, Gery lived in Grosse Pointe most of her life. She attended Miss Newman's School, Grosse Pointe High School, Garland College and Michigan State University.

Following college and for 35 years thereafter, Gery was actively involved in Mid-West Hydro-Pierce Inc., an engineering and manufacturing company founded by her family. During this same period, she also was involved in the Junior League of Detroit as a vice president and chaired its poison control project.

Gery had a longstanding interest in riding and, for many years, rode to hounds with the Metamora Hunt earning her colors, several hunts in the East and a season of foxhunting in Ireland. Subsequently, she enjoyed tennis and paddle tennis at the Country Club of Detroit and membership in the Village Garden Club.

Those who knew Gery loved her. She was loved dearly by her children and grandchildren, but most of all, by her husband, Eddie, to whom she was married 61 years.

Predeceased by her son, Edward "Trey" Henkel III, and husband, Edward Henkel Jr., Gery is survived by her daughters, Geraldine Brennan (Larry), Eloise Gates (John) and Heidi McGarry (John); grandchildren, Geraldine Quasha (Weston), Lindsey Johnson, Fordy (Allison), Thomas and Edward Henkel Gates and Eloise and Thomas McGarry; and great-grandchild, Charlotte.

Private services have been held.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to:

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Gery



Margaret Kengel Schulte

Henkel Memorial ID 11759588, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or at stjude.org.

Margaret Kengel Schulte

Longtime Grosse Pointe Shores resident Margaret Schulte passed away Sunday, Sept. 22, 2019.

The youngest child of Frank and Therese Kengel, Margaret was born in Denver, Colo., but came to Detroit as a child. She graduated from Sacred Heart Academy and was married to Alfred F. Schulte for almost 69 years when he passed away in 2005. Margaret was totally dedicated to her five children, John, Fredric (Betty), Paul, Linda Flaherty and the late Ann Puppi (John).

Margaret was a devout Catholic who was a member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church more than 54 years, where she attended daily Mass for many years. She was active in the Rosary Altar Society there and enjoyed volunteering. She also was a longtime member of the Grosse Pointe Woman's Club.

Margaret enjoyed planning family get-togethers and never let a birthday go uncelebrated. She loved sewing and made many beautiful items for her family and home. She also enjoyed shopping and playing cards, especially bridge when she was young and then, euchre with her children in later years. Margaret loved decorating her home and always made it a beautiful, homey place where the family loved to gather.

Margaret also is survived by seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 27 at Our Lady Star of the Sea.

Music at Memorial's first concert of season Oct. 20

Music at Memorial's 2019-20 season opens at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20, with a performance by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet.

DSO members Hunter Eberly on trumpet, Scott Strong, horn, David Binder, trombone and Dennis Nulty, tuba, joined by Michigan State University trumpet professor Justin Emerich, combine forces with Memorial's world-class Klais pipe organ.



The DSO Brass Quintet.

This concert is possible in part by a bequest from the Dahling family.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, and available at the church reception desk or online at bit.ly/2Vtk9UPn.

PASTOR'S CORNER By Kent Commer

Transformation

How do we make great changes in our lives? On what basis can we look to the invisible to make visible improvements to our health, our relationships, our careers? Is it practical to look to spiritual means to effect modifications to the material world surrounding us?

Throughout human history, the power of faith in the invisible God has brought inspiration, strength, healing and oftentimes miraculous changes in individual lives, communities and nations.

The Bible chronicles many such transformations. In the Old Testament, Jacob and Moses experienced the presence of God and had their characters uplifted to perform prosperity and deliverance of the Children of Israel to historical proportions. The life of Jesus shows how a spiritual relation with God made for Christianity to heal mul-

titudes and improve peoples' circumstances. Also, in the New Testament, the Apostle Paul was changed from an enemy of Christianity to its most effective expounder.

Spiritual power has continued down the centuries to change and uplift lives. Christian Science lecturer Phillip Hockley C.S., is coming to Grosse Pointe this month to relate his journey from agnosticism, atheism and physical disability to complete healthiness and an active spiritual healing ministry.

The avenues to turn to God for aid and assistance remain open for everyone earnestly searching for such spiritual guidance in fulfillment of the Biblical promise, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalms 46:1).

