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SATURDAY, SEPT. 15

♦ Join the Family Fitness Fun at the Grosse Pointe Run in the Farms Pier Park. Walk or race the one mile along Lakeshore Boulevard beginning at 9:40 a.m. There will be a moonwalk and timed foot races for children. The fee is \$15. Check in at The Family Center at 9 a.m. For more information, visit familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832.

♦ The M.F. Scott Foundation hosts its annual health fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Harper Woods Community Center, 19748 Harper. This free event will provide screenings, information on health issues, a raffle, lead testing for children, give-away bags and snacks.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 16

♦ Scott Hanoian will give his first concert as Christ Church's new music director and organist at 4:30 p.m. at the church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd. He will perform works by Bach, Franck and Vierne. The concert is free and open to the public.

MONDAY, SEPT. 17

♦ Meet Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen (D-Detroit) at 9 a.m. in the Grosse Pointe Park City Municipal Court, 15115 E. Jefferson.
♦ The City of Grosse Pointe council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 17147 Maumee.
♦ The City of Grosse Pointe Woods council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 18

♦ Julie Hintz will be the guest speaker at a Point of Relevance event held in the lower level of the Grosse Pointe Woods library. Seating begins at 6 p.m., followed by the lecture at 6:30 p.m. and questions and answers. Her topic is "The Truth about Living Happily Ever After." This lecture is for parents, teachers, youth leaders, grandparents and students.
♦ The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores council meets at 7 p.m. in the village hall, 795 Lakeshore.
♦ Grosse Pointe Township board meets at 8 a.m. at 795 Lakeshore.

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Biggest Block Party

By any measure, the Grosse Pointe Village Association's inaugural Grosse Pointe's Biggest Block Party last weekend was a huge success, as can be seen by the crowd below. Kercheval was closed between St. Clair and Notre Dame both Saturday and Sunday. Bands played; children enjoyed ice cream, a moonwalk face painting and games, and adults enjoyed food from local restaurateurs participating in the Taste of Grosse Pointe. The fun continued after the sun went down, above, during the Saturday night dance party, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe News. For more photos, see page 11A.



GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Maison arraigned on charges

By Kathy Ryan
Special Writer

A plea of innocent was entered on behalf of former Grosse Pointe Woods comptroller Clifford Maison at his arraignment Wednesday, Aug. 29, on two felony counts of embezzlement by a public official.

His preliminary hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 17 in front of Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Judge Carl Jarboe.

Maison's lawyer, Jeffrey Sherbow, entered the innocent plea on behalf of his client in Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Court. Charges filed by the Wayne County prosecutor's office stem from

evidence collected by the Michigan State Police indicating Maison stole gasoline from the city of Grosse Pointe Woods public works gas pumps and filed false mileage reports. Both charges are felonies and carry penalties of up to 10 years in prison.

When the question of bond was raised by Jarboe, Sherbow cited Maison's long service to local communities.

"Mr. Maison has over 30 years of community service and is a lifelong resident of the area," Sherbow told the judge. "He has taken communities from deficits to surpluses on numerous occasions. He doesn't represent a flight risk."

Jarboe set a personal bond

of \$500.

Maison also agreed to waive his right to a preliminary hearing within 14 days of arraignment.

Sherbow asked for the extension because the Michigan State Police detective in charge of the investigation will be out of town in September and indicated there was a significant amount of evidence that still needed to be examined.

If there is enough evidence against Maison presented by the prosecutor's office at the Oct. 17 hearing, the case will be heard in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Neither Maison nor his at-

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GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

School taxes may go down

Debt refinancing, revenue, enrollment are all factors

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Number crunching is in full swing for the Grosse Pointe Board of Education.

The board of education will be asked to adopt a resolution calling for a 5.8752 Homestead "GAP" millage for operating purposes, 0.9738 mills for sinking fund and a 1.2478 for bond debt fund at its next meeting.

The base tax rate remains at 6 mills, while non-owner-occupied homes (non-homesteads) pay an additional 18 mills. These are in addition to the "GAP" sinking fund and bond debt millages.

The total Homestead millage will decrease from 14.2741 last year to 14.0968 and the Non-Homestead will see a slight decrease, going from 26.2932 to 26.2216.

Assistant superintendent of business and support services Chris Fenton said the tax revenue coming into the Grosse Pointes increased 1.26 percent and taxpayers will save \$2 million over the next 20 years due to refinancing the bond issue.

"The average taxpayer will pay less," Fenton added. "The school system will be collecting less taxes from the home-

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Marasco dies in prison

City man made threats from cell

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

Even in prison for his involvement in the murder of his mother's bookkeeper in the City of Grosse Pointe, Joseph Marasco proved to be a menacing character.

Jim Fox, City director of public safety, said police were notified about potential "hits"

against officers who helped win his conviction. Fox said he wasn't sure how serious the threats were, but alerted his officers to be "extra careful."

"Apparently he was in contact with another prisoner in the UP who had connections down here," Fox said. "(We were told) he had made a payment."

But those threats are a moot point now since Marasco died in a Ypsilanti prison last week. He was stricken with an AIDS-

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POINTER OF INTEREST

'People have always expressed themselves in pictures.'

Marge Feringa



Home: Grosse Pointe Farms
Family: Children Scott, Greg, Nancy, Lisa and Alexis
Claim to fame: Named the DIA's Docent of the Year for 2007

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Yesterday's headlines

1957

50 years ago this week

◆ **FARMS TO GO AHEAD WITH PARKING LOT:** A proposed 60-foot parking strip located at the rear of the Muir property line received the blessing of the Grosse Pointe Farms city council.

The parking lot is designed to augment the parking facilities at the municipal parking lot. The development required a zoning ordinance amendment that changed the zoning from residential to parking.

The lot is planned to be ready for the busy Christmas season. It will accommodate 90 vehicles.

◆ **YOUTH STEALS RIFLE AND THREATENS POLICE-MAN:** Grosse Pointe Park police arrested a 14-year-old male who stole a loaded rifle from the police station and threatened an officer who the boy claimed "had been picking on him."

Police said the boy was detained on an unrelated charge and took the rifle when released. He lost his nerve and fled the scene. The boy headed to the foot of Lakewood in Detroit where he broke into several boats, finally starting one boat and fleeing to Wyandotte. He was later arrested by Wyandotte police.

He was placed in the Juvenile Detention Home for clinical observation.

◆ **ASIAN FLU THREAT GETS WOODS' ATTENTION:** The Grosse Pointe Woods city council authorized the inoculation of all city employees against Asiatic flu.

About 70 city employees are scheduled to receive inoculations because of the increased threat of public officials coming in contact with the virus. The program will cost \$210.

1982

25 years ago this week

◆ **WOODS HOMES MAY BE REZONED FOR PARKING:** The Grosse Pointe Woods city council is considering razing 40 homes and converting the lots into parking spaces behind the north Mack business strip.

The zoning change would allow the use of the lots for development of off-street parking for businesses. The city was prompted to look at the pro-

posal because of parking deficiencies in the area.

Parking spaces on Mack vary from five to 25 per business.

◆ **SCHOOLS HOLD LINE ON TAXES:** The Grosse Pointe Board of Education proposed a rollback of its millage rate, even in light of several surrounding school districts wondering how they will stay afloat with declining revenues.

Despite the rollback, the school district's operating budget will still have a \$1.5 million surplus. School taxes are divided among three funds: general fund, library and debt retirement fund.

◆ **PARK LOOKING TO PLUG LEAK:** Grosse Pointe Park officials are investigating who has been leaking confidential information discussed during closed city council meetings.

The intent of the leaks appears to be an attempt to embarrass City Manager John Crawford. In one instance, minutes from a closed city council meeting held earlier in the summer ended up on residents' doorsteps.

The leaks have made union negotiations more difficult between the Park and its labor unions.

1997

10 years ago this week

◆ **ZERO TOLERANCE PLAN FOR PRANKSTERS:** School administrators and local police are warning Grosse Pointe North High School students to abandon any plans they may have for "creatively celebrating the opening of the new school year."

The program, which includes policing the grounds of the high school the night before school opens, is aimed at eliminating vandalism that has become an annual rite at the school.

But what began as harmless fun has escalated into a contest involving the theft of private property and street signs.

◆ **WOODS BASEMENTS DAMAGED BY STORM:** Heavy rains that overwhelmed the Grosse Pointe Woods sewer system caused the flooding of several basements in the city.

Nearly 4 inches of rain fell in a 3 1/2 hour period that put too much pressure on the city's storm water system. With no place to go, the water backed up into basements.

Residents affected by the flooding were warned by city officials to be very careful to completely clean the flooded areas.

2002

5 years ago this week

◆ **SHOPPERS SAY GOOD-BYE TO JAKES:** Bargain hunters and people bidding sentimental farewells packed the Jacobson's Grosse Pointe store on its last day of business after 58 years in the Village.

The store was one of eight that shut its doors recently. The company is still in liquidation and the decision to close the store was made by the liquidators, store officials said.

◆ **SHORES SHORELINE GETS UPGRADE:** Construction was completed on a new 800-foot walkway at Grosse Pointe Shores Osius Park, making it one of the most scenic shorelines in the Pointes.

The project was spearheaded and funded mostly by the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation. The walkway is composed of stone aggregate highlighted by commemorative bricks, lighting and three outlook decks.

◆ **FARMS RESIDENTS ARMED FOR SPEED PATROLS:** The Grosse Pointe Farms department of public safety are distributing handheld radar guns to residents concerned about motorists who speed on their streets.

Radar guns were handed out for a 72-hour period and residents were required to complete a short training session.

After the radar gun and log of offending vehicles are submitted to police, owners of the vehicles will be issued a warning letter notifying them their vehicle was observed exceeding the speed limit.

By John Lundberg



1982: Heat up them coals

Beth Klein and Howard Trowern ready up their cooking skills for the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church barbecue. The event is sponsored by the church's Women's Association, and proceeds support the group's annual fair.

Mackinac Center head to address the Eastside Republican Club

The Eastside Republican Club will hold a public forum at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The guest speaker is Lawrence W. Reed of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a research and educational institute. Reed will kick off the Eastside Republican Club fall season speaking on "Principled Leadership for Fixing Michigan."

Reed is president of the Mackinac Center, whose mission is to equip Michigan citizens and other decision-makers with information to better evaluate Michigan public policy options, and to do so from a free market perspective.

Reed holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics

from Grove City College and a Master of Arts degree in history from Slippery Rock State University, both in Pennsylvania. He taught economics at Midland's Northwood University from 1977 to 1984, and chaired the department of economics from 1982 to 1984. He designed the university's dual major in economics and business management and founded its annual "Freedom Seminar."

Under his leadership, the Mackinac Center for Public Policy has emerged as the largest and one of the most effective of more than 40 state-based "free market" think tanks in America. In 1994, he was elected to a one-year term as president of the State Policy Network, a national or-

ganization whose membership consists of those state-based groups, and has continued to serve on its board.

Reed has authored more than 800 newspaper columns and articles, 200 radio commentaries, dozens of magazine and journal articles in the U.S. and abroad, as well as five books.

In 1993, Michigan Gov. John Engler appointed Reed to the Headlee Amendment Blue Ribbon Commission. In 1994, he was named to a task force of the Secchia Commission on Total Quality Government, charged by Engler with streamlining state government.