Kent Commer is a member of the local Christian Science congregation.

Eagles tribute band to perform at First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, welcomes the Motown Eagles, an Eagles tribute band, at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9.

The only Eagles tribute band in the Midwest, Motown Eagles covers the powerhouse rock band's hits spanning four decades.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and food will be available for purchase, provided by church youth. Proceeds from food sales go directly

toward the youth mission trip to Puerto Rico next summer, during which they'll provide hands-on aid to those in need.

Beer and wine also will be available to purchase.

The church also offers a 50/50 raffle, with net proceeds going toward Lutheran Disaster Response — 2019 Hurricane Relief Response. Additionally, 100 percent of net ticket sales also benefits direct response.

After the concert, First English hosts an after-

glow during which youth will serve various desserts for purchase.

Tickets for this event are available on the church's website — feelc.org — for \$15 in advance; tickets are \$20 at the door for general admission. Seating is first-come, first served.

To guarantee a seat, the church offers reserved tables for eight, which include a bottle of wine, for \$150.

For more information, visit feelc.org or call (313) 884-5040.

Christian Science to host spiritual healing minister

The local Christian Science church in Grosse Pointe Farms will host a free talk about the transforming spiritual power of Christian Science at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17.

Phillip Hockley C.S., an international speaker and member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship, presents, "A New View of God and its Effect on Well-Being" at the church, 282 Chalfonte, just north of Brownell Middle School.

After an injury left him permanently disabled, Hockley began to search

for ways to improve his situation. Along the course of his search, he attended a Christian Science lecture where he gained a new view of God as love itself.

"I also discovered that this loving God was not the source of my troubles — which were many — but the solution to them," he said. "My life began to improve quickly and I became a healthy man."

All are welcome to attend. For more information, call the church's lecture chairman, Renee Hilton, at (248) 225-3608.



COURTESY PHOTO

Phillip Hockley

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents "Fresh Start: A Healing Ministry for the Divorced, Separated & Civilly Remarried." This free program involves sharing experiences and dialogue with others in a confidential group setting. A video series is included and child care is provided. Meetings take place 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the school's faculty lounge these remaining Thursdays: Oct. 10 and 24, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9 and 23, Feb. 13 and 27 and March 12 and 26. To register, contact Deacon Bill Jamieson at bjamieson@stpaulonthelake.org or (313) 885-8855, Ext. 145.

First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods,

hosts Oktoberfest from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12. The event includes musical entertainment, dinner, dessert, beverages, raffles and children's games. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door and \$10 for ages 4 to 12. Children age 3 and younger are admitted free. Proceeds benefit local missions. Call (313) 884-5040 or visit feelc.org.

Christ Church

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, offers "The Catechumenate: Living the Baptized Life," 10:10 to 11:15 a.m. beginning Sunday, Oct. 13. Several foundational questions — including, Do you want to live more like Jesus? Do you want to explore what it means to be baptized or to live the baptized life of Christ? — will be explored during the course of the

program year with the Rev. Drew Van Culin and others. Those wishing to explore the meaning of the baptism or wishing to be baptized are encouraged to join; all are welcome. Call (313) 885-4842 or email rectorsoffice@christchurchgp.org.

St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts its annual St. Vincent de Paul spaghetti dinner fundraiser from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18. Cost is \$20 per person, free for children 12 and younger, and includes all-you-can-eat choices of pasta and sauces, garlic bread, salad, dessert and coffee. Tickets are available online at stambrosechurch.com or at the church after Masses the weekend of Oct. 13 and 14. Call (313) 822-2814.

St. Clare of Montefalco Oktoberfest, tailgate to be held Oct. 18-20

St. Clare of Montefalco Church will host its seventh annual Oktoberfest Friday to Sunday, Oct. 18 to 20, under tents on the school grounds at Mack and Outer Drive in Grosse Pointe Park.

The weekend's events include Friday night bingo, the Oktoberfest party Saturday night and a tailgate and Lions game at 1 p.m. on the big screen Sunday afternoon. It concludes with 5 p.m. Mass Sunday under the tent, weather permitting.

Festivities begin Friday, Oct. 18, with bingo from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$1, plus \$7 for a book of seven sheets, five cards per sheet. There are 50/50 prizes per game; the number of games

will be determined by time. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Participants must be 18 years old or older.

Saturday night's Oktoberfest welcomes The Sun Messengers for music and dancing. Additional entertainment includes the Austrian Trio with authentic German dancers. The party takes place 6:30 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, and includes \$6 in food and beverage tickets. An array of food from Polish Village Café and Traffic Jam & Snug will be available. Additionally, Carpathia Club and Cork & Gabel will provide a variety of German fare to tease the palette. Refreshments include

specialty, craft and Polish beers, along with wine and soft drinks. Food and drink beyond the provided tickets will be available for cash purchase.

Advance tickets are available at the St. Clare parish office, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Call (313) 647-5000.

Sponsors for this year's event include Main Stage sponsors, Ascension St. John Hospital, Suzanne Antonelli/Antonelli Financial Advisors and Jim and Denise Palmer/Palmer Promotions; and Brewer's sponsor, James R. Fikany Real Estate Co.

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Soccer

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights win title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys soccer team didn't have long to wait for a rematch with Royal Oak Shrine as the two squads met in the Catholic League C-D Division title game last week.

The squads tied 2-2 the weekend before, so whoever won would have the upper hand heading into the state playoffs where ULS and Shrine were

favorable to meet yet again.

ULS was able to earn the Catholic League championship with a 3-2 win.

The game was played at Madison Heights Bishop Foley, which also hosts the state district tournament.

Stewart Smith scored the first goal off a free kick from Matthew Summers, while Nolan Ondersma scored the second on a long shot, assisted by Markus



PHOTOS BY PAUL KANIA
University Liggett School's Stewart Smith scored the first goal in the 3-2 win over Shrine.

Wiegel. Summers scored the

game-winning goal. Ondersma put in a corner kick, while Stewart headed it on goal and Summers volleyed home the rebound from the goalie to score.

"It was an exciting game (we came from behind twice), and the boys fought hard," Dwaihy said.

Earlier in the week, the Knights lost their first game of the season, 2-1, to host Macomb Lutheran North.

Ondersma scored the Knights' goal on a penalty kick.

Dwaihy pointed out the solid effort from his goaltender, Sam Sword, who saved a penalty kick soon after Ondersma's goal tied it 1-1.

LN won it late.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH & NORTH

Another 1-1 draw

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Rivalry games are always hard fought and close.

Coaches throw out their records because they know emotions get the best of their players.

That was the case Monday evening when host Grosse Pointe South and rival Grosse Pointe North took the field for the regular season finale.

The first game between these two ended in a 1-1 tie and it was an identical finish the second time around.

"I told the boys tonight it's not about x's and o's, but it's going to be a battle and pride is on the line," North head coach Brad VandeVorde said. "It was a great game and we had chances. I think we outplayed them, but couldn't get the win. It was a tough tie."

"These are tough games to play because the boys play with too much emotion," South head coach Francesco Cilano said. "They played well, but another tie."

The Blue Devils scored first on a goal by senior John Blake.

That came at the

11-minute mark of the first half.

The Norsemen tied it when junior Nicholas Miller tallied at the 10-minute mark of the second half.

The stars of the game were goalkeepers Bennett Smihal of South and Liam McEnroe of North.

Both made unbelievable saves, including McEnroe with only three minutes left in the second half.

The game turned chippy midway through the second half as several hard fouls were called.

Giant student sections for both schools were quite vocal, too, adding more to the rivalry.

In other action last week, South beat L'Anse Creuse North 4-2 to finish 5-2-5 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 10-2-5 overall.

North defeated Romeo 4-0, Fraser 2-0 and Orchard Lake St. Mary's 2-1 to end its regular season 8-2-2 in the MAC White and 11-4-2 overall.

These rivals could meet again in a district title game at North Wednesday, Oct. 16.



University Liggett School's Sheikh Manneh, left, battles a Shrine player for the ball during the Catholic League C-D Division title game.

Cross country

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen finding their groove

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's cross-country teams participated in last weekend's Wayne County Championship Meet at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

The girls finished seventh with 203 points and senior Jackie Albo was the Norsemen's top run-

ner and a medalist with a personal-best time of 20:23.60.