The Eastside Republican Club Forum is typically held on the third Tuesday of the month from September



Lawrence W. Reed

through June. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

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GROSSE POINTE PARK

Brownstones planned for Lakepointe

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

Townhouses with floor plans called "Soho" and "Tribeca," evoke the hip urban lifestyle found in Manhattan's Lower East Side.

Yet these homes will soon be for sale in Grosse Pointe Park.

The first set of brownstones will be built in the 1000 block of Lakepointe, just off Jefferson and near the city's municipal campus. Another project is pending for the 800 block of Beaconsfield across from Trombly Elementary School.

Both condominium developments, called the Brownstones at the Park, are projects of Robertson Brothers, a Bloomfield Hills-based home builder.

The firm has been interested in building new homes in the Pointes for a number of years, said Jim Clarke, company president. He said they even looked into developing the Jacobson's building site, but this is the first time a viable opportunity to develop land has arisen.

"The city (of Grosse Pointe Park) was very creative and had great vision," Clarke said. "They are working to keep their city vibrant."

At both the Lakepointe and Beaconsfield sites, the townhouses will replace rental units which is part of the city's neighbor renewal plan.

In November of 2006, Park taxpayers approved a \$7 million bond of which \$2 million is earmarked for neighborhood improvements. The city is using the money to purchase rental properties. The Park's city manager, Dale Krajniak, projects 140 rental units will be taken off the market under this plan.

The acquired properties will be sold to private developers such as Robertson.

"In addition to bringing new housing into the Park, these new private homes help to reduce the excess of rental properties which has caused landlords to struggle in recent years," said Dale Krajniak, the Park's city manager.

The Lakepointe development will consist of three buildings — two eight-unit and one six-unit terrace dwellings — arranged in a U-shape de-

sign clustered around a central lawn and courtyard.

This formation is unique because it will introduce green space in the middle of Lakepointe, Clarke said. One side of the two larger buildings will flank and parallel Lakepointe while the smaller one will be recessed and its front will face the street.

"It will create a nice little urban park for the residents," he said.

Each of approximately 1,600 square-foot townhouses will have an attached garage on the ground level, a main floor living space on the second floor and bedrooms on the third.

The homes will have a base price point between \$180,000 and \$200,000. Owners will be members of a community association and will have communal interest in the exterior, Clarke said.

"This new condo development provides an opportunity to create new affordable house which will appeal to first time buyers and buyers who are interested in downsizing," Krajniak said.

While most new home buyers typically spend about 5 to 10 percent beyond the sale price on upgrades, such as higher quality carpeting or granite countertops, Clarke contends buyers of these homes don't need to spend more on these amenities.

"They come very well appointed," he said.

Robertson representatives recently met with Lakepointe residents to go over the plans. While the response was positive, many were concerned about the development adding to the street parking problem, Clarke said.

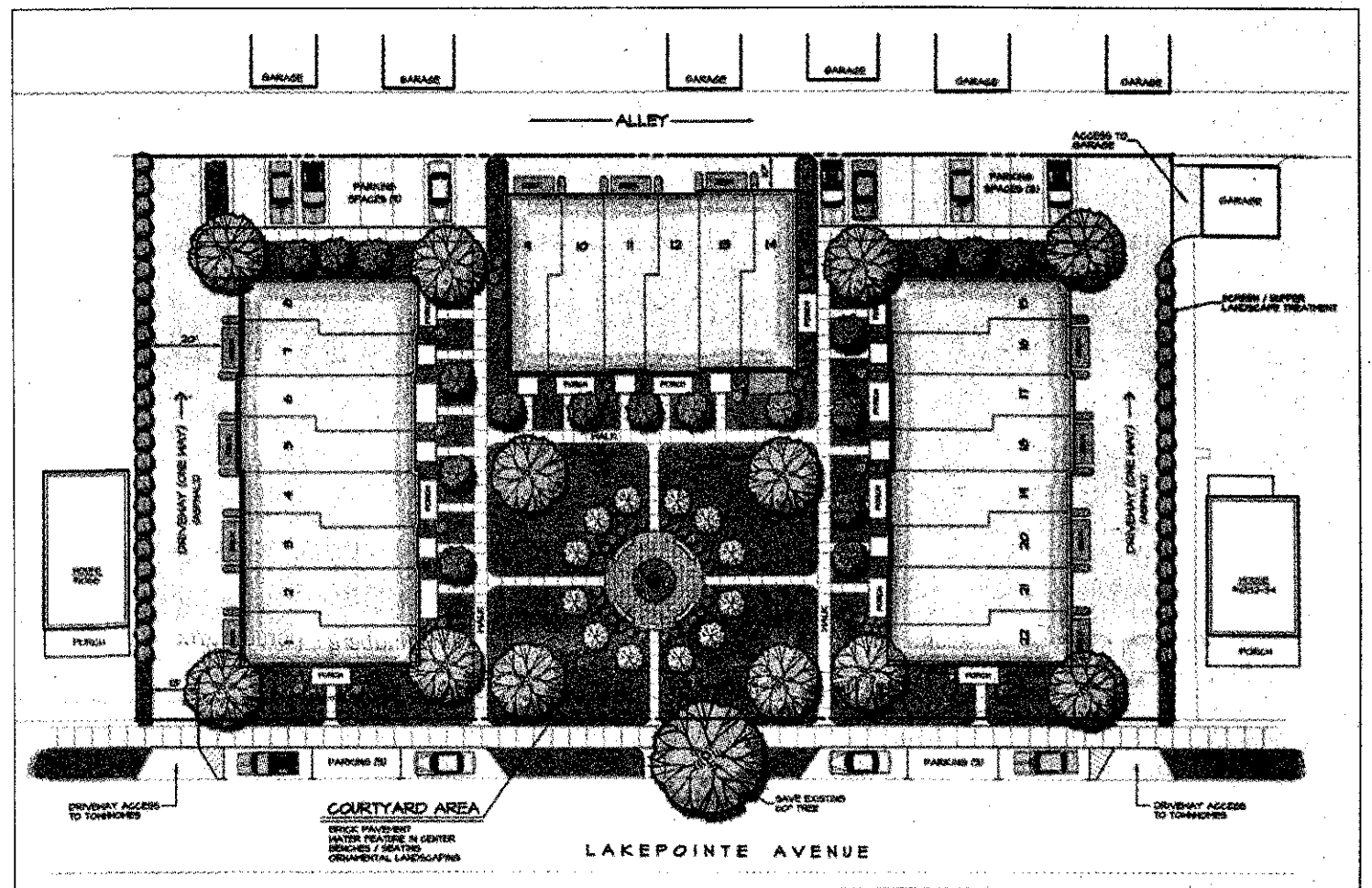
The builder has estimated the 22 brownstones will have a total of 33 covered interior parking spaces in the attached garages. It has designed two bumped-out bays providing parking for a total of six cars on the street in front of the complex. The site plan provides 16 additional parking spaces in the alley which borders the 6-unit building.

Robertson plans to open a sales marketing center at Jefferson and Lakepointe later this week, Clarke said.

He estimates that furnished models will be completed within the next six months.



Robertson Builders of Bloomfield Hills plans to development an enclave of 22 brownstones in the 1000 block of Lakepointe. A preliminary site plan illustrates the U-shape formation of three buildings creating a park-like green space in the middle of the block.



MARASCO: He wouldn't last long

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related disease and hepatitis C after years of drug use.

"We figured from the begin-

ning that with all of his illnesses that he wouldn't last long in prison," Fox said.

Marasco was convicted last year in the 2005 murder of Barbara Ann Iske in his mother's driveway at 21 Dodge Place. Wayne County prosecutors argued that Marasco was worried that Iske would help cut him out of her will which lead him to hire two Detroit

men to kill her.

The murder was the first in the City in 60 years.

Marasco, 51, was sentenced to mandatory life in prison without parole on Aug. 3, 2006 — the same day his victim would have celebrated her 59th birthday if he hadn't paid two cut-rate criminals \$3,400 to execute her.

Prosecutors presented testi-

mony that Marasco wanted Iske dead because she'd convinced his mother to cut him out of at least half of her multi-million dollar estate, with more cuts possible.

In addition to first-degree murder, jurors convicted Marasco of felony murder and conspiracy to murder. Deliberations lasted two hours over two days.

MAISON: Earned \$93,000

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torney would comment on the charges or Jarboe's rulings.

The charges stem from an investigation by city and state officials following reports that Maison was seen using the city gas pumps to fill up his privately owned vehicle after his city car and gas privileges were terminated in a cost cutting move by the city council last November. A review of videotape surveillance of the yard going back to November

ensued.

Tapes revealed that Maison had used the pumps several times, including on a Saturday and other times when the yard was officially closed, filling not only his car, but on one occasion, returning 10 minutes later to fill up another vehicle.

Maison was placed on administrative leave March 15, and he tendered his resignation the following day.

Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Judge Lynne Pierce recused herself from the case, and the arraignment was moved to Grosse Pointe Park.

Maison, 54, was employed by Grosse Pointe Woods for 19 years and was earning \$93,000 a year at the time of his resignation.

TAXES: Students, taxes down

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owners next year.

"If our population goes down, and we anticipate our enrollment will be 12 students less than a year ago, our taxes go down by law."

The biggest impact for taxpayers will be savings from refinancing the bond.

"Taxpayers will see this savings immediately in their December taxes," said Superintendent Suzanne Klein.

School officials are still waiting for the state to announce its budget for the upcoming year.

Margot C. Parker of Grosse Pointers for Excellence in Education said in a prepared statement:

"The board has acted responsibly in a number of financial areas to control costs such as refinancing the bond at a lower interest rate, managing the labor contracts in a more reasonable fashion and developing new procedures for accounting purposes. However, it needs to do more to help an increasing hard-pressed community meet all its obligations."

"A first step would be to roll back some, if not all, the sinking fund levy. Another reasonable approach to the tax situation would be to stop all future construction projects and use the funds to pay off the bondholders and reduce the tax burden on present and future homeowners."

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Marge Feringa has an air of freshness about her. As Detroit Institute of Art's 2007 Docent of the Year, she takes families on tours showing them the works of Matisse and Monet, whom she calls visionaries.

A pure love of art resonates

By Carrie Cunningham
Special Writer

Marge Feringa, recently named 2007 Docent of the Year at the Detroit Institute of Arts, has a penchant for freshness.

When asked who her heroes are, the Grosse Pointe Farms resident said she likes iconoclasts she meets in day to day life. While a group may all view something in some way, an iconoclast will ask whether they can visualize something from a different angle. They may be ridiculed but they maintain their opinions.

Feringa's conception of iconoclasts is comprehensible, for she lives and works as a docent with exemplary artists and their work.

Whether from antiquity to the Middle Ages or from Impressionism to 20th century abstract art, artists are influenced by each other, and

fresh genres often develop when they break free from previous conventions.

Feringa concurs that the evolution of art can be seen as a series of changes and transformations, creations and recreations.

Among the artists she sees as visionaries are Henri Matisse with his use of colors and Claude Monet who painted impressionistic landscapes.

Feringa has been a docent at the DIA for decades. Though she had collected American art previous to being a docent, she said she was relatively unschooled in the themes and types of world art.

Feringa first gained interest in the DIA when a friend invited her to take a museum sponsored world art history class. The course included a survey of Egyptian, Greek and Roman art, Dutch masters like Rembrandt and Bruegel, French painters like Matisse and Monet, and American art.

Feringa became spellbound by what she learned from the course and decided to become a docent.

She had a particular interest in American art, favoring James Whistler and Japanese landscape artist Isamu Noguchi, and she began her tenure as a docent with tours of the DIA's American art galleries.

Feringa's favorite niche of public tours is family nights on Friday evenings. Parents and kids and close relatives are among the people that she has introduced to the fine collection of art at the DIA.

Adults on average have more knowledge than children when they come to the museum, Feringa said, and it is the youngster she really likes to educate.

"Children don't know much about art and when we stand in front of a picture, we introduce it a little bit, and it's amazing how observant they



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Marge Feringa was named the DIA's Docent of the Year in 2007.

are," Feringa said.

Feringa recalls incidents when previously apathetic children became enthralled

with what they learned as a result of her informative tours.

Not only does Feringa appreciate imparting museum goers with a mesmerizing knowledge of art, but she has also liked fraternizing with other docents.

"Docents are one of the most interesting groups of people. They come from all walks of life. Many of them have had careers. From my training class many of us are still friends even after all these years," she said.

A pure love of art is the prime reason for Feringa's longevity at the museum. She embraces art and what it represents.

"People have always expressed themselves in pictures. It opens you to a whole new area of looking at colors and looking at cities and sceneries and people. It enriches your life and it parallels history," she said.

Feringa is looking forward to giving tours again once the current renovation of the DIA is completed in November of this year. She hopes the addition and reorganization of galleries will usher in a renewed interest in art at the DIA.

Feringa is a mother and retired health care worker. She grew up in New Jersey and attended Michigan's Calvin College.

In her spare time, she has traveled to Europe and has taken in regional artwork. Her favorite country is Italy.

Being a member of the Christian Reformed Church is another facet of Feringa's life. She has served as an elder at the church and has a fervent faith.

When asked if she is proud of her Docent of the Year award, she says she is not used to the attention, adding that the DIA has given much more to her than she has given to it.

DIA prepares for its November grand opening

The newly-remodeled Detroit Institute of Arts opens to the public after a six-year, \$158 million building renovation and expansion project on Friday, Nov. 23.

The museum will open with a grand opening ceremony at the Woodward entrance at 10 a.m. the day after Thanksgiving and stay open for 32 consecutive hours, closing at 6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 24.

Free admission and specially extended hours will give more people the opportunity to be among the first to see the new DIA and experience its art collection in redesigned galleries.

Throughout the first 32 hours of the new DIA, the museum will offer special programming in galleries and public spaces.

From authentic blue grass music in the American galleries to griots and dancers in the African galleries, visitors can view an array of programs designed to enhance their experience.

Of course the real star of the opening is the museum itself.

Visitors will be invited to explore every gallery, enjoy all new labels and reacquaint themselves with favorite friends in the collection. Several galleries use technology to engage visitors with the art including a dining table featuring a 17th century European banquet experience, process videos explaining art-making techniques and digital books that allow visitors to explore personal prayer in medieval times or an authentic Egyptian Book of the Dead.

Throughout the 32 hours, new programming, gifts and giveaways are planned.

Prior to the general public opening, Arts Alive!, the grand opening gala celebration of the new DIA, will be held Saturday, Nov. 10.

And while the new DIA will be the main attraction at Arts Alive!, a diverse line-up of international, national and local entertainment will engage partygoers.

Arts Alive! entertainment will include:

- ◆ Performance painter Michael Israel
- ◆ Alex Donner and his orchestra

- ◆ Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet of New York
- ◆ DJ Cassidy
- ◆ Chris Nuñez, an artist from

- the TLC hit TV show Miami Ink
- ◆ Osadia, provocative hair art street theatre company from Barcelona

Tickets to Arts Alive! range in price from \$200 to \$600. For details, call (313) 833-7967.

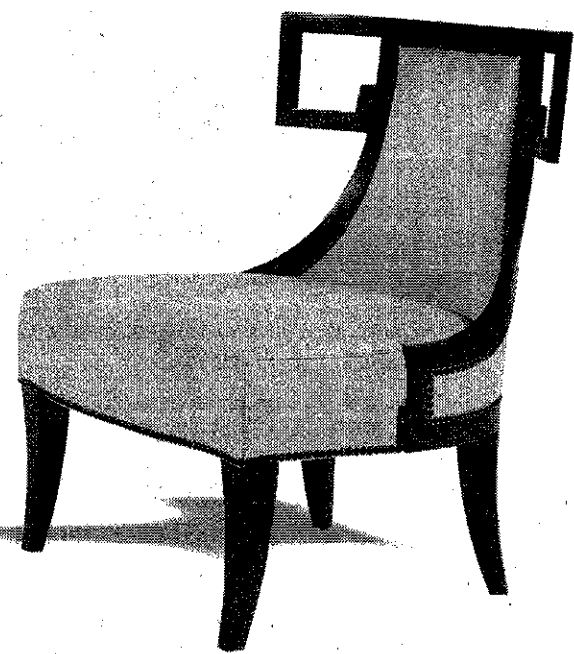


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From left seated, Mado Lie, Stephanie Germack-Kerzic, Betty Brooks, Jill Williams; standing from left, Mary Kay Crain and Jennifer Fischer, wrote notes to be included in the Detroit Institute of Arts invitations, announcing the re-opening of the DIA.

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Myrna Smith, right, of Grosse Pointe Farms, walked three miles a day six times a week in the Farms Pier Park in the Walk Michigan program, organized by the Michigan Recreation and Park Association. After each walk, she would drop a slip of paper with her name and phone number into a box for a chance to win a four-day, three night stay on Mackinac Island, and do more walking. Awarded the winning trip for two to Mission Point Resort from the Farms and the City of Grosse Pointe, Smith took her friend Jeanette Knutson, left, of Grosse Pointe Woods, and met up with 30 other Walk Michigan winners from across the state.

The group joined Gov. Jennifer Granholm, First Gentleman Daniel Mulhern, their son, Jack, and more than 57,000 others for the annual Labor Day Mackinac Bridge trek.



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Health fair focuses on women's issues

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

You won't find carnival rides and games at this fair, but you might find something that will save you or a family member's life.

The M.G. Scott Foundation is holding its annual health fair, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Harper Woods Community Center, 19748 Harper.

As this year's title, "Knowledge for Healthy Living: Issues Critical to Women's Health," indicates, the fair will feature information on numerous women's health issues, including heart disease, and breast and cervical cancer.

"National studies have shown that women are major consumers of health services, both for themselves and for family members," said State Sen. Martha G. Scott (D-Detroit), president and founder of the foundation.

"In addition, women have greater rates of health problems than men and longer life spans. One in five women in our country are uninsured, making access to quality

'Women are major consumers of health services, both for themselves and for family members.'

STATE SEN. MARTHA SCOTT,
(D-Detroit)

health care difficult," Scott said.

While the fair's primary focus is on women, it will also offer medical information for men and children.

More than 40 vendors will provide information on health issues including cancer, heart disease, bone marrow donation, lead poisoning, long-term care, mental health, elder care, eating disorders, fitness, domestic violence and eye and reproductive care.

Health care professionals will offer screenings for blood sugar, blood pressure and vision.

Free lead testing for children will be offered. Nurses will be on hand to take children's blood samples which will be sent to an off-site laboratory. Families will be noti-

fied at a later date if the results show elevated levels of lead in the blood.

Jane Nickert of the Michigan Department of Community Health recommends lead testing be done on youngsters living in the five Grosse Pointe municipalities.

"Testing in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods has always been low but considering the number of pre-1950 homes in these communities — making them high-risk ZIP codes — more testing should be done for children under 6 years of age," Nickert said.

Great Lakes Health Plan's mascot, Dr. Health E. Hound, will also be at the fair to greet children.

Fair attendees will also be treated to healthy refreshments, raffle drawings and complimentary gift bags.

In 2006, more than 300 people attended the fair, which makes it the foundation's largest annual event.

The fair is free and open to the public.

For further information, contact Scott's office at (517) 373-7748, or toll free at (800) 726-8878.

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Who let the snakes out?

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

There's sure to be plenty of creeping and crawling going on when the Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts reptile specialist Michael Brophy and his slithering companions on Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack.

There will be two sessions starting at 4 and 7 p.m.

"This is one of our most popular programs," said youth librarian Kathleen Gallagher.

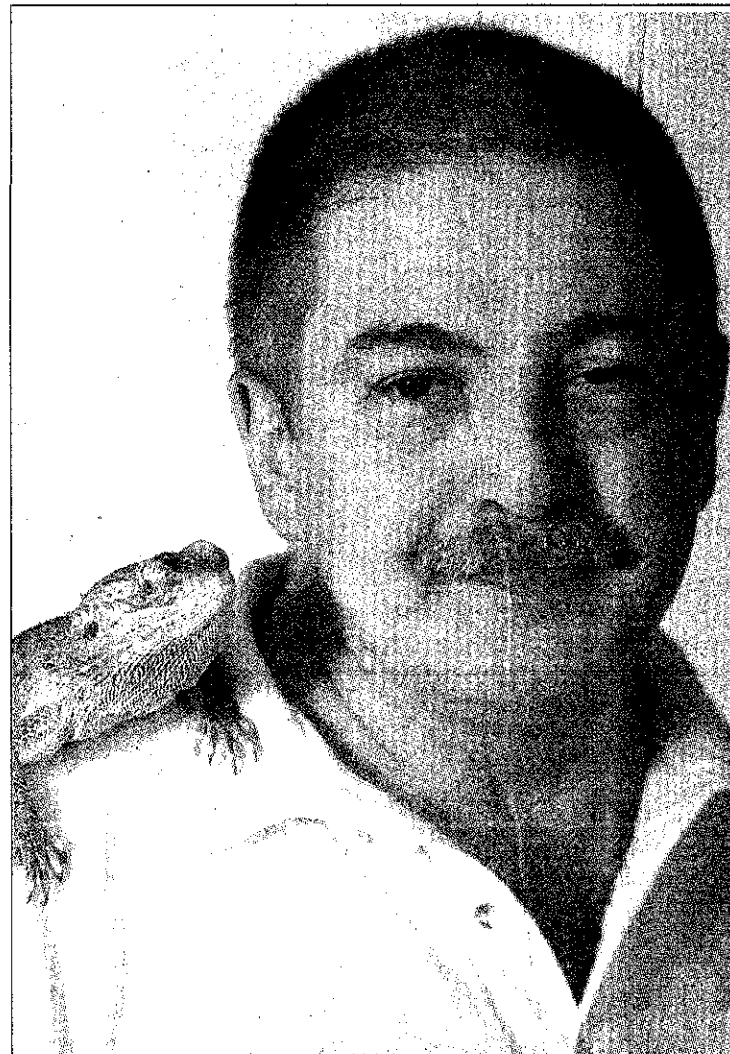
Brophy's goal is to educate children to the origin, characteristics and natural habitat of various reptiles.

His presentation will include live reptiles, a description of each, questions and answers, and a chance for the children to touch and pet the creatures.

"The presentations are designed to expand the children's awareness of the important role reptiles have in the environment, as well as caring for reptiles as pets," Gallagher said.

Brophy turned his lifelong love of reptiles into a business in 2001 when he founded Reptile Education Programs To Increase Learning Excitement, Inc. (R.E.P.T.I.L.E., Inc.).

The programs are free and open to all residents of all ages.



Reptile expert Michael Brophy and friend

Registration is required for both children and accompanying adults. To register and for more information, call (313) 343-2074. Registration is also available online at the library's Web site, gp.lib.mi.us.