"Girls ran extremely well," head coach Scott Cooper said. "Had top 8 girls all in the 21s or faster which is a great accomplishment, especially on a course with a huge hill repeated twice."

"The varsity got out to faster first mile times and then held that for the rest of the race. The girls

have been working very hard in practice and that new level of conditioning showed today."

Junior Elise Nyquist earned a medal and had a personal-best time of 20:31.77, and the next two finishers were junior Annaliese Thomas and freshman Sophia Dragich who had times of 21:08.85 and (personal best) 21:14.0.

Senior Lyndsay Kluge had a personal-best time of 21:29.16, while junior Anna Lisa Lynch posted a time of 21:39.01.

The Norsemen's seventh runner was senior Sarah Seagram, who had a personal-best time of 21:55.38.

All of their top seven finished in the top 75.

"I am very proud of this team," Cooper said. "They are truly a team that sticks together, encourages each other and works really hard together to better each other for the team."

The boys were 11th with 328 points. Plymouth edged rival Salem by a point, 90-91, to win the title.

"Saturday was a great day for us, despite still missing two of our varsity runners due to injury," head coach



PHOTO COURTESY OF SCOTT COOPER

All seven of Grosse Pointe North's varsity cross-country team, pictured above, enjoyed success at the Wayne County meet.

Diane Montgomery said. "Of the 19 runners who raced for us, 15 ran new personal best times."

Junior Preston Navarre finished in fifth place overall, earning First Team, All-County honors with a personal best of 15:40.69. This time moves him into the top 5 of the all-time 5k times in North's history.

Other personal-best

times in the varsity went to senior Jack Day, 17:22.11; sophomore Max Kluge, 18:03.87; junior Luca Varanelli, 18:33.66; and sophomore Jack McConaghy, 18:37.37.

"We are definitely seeing a lot of promise for the varsity teams of the next few years," Montgomery said. "Three sophomores in our var-

sity lineup means lots of varsity experience next year and the year after."

Coming up for the Norsemen is the annual Gabriel Richard Invitational Saturday, Oct. 12.

They are also getting ready for the Macomb Area Conference Red Division championship meet Thursday, Oct. 17, at Metro Beach.



PHOTO BY LIZ NYQUIST

North's Preston Navarre, left, put himself among the program's all-time best with his performance at the county meet.

Football

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils spoil Tars' homecoming

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's football team spoiled Anchor Bay's homecoming last weekend, winning 34-7 on the first cool, crisp fall night.

"We didn't play our best, but got the job done," head coach Tim Brandon said. "We knew they were going to come out with a lot of energy playing on homecoming."

"They did and our guys responded. That touchdown we scored right before the half was huge. We earned the win and that is what counts."

The Blue Devils scored a touchdown on their first drive of the game as sophomore Jonathon Drake ran in from the 7-yard line. Senior Ben Gabrion kicked the extra point and it was 7-0 mid-

first quarter.

The big play on that drive was a 74-yard pass from senior quarterback Alex Shaheen to sophomore wide receiver Will Johnson.

The defense once again did its part, holding the Tars off the scoreboard after stopping them on fourth down on three consecutive drives.

Shaheen hit senior wide receiver A.J. Benson on a 60-yard touchdown pass with 4:03 left in the second quarter and the key drive came in the final two minutes of the first half when the Blue Devils drove 73 yards for their third touchdown.

Shaheen completed passes to three different receivers on the drive and ended it with a 26-yard scoring pass to Benson with only 43 seconds left before intermis-

sion.

Gabrion kicked both extra points to give the Blue Devils a 21-0 lead.

Senior Owen Bollaert scored a touchdown on a 15-yard run around the end on the Blue Devils' first drive of the third quarter and senior Sam Tucker intercepted a pass that the Blue Devils' offense turned into a 3-yard TD run by Drake at the end of the third quarter.

Gabrion kicked one of two extra points and it was 34-0 heading to the final quarter.

The Tars scored with 5:10 left, ending the Blue Devils' run of 16 straight quarters without yielding a point.

After that, senior Devyn Griffin carried the ball on several consecutive plays to help the visitors chew up the final five

minutes to head home with the victory.