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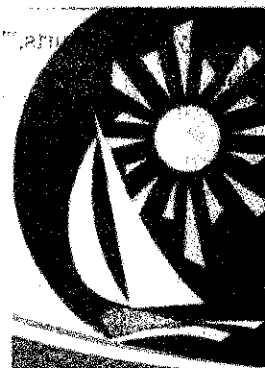
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City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Farquhar; Councilmembers Joseph, Roby, Davis, Leonard, and Waldmeir.

Those Absent Were: Mayor Pro-Tem Theros.

Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Reeside, City Manager; Tepper, Assistant City Manager; Brennan, Director of Public Service; Hutchins, Deputy Director of Public Safety.

Mayor Farquhar presided at the Meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Theros was excused from attending the Meeting.

The Council approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 13, 2007, as submitted.

The Council approved the Minutes of the Closed Session held August 13, 2007, as submitted.

The Public Hearing to consider the proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance was adjourned to Monday, October 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Following a Public Hearing, the Council approved the formal adoption of Code 7-02, Ordinance No. 378, Amendment to The Nuisance Ordinance, as submitted.

The Council approved the bid of Pfiffer, in the amount of \$24,777.00, for the purchase of one cushion vehicle for the DPW.

The Council approved the following items from the Consent Agenda:

- The joint bid with Grosse Pointe City for the CDBG Mack Avenue ADA Modifications.
- Confirmed the appointment of Madeline Eberhart, Court Administrator.

The Council received the report from the Public Safety Department for August 2007 and ordered it placed on file.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236, ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC. INTERESTED PROPERTY-OWNERS AND RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. RESIDENTS MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: WWW.CI.GROSSE-POINTE-FARMS.MI.US/

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GROSSE POINTE PARK

Record year for tree removal

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

It has been one of the worst years for trees that Grosse Pointe Park City Forester Brian Colter can remember.

Even though 2007 is not over, it has already broken the record for removal of dead trees set in 1981 when Dutch elm disease killed 203 trees.

"We're in uncharted waters," he said. "It's been an unprecedented year. We've lost 296 ash trees so far this year versus losing 256 in all of 2006."

While the forestry department anticipated the emerald ash borer epidemic would hasten the species' demise, it had not expected the unusually dry summer which stressed many other trees, Colter said.

"Dry conditions stress trees, making it difficult for them to maintain their huge crowns," he said. "Stressed trees are more susceptible to disease."

Stressed elm trees are the first to go, Colter added. Even ones that have been nourished and treated have perished, he said.

"This year, 35 elms already have died," he said. "Those hurt. They are the big, mature elm trees."

He recommends that residents give their trees a good soaking if it hasn't rained in a few weeks.

The city will be planting 100 new trees of 20 different species throughout the Park this November. This is in addition to 115 planted last spring, Colter said.

Colter explained that epidemics are species specific. Having a wide variety of trees limits the percentage wiped out by an epidemic.

"I like to say, 'We are going to diversify until it hurts,'" Colter said.

He explained his department will be planting some trees which might provoke some initial complaints from residents.

These species can be likened to the ugly duckling. They don't show their true beauty until they are more mature, Colter explained.

"Take the hackberry tree, for instance," he said. "They look ugly at first, yet when they are fully grown, they are beautiful trees."

The trees to be planted this fall will be placed on the properties of residents who have already called the forestry department requesting a replacement for trees that the city removed.

"If the conditions are right, such as the lighting being good or there's no utilities in the way, they will get a new tree," Colter said.

"It is important that we diversify the type of trees we plant," he said.

The removal and replanting of trees is being financed by the \$7 million bond approved by taxpayers last November.

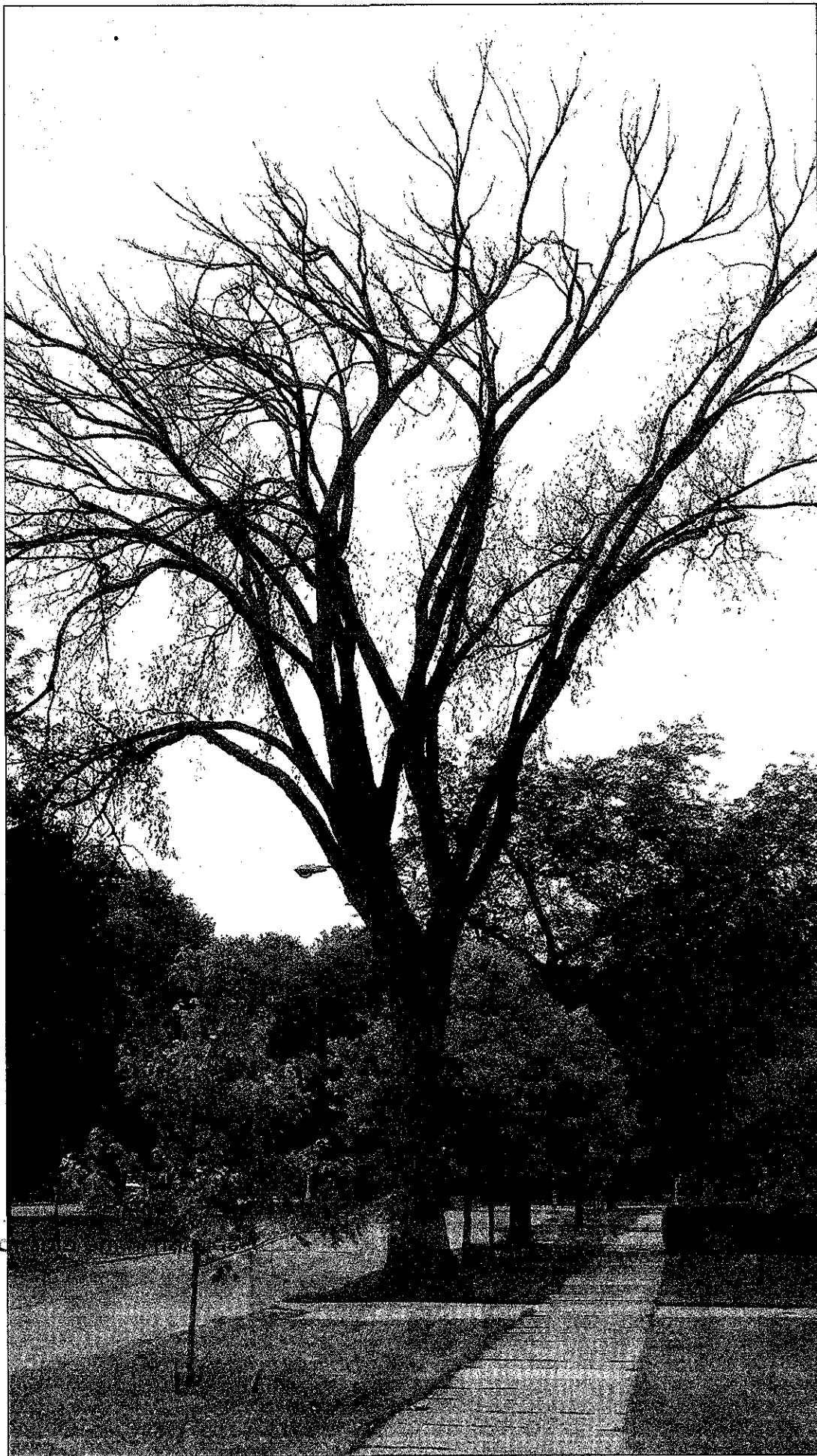


PHOTO BY BETH QUINN

This big old elm tree, which once graced Windmill Pointe in the Park, has succumbed to Dutch elm disease and will soon be removed by the city.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Council again adjourns amended ordinance

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

Facing the prospect of a deadlocked city council, Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor James Farquhar Monday night called for and was granted the adjournment of a proposed amendment to a zoning ordinance that would restrict the time and uses of heavy equipment during the demolition or renovation of residential property.

This is the second time in as many months that the council has delayed the issue. Last month, Councilman Louis Theros called for the adjournment because the ordinance's language needed "a little fine tuning."

The wrench is the length in which a construction project could last before residents would have to file for an extension to work being done on their property.

The current proposal limits the construction length to 12 months. But council members Theresa Joseph, Doug Roby and Pete Waldmeir want that expanded to 16 months.

Council members Terry Davis, Joe Leonard and Farquhar indicated they would vote for the current amendment as written.

Theros was absent from the Monday's meeting and would have cast the deciding vote.

The council will take up the issue at their regular meeting Oct. 1.

To protect residents from nuisances, the council is considering imposing, "reason-

"The ordinance's language needs a little fine tuning"

LOUIS THEROS
Grosse Pointe Farms City Council

able restrictions" on the duration of the use of heavy equipment and vehicles associated with such demolition, renovation and construction activities.

Heavy equipment and vehicles are defined as tractors, bulldozers, cranes, power shovels, grading tractors, power trench machines, "and other similar equipment or vehicles that, under normal use, would produce continuous engine noise or emit continuous ancillary noises."

Equipment regulated does not include lawn mowers, snow blowers, generators, pool filters or other similar household mechanical equipment, the proposed ordinance states.

However, interior use of power tools, generators, blow torches or other similar equipment are allowed, once the primary exterior demolition, renovation and/or construction of the exterior shell of the building is completed.

Extensions may be granted for extenuating circumstances, such as "inclement weather, labor actions or other circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the property owner or the contractor(s) supervising the completion of the work."

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EDITORIAL

Grosse Pointe's Biggest Block Party a blast!

Newspaper editorials are usually devoted to some criticism or other about government, schools, taxes, etc. All too often, little good news is said in this space. However, we once again have to praise our business and municipal leaders for another job well done. Last week we hailed the success of the Racing for Kids fundraiser on The Hill business district in Grosse Pointe Farms. This week, we can't help but laud the wonderful efforts of The Grosse Pointe Village Association in the staging of its inaugural Grosse Pointe's Biggest Block Party last weekend. By all accounts, it was a blast and a huge success. For two days, Saturday and Sunday, Kercheval in The Village became the place to eat, play and party with friends and neighbors.

There was a child, adult and professional Paint the Window Contest presented by Posterity: A Gallery and Roma Moulding. Village Ace Hardware sponsored Taste of Grosse Pointe featuring Bogart's Café, City Kitchen, Dylan's Raw Bar & Grille, Golden Dragon, Janet's Lunch, Jet's Pizza, The Whitney, Trattoria and, for dessert, Cold Stone Creamery and Just Delicious. Cold Stone Creamery also was generous with its goodies for prizes.

JPMorganChase presented children's activities, including a moonwalk, professional face painting, balloons and s'mores. Saturday night ended with a Dance Party sponsored by the Grosse Pointe News featuring Pro DJ Services. Canine to Five presented a Pet Parade on Sunday.

Stiffel Nicolaus presented Brunch on the Block with entertainment by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Flute Quartet, the Grosse Pointe Symphony Woodwind Quintet and the DSO Civic Orchestra Quartet.

Musical sounds on Saturday were provided by Ben Steele & His Baré Hahids, Grosse Pointe Theatre and the Grosse Pointe South High School "Jazztet."

The hospitality area was sponsored by St. John Hospital and Medical Center, with beverage tents sponsored by Wachovia Securities and The Sterling of Grosse Pointe.

The Block Party Treasure Hunt included 21 participating Village stores, including Kramer's Bed, Bath and Window Fashions; TCBY; Posterity: A Gallery; Pretty Things; Francesco's Salon; Village Grille; Sander's; Cavanaugh's; Village Jewelry and Repair; Village Toy Co.; Rennell and Co.; Cold Stone Creamery; Notre Dame Pharmacy; Hickey's Walton Pierce; Village Hardware; Grosse Pointe News; Kroger; Sherman Shoes; Madi Lu & Ethan Too; Urban Daisy and Initials.

The grand prize was a weekend for two at the Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham.

The inaugural Grosse Pointe's Biggest Block Party was presented by St. John Hospital and Medical Center, along with many other business and corporate sponsors, including The Edward P. Frolich Trust, Aitken-Ormond & Shores Insurance Agents & Consultants, Flagstar Bank, Alger's Deli & Liquor, Kroger, Grosse Pointe News, Grosse Pointe Times, Smith Barney citigroup, AT&T, CVS Pharmacy, Notre Dame Pharmacy and The Grosse Pointe Village Association.

While many individuals worked hard to make the first Village block party happen, I do not think we would be amiss if we singled out Mike Kramer and John Denomme of The Village Association and Peter Birkner of the Grosse Pointe News for their extraordinary efforts in pulling off this monumental undertaking.

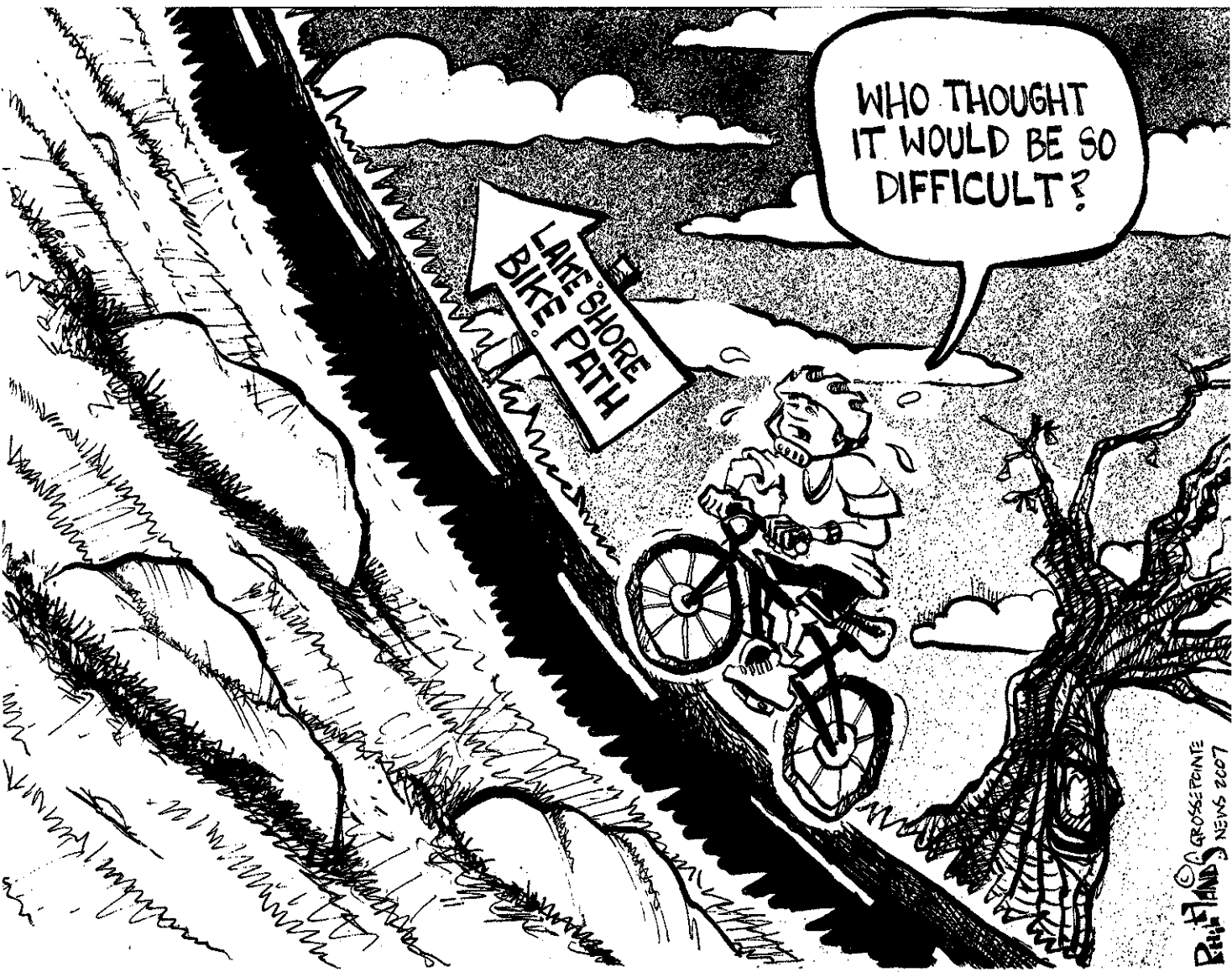
Of course, we would be negligent if we did not thank the City of Grosse Pointe administration and council for endorsing the event and providing the many services that make such an undertaking as closing of a major thoroughfare possible. We would like to thank the City public safety officers whose presence was welcome and comforting, making this a truly family event.

We can't wait for next year's second annual Grosse Pointe's Biggest Block Party. It will be bigger and better, if that can be imagined. We would like to see it expanded to two city blocks and include artists' works and other merchandise.

Not to be excluded, the Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association of Mack Avenue and St. John Hospital and Medical Center held Discover Mack Avenue Days on Thursday, Sept. 6, to a great turnout and another success. (See photos on page 8C.)

Congratulations to all for jobs well done. The Pointes are truly favored to have such wonderful organizations, businesses and individuals who make this a great place to live, work and do business.

PHIL HANDS



LETTERS

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

Thanks for Racing for Kids

To the Editor:

Racing For Kids to the Hill was a tremendous success and we would like to thank our many wonderful friends from The Hill Association, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce and the community at large, who pulled together to make it such a great event.

First of all, we would like to thank planning committee members Ed Russell, Mary Wells, Mary Huebner, Tom Buhl and Dan LaLonde, who brought this event to life in just two short months.

Next, we are most grateful to the gracious individuals at Northern Trust — Marita Grobbel and her colleagues — who opened their doors to us and let us take advantage of their beautiful facility for our cocktail reception and Grand Prix auction.

We are most appreciative of the support of our sponsors — our grand sponsor, sanofi-aventis US, and our pole position sponsors, ALCOS Insurance, Firestone, Northern Trust, Russell Development and The Hill Association. Their underwriting made this premier event possible and we are deeply grateful.

We were delighted to have the restaurants of the Hill come together as our pit stop sponsors and to put on a culinary extravaganza. We can't thank them enough — Bambu, Cafe NiNi, The Hill Seafood and Chop House, Lucy's Tavern on the Hill and Jumps.

The City of Grosse Pointe Farms was most helpful to us, particularly Shane Reeside; Matt Tepper and the crew from the department of public works; and Dan Jensen, chief of police.

We would also like to thank the owners of the "dream cars" who brought their beautiful vehicles to the Hill and added to the excitement of the street fair.

Special thanks to Sam Bush of Saga Communications, Charles Bishop, Joseph DuMouchelle, American Laser Centers, Bachrach Men's Collection, Gary Cortner and the Private Bank, LaLonde Jewelers, the Grosse Pointe News, Tom Andris of Arrow Uniforms, Grosse Pointe Florists, Hotz Rentals, Higbie Maxon Agney, Robert Loomis and Associates, Community

Central Bank, Just Delicious, Martha O'Neal, and Pat Brinker of the League Shop for their contributions to a fantastic experience.

And finally, a very special thank you to the fine young men of Boy Scout Troop 86 from Trombley Elementary School, who worked all day setting up and taking down our party decor and Racing For Kids merchandise. You're the best!

On behalf of the Racing For Kids team and the sick children we serve, a heartfelt thank you. We're already looking forward to Racing For Kids to the Hill 2008.

ROBBIE BUHL
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The Racing For Kids Team

Thanks

To the editor

I would like to acknowledge the achievements of The Hill Association and The Grosse Pointe Village Association for their recent events, Racing for Kids to the Hill and Grosse Pointe's Greatest Block Party. They are both wonderful new community events that benefit our community.

I would also like to thank Aretée Day Spa, The Art of Relaxation, Grosse Pointe Dermatology, Grosse Pointe Athletic Club, Lamia and Lamia Salon and Day Spa, Joanne Ratliff-Arbonne, Eastside Tennis and Fitness Club, Coliseum Salon and Day Spa, Pointe Nail Techs, American Laser Centers and Skin and Laser Center of Grosse Pointe for participating in the recent Spa Expo. Many residents enjoyed complimentary spa services and enjoyed the excellent healthy snacks from Just Delicious.

Finally, we should not overlook the support received from the Grosse Pointe News as your coverage adds to the success of these community events.

MARY HUEBNER
Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce

Revamping Mack Avenue

To the Editor:

Having watched the revamping of Mack Avenue, I

have made this observation: The traffic coming from the expressway to Mack has only been slightly reduced.

On a Sunday, Sept. 9, trip to Kroger, from Mack to Harper, 11 cars were passing me going toward Mack Ave.

Getting across to the turnarounds also presents quite a challenge crossing two lanes of traffic. They are so far apart — will backups occur?

Has there ever been thought of making Brys a one way street from Mack to Harper? This would encourage those exiting from the freeway to go onto Vernier, a main thoroughfare.

The other option, of course, is to take any one of the many streets that join Mack and Harper.

Are we really better off? Doesn't seem that way.

The businesses have suffered financial loss — the area has been difficult to maneuver for the entire summer. I live in the area and walk my dog daily — I have first-hand observations of the difficulties this renovation has presented.

DARLENE HENDERSON
St. Clair Shores

Comptroller and tax dollars

To the Editor:

This is in regards to the comptroller of Grosse Pointe Woods, "Comptroller faces 2 felonies," Aug. 30 Grosse Pointe News.

What is it costing the taxpayers of Grosse Pointe Woods in legal fees to prosecute this man for \$300 in gas?

Mr. Maison resigned. He gave 19 years of excellent service and has outstanding awards for his performance as comptroller.

The Michigan State Police found nothing in their investigation. An auditing firm found his records all in order and squeaky clean.

No one seems to be giving credit where it's due. Seems somewhat political.

JOHN WATSON
Grosse Pointe Woods

Tax increase proposal

To the Editor:

This letter was submitted to the Grosse Pointe Board of Education:

This is in regards to the proposal to increase property taxes for the 2007-2008 budget year.

Unfortunately, prior commitments prevented me from attending the hearing on the proposed tax increase scheduled for Sept. 10. However, as we have reviewed the proposal as well as other reports issued by the board and administration, we believe another increase in taxes, particularly for the sinking fund, is unwarranted.

First, it is not secret news that Michigan's economy is in

significant financial trouble. This problem is not an abstract economic issue, but a real one for the residents and homeowners of this community.

Property foreclosures are rising, adjustable rate mortgages are increasing and other financial burdens are being carried by many in this community. To ignore this reality is unconscionable.

Second, since 2000, community residents have paid an additional 3 mills on property which included a technology fund renewal and the \$62 million bond issue for capital projects. In 2004, another increase was approved for a "sinking" fund for "short term" property for roofs, ceiling, doors, heating and ventilation improvements and other site programs.

The board also approved an energy bond in 2001 for many of these same so-called "repairs."

Third, school administration reports that summarize the completed projects, show overlaps in what projects are funded from which pocket of dollars.