Shaheen was 11 of 20 for 264 yards on two touchdowns and had two carries for 28 yards.

Drake, Griffin and junior Jordan Johnson had most of the carries at running back, and Johnson led the receivers with 113 yards on four catches.

Benson had 96 yards on three receptions with the two touchdowns.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 5-1 and needs to win just one of its final three games to clinch a spot in the state playoffs.

Next is a home game against division opponent L'Anse Creuse North at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11. They clinch a share of the Macomb Area Conference White Division with a win.



PHOTO BY PAUL KANIA

Grosse Pointe South's Jonathon Drake, right, shown against Port Huron, had a couple of touchdowns to help power the Blue Devils to a road win over Anchor Bay.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights' comeback falls short

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

A fourth-quarter comeback wasn't in the script for the University Liggett School football team last weekend in its 34-20 home loss to Macomb Lutheran North.

Head coach Dan

Cimini's Knights struggled to move the ball against the more experienced Mustangs, trailing 27-6 at the half.

Senior quarterback Ian Narva scored on a 9-yard run midway through the second quarter to account for their touch-

Narva was injured near the end of the third quarter and in came freshman Ryan Jones.

Jones struggled in his first series under center, but picked up momentum after that, leading the Knights' offense to two scoring drives.

He led an 11-play,

83-yard drive capped off when he scored on a 2-yard run, plus he added the two-point conversion to cut the deficit to 34-14.

After freshman Josh Pierce recovered a fumble, giving the ball back to the Knights' offense, Jones went to work again.

Jones hit a couple of different receivers to get the ball in the red zone. He scored on a 7-yard run with one-minute left. The two-point conversion was missed.

Jones finished 9-of-20 for 87 yards and two interceptions and rushed for 42 yards on nine carries with two touchdowns.

Narva completed 7 of 16 passes for 96 yards and rushed for one touchdown.

Sophomore Matthew Belcrest caught six passes for 78 yards and freshman Joey Randazzo had five catches for 57 yards. Senior Drew Zelenak had three recep-



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Head coach Dan Cimini, far right, has to find a way to get his University Liggett School football team to win three more games to get a potential spot in the state playoffs.

tions for 30 yards.

Defensively, senior Nicholas Cardella and freshman Jack Jones led the way with several

tackles for loss.

ULS fell to 0-2 in the Catholic League Intersectional 1 Division and 2-4 overall.

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GROSSE POINTE NORTH



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Bulldogged

Grosse Pointe North senior defensive end Jon Jon Perkins, No. 4 shown in the first game of the season, had several tackles in a 55-0 loss to host Romeo last weekend. Kennard Williams had some great returns for the Norsemen and others who head coach Joe Drouin said played well were freshman Ben Kesteloot and sophomore Ben Bessert. The Norsemen dropped to 0-6 and host division foe Utica Ford at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11.

Tennis

GROSSE POINTE SHORES



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALISON SCARFONE

Winner

Grosse Pointe Shores recently held its annual tennis tournament and winning the doubles flight were Doug Zade and Mike Cullen. Pictured above from left are Cullen, Zade, Mayor Ted Kedzierski, Donn Schroeder and Albert Dibb.

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT

Local teams prepared for regionals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The three Grosse Pointe boys tennis teams, Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School, completed their regular seasons last week, playing high caliber competition to get ready for the state regional tournaments this week.

South and head coach John Willard tied Birmingham Brother Rice 4-4.

One of the best matches came at No.1 doubles where senior Kenny Prather and junior Jacob Harris played well in a tough 3-6, 7-6, 6-4 defeat.

Winning doubles matches were junior Jackson Marchal and sophomore Will White 6-3, 6-1 at No. 2 and senior Miles Jamieson and sophomore Alex Prather 7-6, 6-2 at No. 3.

Sophomores Blake Discher and Owen Sanford won their singles matches.

Discher won 6-4, 6-1 at No. 3 and Sanford earned a 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory at No. 4.

The Blue Devils host a Division 1 regional tournament Thursday, Oct. 10.

Troy is the favorite and other competing teams are Chippewa Valley, Dearborn Fordson, Detroit Cass Tech, Fraser, Sterling Heights, Stevenson, Troy Athens, Utica Ford and Warren Mott.