For example, Defer air conditioning shows expenses for \$199,000 from the bond fund and \$50,000 from the sinking fund. I don't know what the justification is for these expenditures being in both financial groups.

As I recall, Defer parents also raised dollars for an air conditioning project. There are similar examples at locations around the district. An analysis of all the projects should be made to avoid "double-dipping."

In sum, the board has acted responsibly in a number of financial areas to control costs such as refinancing the bond at a lower interest rate, managing the labor contracts in a more reasonable fashion and developing new procedures for accounting purposes. However, it needs to do more to help an increasingly hard-pressed community meet all its obligations.

A first step would be to roll back some, if not all, the sinking fund levy.

Another reasonable approach to the tax situation would be to stop all future construction projects and use the funds to pay off the bondholders and reduce the tax burden on present and future homeowners.

MARGOT C. PARKER
Grosse Pointers for Excellence in Education

Rights of cyclists and motorists

To the Editor:

I read with interest the recent letters, including, "Lakeshore bicyclists," Sept. 6 Grosse Pointe News, "Bicycling and stop signs," and "Bicycle and vehicle rules,"

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I SAY By Bob St. John

Tiger fans on edge of seat eyeing playoffs



Baseball fans are getting a little worried about the hometown team.

The Detroit Tigers' run at a second consecutive berth in the Major League Baseball playoffs has turned into a rollercoaster ride — too many twists and turns with a big hill and a huge drop that leaves your stomach in your throat.

Despite Detroit's recent slump, the Tigers are still in the thick of a playoff spot. It looks as if winning the American League Central Division will have to wait until next season because Cleveland is too far ahead with too few games remaining to make up the difference.

It's still fun for the Tigers to be a part of a playoff chase. Remember the 119 losses a few

years ago. The constant losing was not fun to watch, but now the team is a contender.

Flashback to one year ago: The Tigers led the division until the final day of the regular season when they lost to the lowly Kansas City Royals and the Minnesota Twins won its game.

Detroit just had to win one of its final three games last season, but was swept by the Royals.

Manager Jim Leyland remained upbeat, despite the late season slide, and the Tigers went on to shock New York and sweep Oakland to make it to their first World Series since 1984.

We know what happened there. The Tigers lost to the St. Louis Cardinals in five games.

Last year's success rubbed off on this season's version of the Tigers. The second-year players remained hungry and the veterans stayed on course.

The first half of the season was smooth, but the Tigers still didn't have any breathing room as Cleveland and Minnesota stayed within striking distance.

The Tigers' recent losing woes allowed the Indians to take over first place in the division and the Yankees to pass them for the wild card lead.

Why are the wheels falling off?

Injuries to starting pitcher Kenny Rogers and relief pitchers Joel Zumaya and Fernando Rodney, plus hitting slumps by Ivan Rodriguez, Craig Monroe, Sean Casey and Brandon Inge are part of the problem.

Inconsistent pitching from Jeremy Bonderman, Nate Robertson and Justin Verlander didn't help. The bullpen's erratic performances have led to several blown leads, which have led to losses. Those losses will come back to haunt the Tigers.

In addition, spirit is lacking. Last season every player on the roster was cheering, whether the team was winning or losing. Ninth-inning rallies were common, as were a ton of wins.

Players this season look to not be in the same stadium during most games. It looks as if the players just think every team will give in when the

Tigers have the lead. That hasn't been the case.

Monroe's slump was so severe that the Tigers traded him to the Chicago Cubs for a player to be named later, which turned out to be left-handed pitcher Clay Rapada.

For a second straight season, Leyland has planted rookies into the starting lineup.

Highly touted outfielder Cameron Maybin was called up from the minors, as were Ryan Raburn, Timo Perez, Mike Hessman, Chad Durbin, and Jair Jurrjens.

Through all of the ups and downs, Magglio Ordonez has put together a Most Valuable Player season. As of Sept. 10, he was leading the American League in hitting with a .355 batting average to go with 26 home runs, 106 runs and 126 RBIs.

Ordenez probably will not get the MVP honor, which will go to Yankee third baseman Alex Rodriguez, who is on pace to smash 60 homers.

It could come down to which team gets into the playoffs because Rodriguez will get plenty

of support from sports writers across the nation.

Carlos Guillen has been a consistent .300 hitter again this year and has played more games at first base of late.

Newcomer Gary Sheffield, who got off to a slow start in April, had been hot before going on the disabled list with a sore shoulder.

The shoulder trouble had limited Sheffield's power production. Marcus Thames has filled in admirably wherever Leyland plays him.

With a little more than three weeks left in the season, the Tigers' division title chances are very remote, but they trail the Yankees by only a couple of games in the wild card chase.

It is basically a three-team chase for the wild card. Boston, Cleveland and Los Angeles look to be locks to win their respective divisions, leaving the Yankees, Tigers and surprising Seattle Mariners for the wild card.

You can count out Minnesota and Toronto because they're too far behind to make up the games in the standings.

The Yankees won two of three from the Mariners and the Tigers took two of three from the Chicago White Sox.

In the second series last week, the Tigers won two of three from the Mariners, and the Yankees swept the Royals to gain another game in the standings.

It's going to be tough for the Tigers to catch the Yankees. I see the Mariners sinking (no pun intended), despite the fact they face Tampa Bay, Oakland and Texas down the stretch.

New York benefits from playing lowly Baltimore and less than impressive Toronto, giving it the edge in the playoff chase.

Detroit still has to face Minnesota six times (three at home and three away), along with six road games against Cleveland and Chicago.

The only easy games are three home games against Kansas City Sept. 21 through Sept. 23.

I think the Tigers have a realistic shot to catch the Yankees, but I hate to say it, but our Tigers fall a couple games shy of catching the Yankees.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

What was the best thing you did this summer?

If you have a question you would like asked, drop us a note at 96 Kercheval on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or e-mail to editor@grossepointenews.com



'I went to my family reunion in Pennsylvania to see all my cousins.'
ALI YENCHICK
Grosse Pointe Park



'I went to Cedar Point and rode almost all the rides.'
KARA POMPEO
Grosse Pointe Shores



'The best thing was going camping and canoeing up North.'
ISABELLA YENCHICK
Grosse Pointe Park



'I went to our cottage in Bellaire and swam in the lake with my cousins.'
ALEJANDRA DULWORTH
City of Grosse Pointe



'I went to North Carolina to visit my grandfather.'
JACK CHASE
Grosse Pointe Farms



'The best thing was taking a watercolor class and going to St. Ignace.'
COURTNEY GRIST
Grosse Pointe Park

FYI By Ben Burns

A treasure hunt for old class pictures



A half century of the composite pictures of the graduating classes from South High School have simply disappeared.

Debbie Fisher, vice president of preservation for the Mothers' Club at South, advises us: "We have located the composites for most years between 1927 (the first graduating class) up to 1940. And we have all of the composites from 1990 to present. But mysteriously there is a huge gap of missing composites, approximately 50 years worth, between 1940 and 1989. Our goal, once all the composites are found, is to restore and archive them."

So if you graduated from Grosse Pointe High or Grosse Pointe South from 1940 to 1989, dig through your attic or your scrap books, and if you have a composite of your graduating class, contact Fisher at (313) 881-1668. The preservation committee will make a copy and return your photo if you so desire.

Committed women

The title Detroit Industrial School conjures up images of a gloomy 19th century plant where they taught young men and women were taught to run presses, lathes and other heavy machinery. Yet Detroit's oldest charitable organization — begun by a group of Protestant women in 1857 — is nothing of the sort.

It is instead a group of 35 women — all from the Grosse Pointes — who care about helping poor children in

Detroit.

Next Monday, Sept. 17, at the Detroit Historical Museum, the women will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Detroit Ladies' Industrial School Association, which has moved through several locations and slight name changes over the years without ever losing sight of its basic mission: to feed, clothe and educate the needy children of Detroit.

The group was founded by 60 women, many from the First Congregational Church, "who are concerned about the many beggar children roaming our streets, illy clad and half fed, who wish to assist in taking steps to make their lot in life less horrible and to provide some means of education."

At its peak, the group ran five schools in Detroit. It started the first kindergarten program in 1888 and followed with the first home economics and industrial arts program. It built a headquarters — Neighborhood House — at Porter and Fourth in 1913. Money from the sale of the property in 1961 to make room for the Lodge Expressway helps fund the group's activities today, as does money from the sale of the Cooper Block at Washington and Grand River.

In the past decade, the group has donated \$708,000 to more than 100 child-focused charities in the Detroit area, according to President Cynthia Huebner.

She told Signature Magazine, "We're not really in the public eye, because we're not actively raising money; instead we're giving money away from funds we've already raised. We're not trying to be quiet about it; we're just busy doing our thing."

Their "thing" these days includes camp scholarships,

recreational and educational supplies and equipment, educational and cultural enrichment programs, skill training projects, basic needs, specialized equipment for disabled children and field trips.

They don't award grants for general fundraising campaigns, annual operating budgets, capital expenditures or salaries.

They make grants twice a year, and application deadlines are Aug. 1 and March 1. If you would like more information, you may write them at 17150 Waterloo, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

They are another group of committed caring Grosse Pointe women quietly trying to make the world a better place to live — and are succeeding.

Last chance

If you weren't able to be one of the 11,000 folks who supported the Cornerstone School fundraiser, "Be A Tiger for Kids," on Aug. 21, you can still help by buying \$10 tickets for

the fundraiser's raffle.

It is part of the school's pledge to change Detroit "one child at a time" through schools that Grosse Pointe School Superintendent Suzanne Klein has described as "magical" in their educational success.

As teenagers would say, "The prizes are cool." I saw them at the picnic sponsored by Big Boy before the game. They include: first prize: 2008 Chevy Tahoe; second prize: 2000 Chevy Corvette; third prize: two tickets to 2007 World Series plus hotel (provided by Chevy); fourth prize: two tickets to 2007 World Series plus hotel (provided by Chevy); fifth prize: new Gevril Watch (a \$3,000 value). One hundred percent of the proceeds go to benefit the children. The drawing will take place at Cornerstone's Nevada campus (6861 E. Nevada) in Detroit. You may buy tickets through Sept. 27 by calling Hope Redmond at (313) 882-1492.

John C. Hertel to address Dems

The Grosse Pointe Democratic Club holds its September general membership meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The guest speaker will be John C. Hertel, CEO of the Detroit Regional Mass Transit Authority who will discuss "The Future of Mass Transit for Metro Detroit."

The public is welcome to attend regardless of political affiliation.

Most recently, Hertel has served as a Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority commissioner, general manager of the Michigan State Fair and chairman of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners. He also served as chairman of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

For more information about the meeting or the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club, call Laurie Arora at (313) 885-3123.

Free trip

You have only a few days left if you are between the ages of 25 and 40 and would like to take a free trip to Finland between March 29 and April 26 next year.

The program is for young professionals to take part in a goodwill/friendship mission, according to local coordinator Ron Vitale of the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe.

The deadline for applications is Sept. 16, and you may get more information from Bob

Gordon at rgordon@sienahs.edu or Howard Andrews at hwandrews@wowway.com

Rotary provides round-trip airfare, and local Rotarians in Finland provide meals, lodging and group travel.

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LETTERS:
‘Same roads,
same rights’

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Aug. 30 Grosse Pointe News, and the guest editorial by Mr. Goodell, “Bike lanes on Lakeshore,” Aug. 30 Grosse Pointe News.

I am an avid cyclist, and cycle to work in the heart of Detroit’s financial district two to three times a week. I cycle various streets in the Grosse Pointes another three to four times a week, including along Lakeshore. I feel safer while on Detroit streets than I do in the Grosse Pointes.

Not surprisingly, I found dismay that several letters showed a misunderstanding of the rights of a cyclists. Indeed, it is somewhat ironic that one letter asserts — incorrectly — that the law prohibits cyclists from riding on a sidewalk, while another letter suggests that cyclists be banned from Lakeshore, a public street.

Cyclists — including children on bikes — have the absolute right to ride on the sidewalk, unless prohibited by an official traffic control device.

While riding on a sidewalk, cyclists must yield to pedestrians and give an audible warning when overtaking a pedestrian — MCL 257.660c(2).

A cyclist on a sidewalk and in a crosswalk has all rights of a pedestrian — MCL 257.660c(1).

Everyone knows that a motorist must yield to a pedestrian, including a cyclist, in a crosswalk and may not hit a pedestrian or a cyclist in a crosswalk — MCL 257.660c(3).

Cyclists have the absolute right to ride in the road: “Each person riding a bicycle... upon a roadway has all of the rights and is subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle...”

In Michigan, that right in-

cludes the right to ride two abreast — MCL 257.657.

Cyclists need to ride with traffic, as close as practical to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, except to the extent doing so is not safe, in which case they may ride farther into the lane — MCL 257.660b.

On a one way street with more than one traffic lane, cyclists may ride on the left — MCL 257.660a(c).

While not a statutory mandate, safe practice and good manners dictate giving cyclists at least three feet clearance when passing them in a motor vehicle — MCL 257.660a(e).

Consequently, cyclists have the statutory right to ride on the right hand side of Lakeshore, two abreast. They also have the statutory right to ride on the sidewalk.

It is safer for cyclists and pedestrians if cyclists ride in the road. However, I do not believe, and certainly do not encourage, unsupervised cyclists under the age of 13 to ride in the street. Parents must determine if children 13 and over are responsible enough to take to the roads without supervision.

Parents and guardians may not authorize or knowingly permit their child or ward to violate the laws — MCL 257.656(2).

Almost all cyclists own a car and pay taxes. Just because a cyclist elects to ride a bike does not mean that the cyclist does not pay her or his fair share. Indeed, the original impetus for improved roads in Michigan was from cyclists, not motorists.

Cyclists have the mandate to ride in accordance with the law. This includes obeying traffic laws, and riding no more than two abreast, and sometimes riding single file.

One slogan of the League of Michigan Bicyclists is “same roads, same rules, same rights.” This applies equally to motorists and cyclists.

STEVEN A. ROACH
Grosse Pointe Park

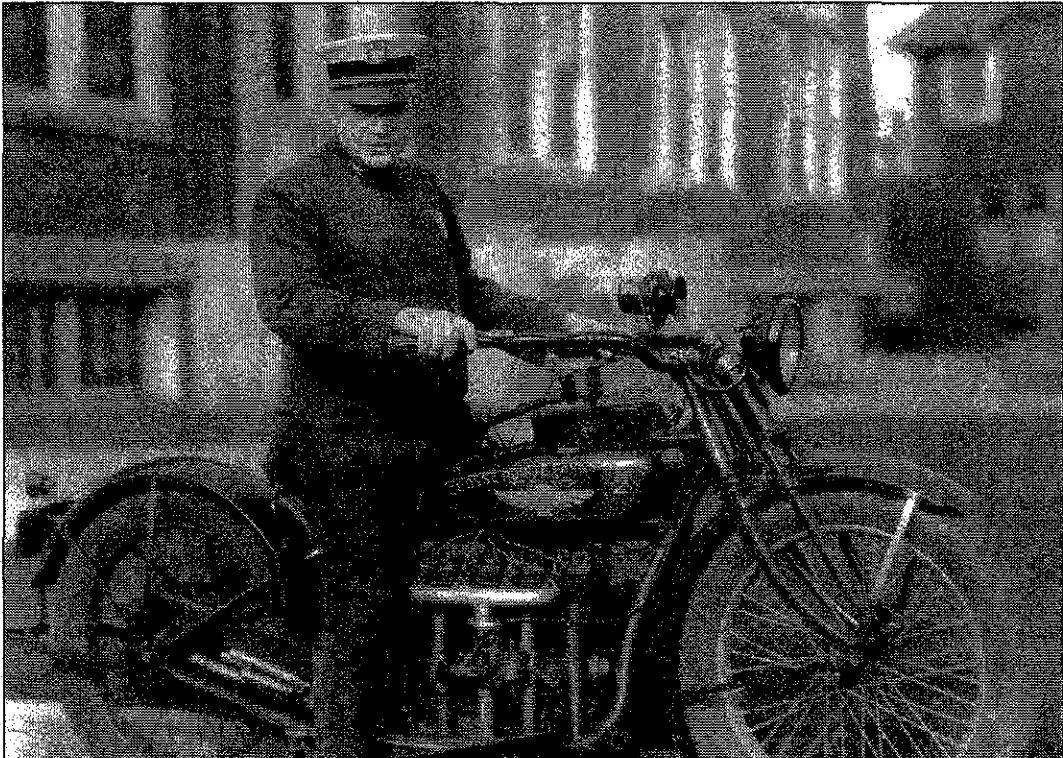


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Centennial
events

On Saturday, Sept. 22, local author and historian Nicholas Sinacori will guide bus tours of the former Village of Fairview, an area which encompassed Grosse Pointe Park. Tickets are available at the Grosse Pointe Park city office, and are \$5 for adults and \$4 for seniors and children under 17. Owners of pre-1975 restored classic cars are invited to display them during this year’s final Grosse Pointe Park Farmers Market on Saturday, Sept. 29. Space is limited and participants must be registered for a display space. For information call Kiki Herfert at (313) 822-9199 or kikherfert@gmail.com. Left is Grosse Pointe Park police officer Richard Homle, circa 1920.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Mack project nearly done

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

The end is in sight.

That was the message given on Monday night to the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council by representatives of the Wayne County Engineering Division regarding the Mack Avenue repaving project.

“They are wrapping up the paving on Mack tonight, even as we speak,” said Chuck Myslinski, project manager. “Tuesday morning, restoration crews will begin landscaping, and permanent lane line markers and traffic signs will be installed. We expect the project to be completed in two weeks.”

While that news brought welcome relief to business owners along Mack, not every-

one was pleased. Residents re-

main concerned about the pedestrian crossovers. Wayne County, which has control over Mack, has determined that three pedestrian crossovers are all that are needed, and will not permit additional ones.

“We were allotted the same number we had before the repaving project,” said city engineer Scott Lockwood. “They won’t give us anymore.”

“I don’t want this issue to die,” Grosse Pointe Woods resident Art Bryant told the council. “Council needs to put pressure on county and state officials. They need to just not look at the book, but get out there and walk it.”

Planning commissioner Joe Sucher that while on a visit to several Oakland County municipalities to study another issue, commission members took a look at crosswalks

along Woodward.

“We saw how other cities were dealing with this,” he said. “We also spoke to architects who designed these crosswalks, and there didn’t seem to be the problem in Oakland County that we have here in Wayne County.”

Mayor Robert Novitke recognized residents’ frustrations with the crossovers, but said the city might not be successful in getting Wayne County to allow more. He suggested residents take their concerns to the construction committee.

The city, however, does have some say in the placement of bollards at the turnaround at Mack and Brys. Bollards are designed to protect pedestrians when a sidewalk is set very close to traffic, as is the case with this area.

City officials are looking at both lighted and non-lighted bollards, he said.

lards, which range in price from \$300 to \$1,000 apiece. The planning commission has been asked to study the placement of the bollards and make recommendations to the construction committee.

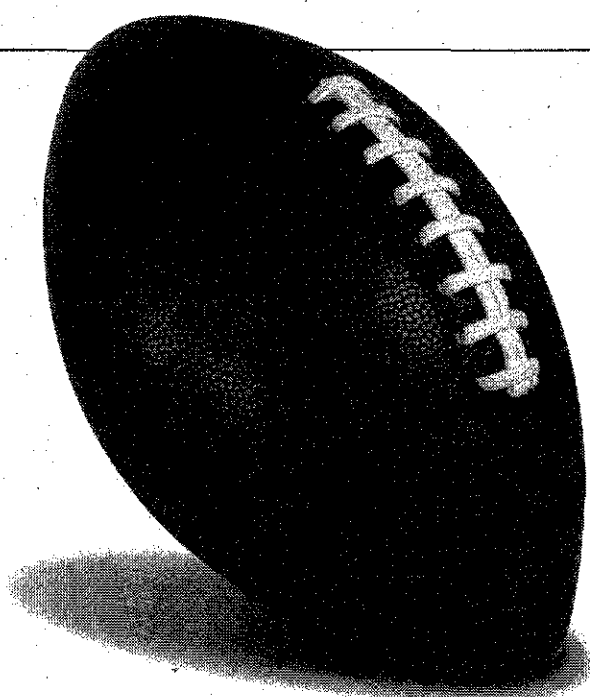
Even though there is an end in sight, completion of the project, according to the contract, is now at least seven days overdue.

In response to a question from Councilwoman Dona DeSantis-Reynolds, Wayne County officials indicated that the paving contractor, Ajax Paving, could be facing fines for being so far behind on the project.

Myslinski said fines began to be assessed to Ajax as of last Friday.

“The contractor can appeal that to the state, so I’m not sure what the outcome will be,” he said.

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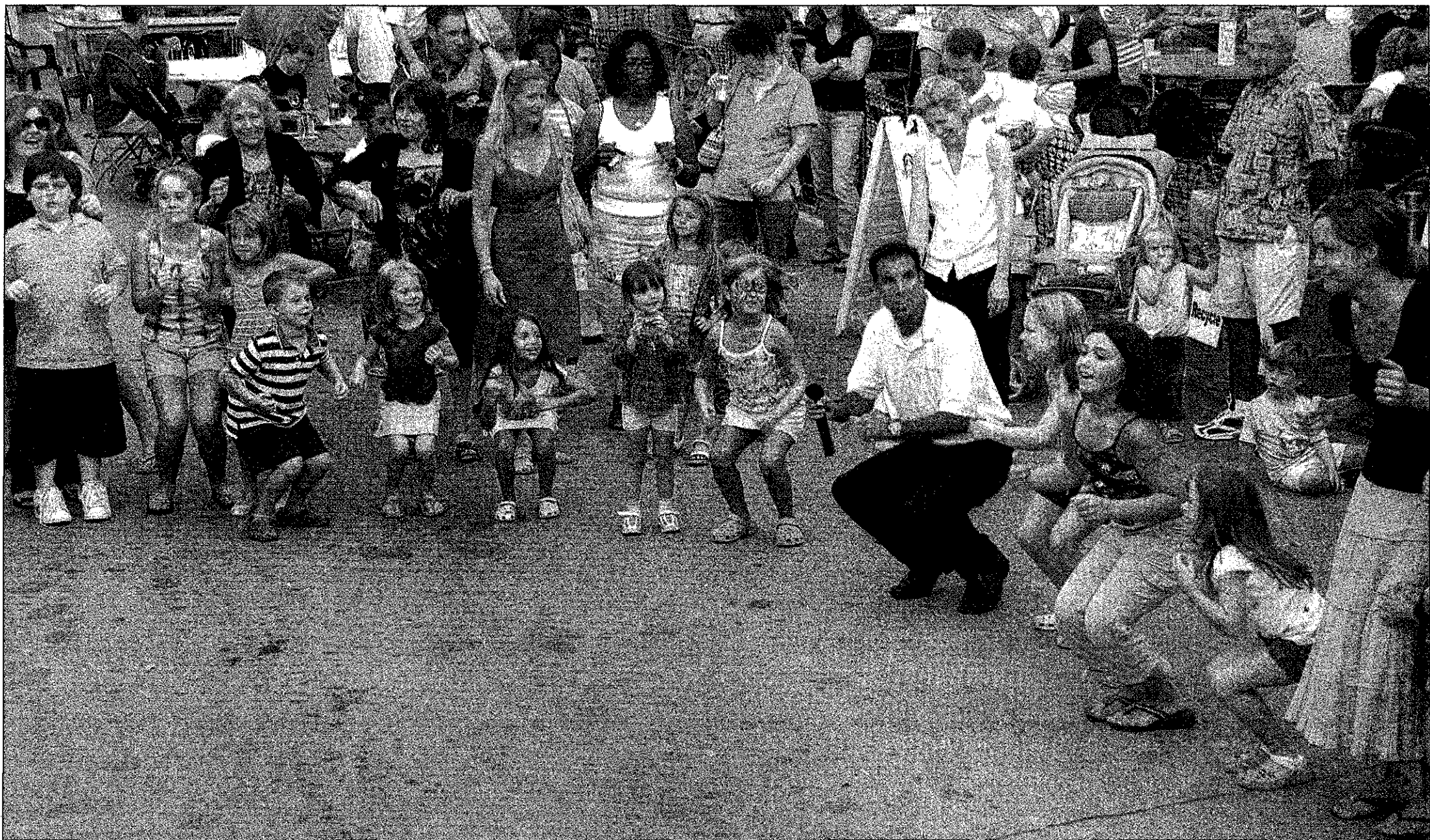