The Division 1 state finals are held at the Midland Tennis Center Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18 and 19.

Grosse Pointe North ended its regular season with an 8-0 loss to U-D Jesuit.

Alex Muawad played well at No. 3 singles, losing 6-4, 6-3 to lead the Norsemen under head coach John Van Alst.

The Norsemen played a tough schedule this year, knowing the competition would make them better for this time

of year when they have to be at their best to advance to the state finals.

The Norsemen host a Division 2 regional tournament Friday, Oct. 11, and are one of the top teams, joining slight favorite Warren DeLaSalle.

Other competitors are L'Anse Creuse, Port Huron, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Sterling Heights, Warren Cousino and Warren Woods-Tower.

The Division 2 state finals are at the University of Michigan Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18 and 19.

Head coach Mark Sobieralski and his Knights had mixed results in last weekend's Catholic League Tournament.

The Knights held their own against some of the top teams in the state such as Ann Arbor Greenhills, Birmingham Brother Rice, Novi Catholic Central and U-D Jesuit.

ULS hosts its Division 4 regional tournament Thursday, Oct. 10, and has a chance to win it.

Competing teams are Almont, Armada, Center Line, Imlay City, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, Sandusky, West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy and Yale.

The Division 4 state finals tournament is Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18 and 19, at Hope College.

The top two teams in each regional advance to the state finals.

A third or even fourth team could advance if it finishes with enough qualifying points, such as 18 or 10 depending how many squads compete in that particular regional.

North, South and ULS have a chance to capture regional titles.

The team with the best chance is ULS, which is ranked in the top in the state in Division 4, while North is second to DeLaSalle and South second to Troy.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils cruise to win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls swimming and diving team defeated Utica Eisenhower 122-58 last week to improve to 3-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division last week.

The Blue Devils started the meet by winning the 200-yard medley relay with Elizabeth Klepp, Phoebe Handwork, Brooke Lezotte and Phoebe Bedsworth posting a time of 2:00.2, and Olivia Yoo won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:58.57.

In the 200-yard individual medley, Lezotte won with a time of 2:16.48 and Sienna Clark was third at 2:22.24.

Bedsworth, Hannah Blanz and Jilliana Pilutti took second, third and fourth in the 50-yard freestyle, posting times of 26.70, 26.87 and 26.96, and in diving Caroline Rogers and Ava Rogowski took first and second with 167.65 and 141.25 points.

Sophie Schuetze and Genevieve Boutrous took first and second in the 100-yard butterfly with times of 1:01.14 and 1:05.65, and Yoo won the 100-yard freestyle with a



FILE PHOTO

Head coach John Fodell has his Grosse Pointe South girls swimming and diving team ranked in the top five in the Division 2 state poll. The Blue Devils are closing in on another regular season Macomb Area Conference Red Division championship.

time of 54.48.

Eisenhower won the 500-yard freestyle, but Hayden Barry and Lezotte took second and third with times of 5:25.56 and 5:26.72 to keep the Blue Devils in the lead.

Schuetze, Bedsworth, Pilutti and Yoo won the

200-yard freestyle relay at 1:45.57, and the duo of Clark and Ella Pazuchowski took second and third in the 100-yard backstroke with times of 1:03.35 and 1:06.63.

Sophia Kapla, Schuetze and Handwork took the top three spots

in the 100-yard breaststroke, turning in times of 1:13.33, 1:13.61 and 1:15.46, and in the 400-yard freestyle relay it was Barry, Pilutti, Schuetze and Yoo taking first with a time of 3:51.89.

LITTLE LEAGUE

Annual meeting

The Grosse Pointe Park Little League Board of Directors will host its annual meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, in the lower level at St. Clare of Montefalco Athletic Center.

During the meeting, the board will provide an update on league activities and will present a report on the budget.

In addition, there will be an election for next season's board. All members are encouraged to participate.

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Field hockey

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Big win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The cooler temperatures and constant drizzle couldn't keep the host Grosse Pointe North girls field hockey team from earning a 5-0 victory over Oakland Unified last week.

"It was a nice win for the girls," head coach Emma Yee said. "They have played better of late and they put it together tonight on a rough night to play field hockey."

Junior Erin Murphy led the offensive attack with two goals, while senior Eleanor Martinez, junior Annaliese Thomas and freshman Sophia Borowski tallied the



PHOTO BY URBAN JETHRO

Grosse Pointe North's Eleanor Martinez, left, shown in a prior game scored a goal to help the Norsemen beat Oakland.

other goals.

Earlier in the week, North lost 2-0 to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood. This game completed the Norsemen's division slate.

"I thought the girls played a great game against a really good team," Yee said. "It was a confident-building game for us. It's something we can build on."

Grosse Pointe North

finished 1-5-1 in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Division 2 East Division and is 4-5-1 overall.

North plays Greenhills Monday, Oct. 14.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils blast PC

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls field hockey team used a strong second half to beat visiting Plymouth-Canton 5-0 last week.

The Blue Devils held a slim 1-0 lead until they exploded for four goals midway through the second stanza to break open the close contest.

"The girls passed the ball well tonight and played a strong game at both ends of the field," head coach Jessie Rouleau said.

The defense smothered Plymouth-Canton, holding it to only a handful of shots on net.

Senior goaltender

Hadley McSunas had to make only two saves to record the shutout.

Offensively, senior Caitlin Rionda recorded a hat trick, while senior Meaghan Bojarczyk and junior Veronica VanRosen each scored.

In other recent action, the Blue Devils tied Ann Arbor Greenhills 1-1 and lost 3-1 to Wixom St. Catherine.

"They (St. Catherine) are a very skilled team and they passed the ball very well," Rouleau said. "We lost 7-0 to them last year, so I think we played much better this time around."

Grosse Pointe South is 6-4-3 overall heading into the final week of the regular season.

Volleyball

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT

Local spikers endure tough stretches

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls volleyball team was on upset alert last week when it hosted division-leading L'Anse Creuse North.

The Blue Devils, coming off a 25-19, 26-24, 25-19 win over Port Huron Northern, were ready to play.

Instead of playing in the main gymnasium, the Blue Devils played in the smaller gym inside the Boll Center. It was loud and the Blue Devils played well.

Head coach Krysta Kreyger's squad had the

Crusaders on the ropes, but couldn't make the key plays late in the first two games in what turned into a 26-24, 29-27, 25-15 defeat.

In the opening game, the home team fell behind 9-4, but battled back to tie it late and was serving. During the comeback, everyone chipped in with a key spike, serve receive, block or dig.

Sophomore Jada Divita served an ace to tie the match 24-24, but the Crusaders were able to earn a side-out and get the game-winning point.

Game two was much of the same as the Blue

Devils led 10-9 before the visitors scored eight straight points to build a 17-10 lead.

Kreyger continued to encourage her Blue Devils and they didn't disappoint. The home crowd got into it with each point as the Blue Devils came back with spikes from seniors Caroline Zrimec and Elizabeth Hall, as well as Divita.

The Blue Devils scored 10 of the next 13 points to tie it 20-20. It would be tied several more times before the Crusaders were able to win another gut-wrenching game to take a 2-0 lead.

The Blue Devils ran out of gas in the third game and the Crusaders were able to win it and take the match to remain undefeated in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

However, the Blue Devils were able to gain confidence from the near upset as they head into a long stretch of home matches against division foes, including rival Grosse Pointe North Tuesday, Oct. 15.

The Blue Devils had clutch points from seniors Cody Conlan and Madeline Sullivan and sophomore Ellen Martin. Grosse Pointe South is

2-4 in the MAC White Division.

North results

The Grosse Pointe North girls volleyball team dropped a 25-14, 25-18, 25-20 division match to host Port Huron Northern last week.

Head coach Chelsea Brozo and her Norsemen lost 25-17, 25-17, 25-21 to Fraser earlier in the week to drop to 1-5 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

The Norsemen's division schedule doesn't get any easier as they have to face rival Grosse Pointe South Tuesday, Oct. 15,

before finishing with leaders L'Anse Creuse North and Fraser the third week of October.

North is preparing to host a Division 1 district tournament the first week of November.

The finals are at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7.

Liggett results

University Liggett School lost 25-20, 17-25, 20-25, 25-22, 15-7 to visiting Novi Christian last weekend.

"We played poorly as a team on Friday," head coach Dan Sullivan said.

ULS hosts Academy of the Sacred Heart Wednesday, Oct. 16.

Michigan High School Athletic Association

GUEST COLUMN

Summit offers learning opportunity

"Be the Example" is a driving philosophy during the Michigan High School Athletic Association's annual Sportsmanship Summits, and this fall's series — provided at four sites during the first two full weeks of November — will offer more opportunities for students to present their

ideas to each other as a way of sharing best practices for sportsmanship on and off the field of play.

The MHSAA has conducted Sportsmanship Summits across Michigan for more than 20 years, and this year's series kicks off Nov. 4 in Marquette and finishes Nov. 14 in Kalamazoo.

MHSAA staff, with assistance from school administrators and the MHSAA Student Advisory Council, conduct Sportsmanship Summits.

More than 1,000 students from more than 100 schools are expected to take part in the four workshops where they will discuss the line that

separates good from bad sportsmanship, both as athletes during competition and when it comes to cheering at athletic events.

Instruction will be based in part on insights gained during the Student Advisory Council's Battle of the Fans competitions, which annually began recognizing the best student cheering section in Michigan during the 2011-12 winter season.

Details for BOTF IX will be introduced during all four summit stops.

This fall's summits again will feature hands-on breakout sessions and opportunities for students to meet with and discuss sportsmanship with local game officials, who will explain sportsmanship from their points of view and how they may differ from what students experience as competitors or fans.

Members of the Student Advisory

Council have developed and will instruct during another breakout session and also play a role in the opening all-Summit presentation.

To conclude the summits, the delegation from each participating school will meet to develop a sportsmanship campaign to implement upon returning to school.

Sessions will take place at the following from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

on Monday, Nov. 4, at Northern Michigan University's University Center in Marquette; Wednesday, Nov. 6, at DeCarlo's Banquet Center in Warren; Friday, Nov. 11, at the Crown Plaza Lansing West in Lansing and Monday, Nov. 14, at the Downtown Radisson in Kalamazoo.

Registration at each site is limited to the first 250 students and administrators.

Schools are welcome to bring as many as 10 total representatives,

including two administrators.

For additional registration information, contact Andy Frushour at the MHSAA office at afrushour@mhsaa.com or (517) 332-5046.

Registration information also is available on the MHSAA website at mhsaa.com on the "Students" page under the "Schools & Schedules" tab.

In addition, teams across the state begin the first round of state playoffs for boys tennis, girls golf and boys soccer this weekend.

The state football players begin the first weekend of November, while the state district tournaments for girls volleyball take place the first full week of November.

Fall sports end Thanksgiving weekend.

—By Geoff Kimmerly
Michigan High School Athletic Association
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Harper Woods, Michigan Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room at Harper Woods City Hall, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following proposed **Special Land Use pursuant to Section 10-770 of the Harper Woods, Michigan Zoning Ordinance:**

Proposed revision to a site plan to add a new parking lot adjacent to the Christian Financial Credit Union at 19770 Harper Road. The proposal is a use entirely private in character but of such an unusual nature that their operation may give rise to unique problems with respect to their impact upon neighboring property or public facilities because it adds the second driveway and new parking area that exits onto a local street.

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15				16				17			
		18				19	20				
21	22	23			24						
25				26				27	28	29	
30				31					32		
33				34				35			
				36				37			
38	39	40					41				
42					43	44			45	46	47
48					49				50		
51					52				53		

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Solution for last weeks puzzle 10/3/19

7	3	6	1	4	5	8	9	2
4	1	2	8	6	9	7	3	5
5	9	8	3	2	7	1	4	6
1	4	7	2	8	6	3	5	9
3	2	5	9	7	1	4	6	8
8	6	9	4	5	3	2	7	1
2	5	1	7	9	4	6	8	3
6	7	3	5	1	8	9	2	4
9	8	4	6	3	2	5	1	7

	6		1					9	
			9		4				3
4					2	5			
	7			5					8
6					4	2			9
		8	6					4	
5					7			6	
		7	5			3			
	2			9					7

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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