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Grosse Pointe's Greatest Block Party goes do the Hokey Pokey.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Block party a huge success

Based on last weekend's enormously successful Grosse Pointe's Greatest Block Party, event organizers are already looking forward to next year's summer ending happening.

"The block party was successful on a scale that we could only imagine," said Grosse Pointe Village Association publicist John Denomme.

"The restaurants were humming along all day and into the night on Saturday, the sponsors were pleased, the younger children were having a ball, our retailers were very busy all weekend and those who were in attendance were truly enjoying the festive atmosphere."

The two day event drew scores of residents and merchants to the Village, where they were treated to food, music and entertainment.

"It was especially gratifying watching the crowd interaction and the real sense of community that was taking place," Denomme said. "We'll do it again next year on Sept. 6-7."

"We couldn't be happier."

— By John Lundberg

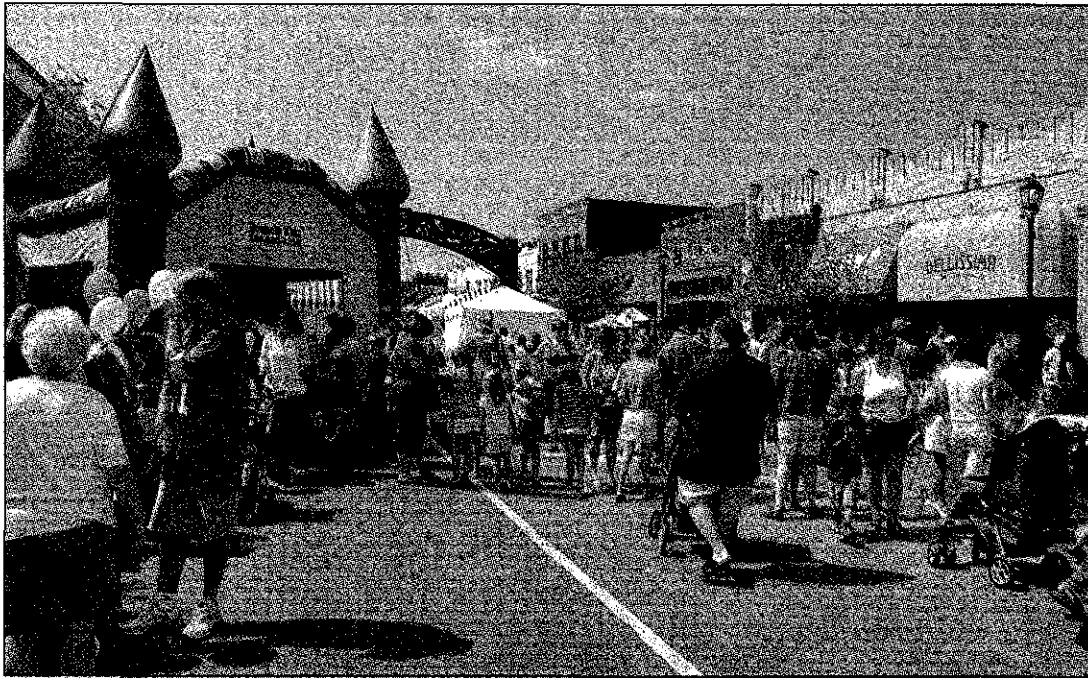


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Participants decorated the Village with scenes depicting the theme "My Favorite Holiday."



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Chris Mackey painting his Grand Prize winning painting.



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THE GROSSE POINTE ACADEMY

Renovations complete, full speed ahead

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

After three years of renovations, the final touches were put in place hours before The Grosse Pointe Academy held its annual welcome back picnic Tuesday, Sept. 4.

Headmaster Phil DeMartini was the master of ceremonies, which included a ribbon-cutting followed by a tour of the school.

"It was a fantastic night," DeMartini said. "We created excitement and a wonderful feeling for the students and their families to be back here at school."

During the 36-month renovation that ate up a \$12 million budget, the school received a technology boost that brought the classrooms into the 21st century, but maintained the facilities' traditional feel.

The school originally opened in 1885. Now, more than a century later, the 324 students enrolled for the 2007-08 school year will benefit from the state of the art science labs, library and newly constructed driveway.

According to DeMartini, classrooms are 200 to 250 square feet larger than their predecessors. Students also have running water and a drinking fountain (for grades 1-5), ample storage space, and new cabinetry and lighting, all



Grosse Pointe Academy Headmaster Phil DeMartini, center, gets ready to cut the ribbon, officially opening the school after three years of renovations.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

"In planning the building, we always looked to the latest research on education and what would create the best environment for teachers and students," said Demartini.

In February 2006, \$2.3 million of the budget was spent on a new performing arts wing that was used last year as a temporary classroom.

Portable trailers served as classrooms for the entire 2006-07 school year.

"The architects and builders (Fanning/Howey Associates, Inc. and Frank Rewold and Son, Inc.) always kept our capital campaign theme - Tradition and Tomorrow - in mind," said Demartini.

Two examples of combining the past and the future, according to capital campaign co-chair Cathy Broderick, are renovations to the library and the third floor art loft.

"The third floor is such a surprise," said Broderick. "The floor was completely gutted and the architects had the most freedom up there to create a space that is truly an inspiration."

According to Broderick, the library, located on the second floor, is a cornerstone of the renovations. It has retained the character of a traditional library, with cathedral ceilings and wooden rafters, arched windows and dark wood shelving, while incorporating modern-day technology through the addition of two catalog computers and six computers

for student use. Young children have a cozy area of their own in the back for reading time.

"From the first time I entered the space that used to be the old auditorium, I knew in my mind and heart that this would be 'The Library,'" said Theo Pappas, executive director/principal in charge of Fanning Howey. "To see a space realized to its full potential, as a symbol of learning and knowledge, as an aesthetic affirmation of the tenets of education, has been a sheer joy to me as an architect."

Pappas said the building features the school's original windows and doors, which were refurbished during the renovations. In addition, the original Welsh tile in the main hallway, which was protected during construction, has been restored, waxed and polished.

Visitors to the school will be greeted at a glassed-in reception area in the front quad.

A layout of the building is as follows:

◆ The first floor houses first through fifth grade classrooms, with two classrooms for each grade. Each classroom has ample space for class sizes of 15 to 16, and the newly installed elevator was designed to accommodate that class size as well.

◆ The second floor is dedicated middle school space, with the exception of the li-

of which contribute to an optimal learning environment.

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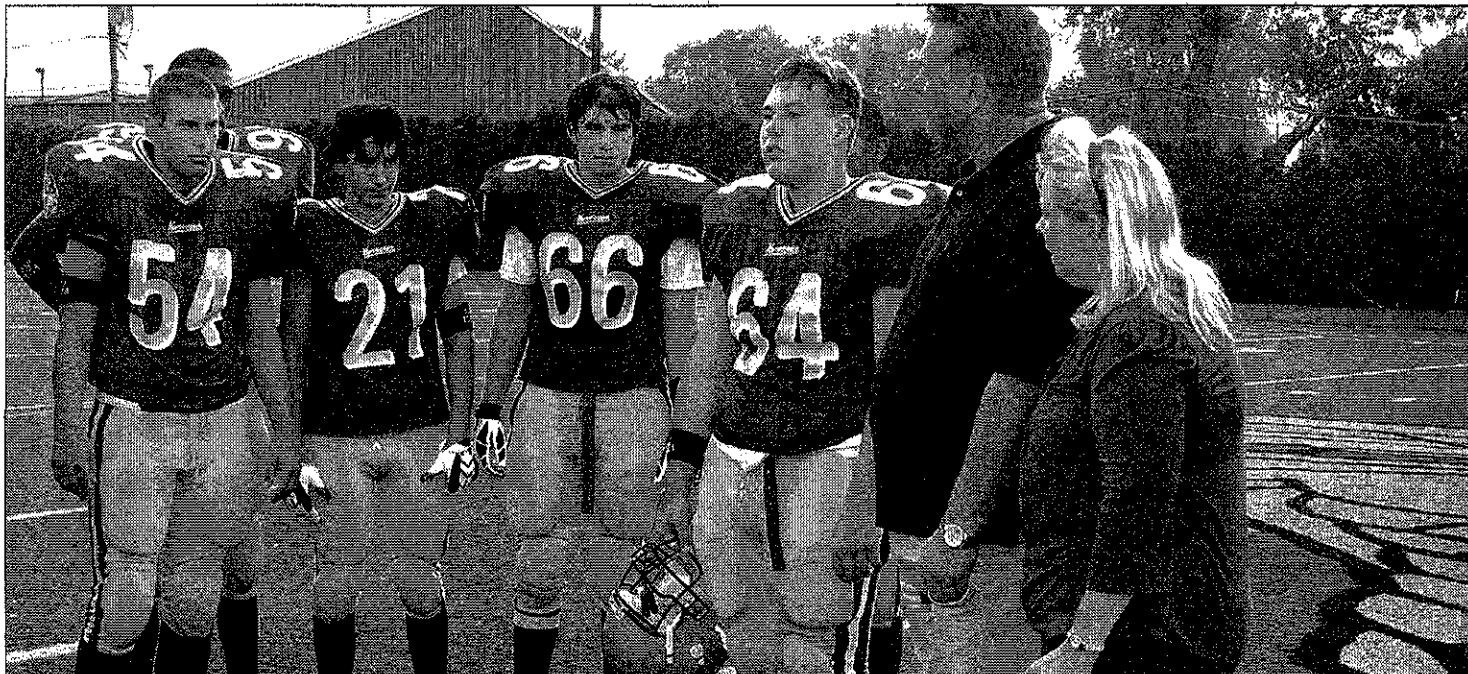
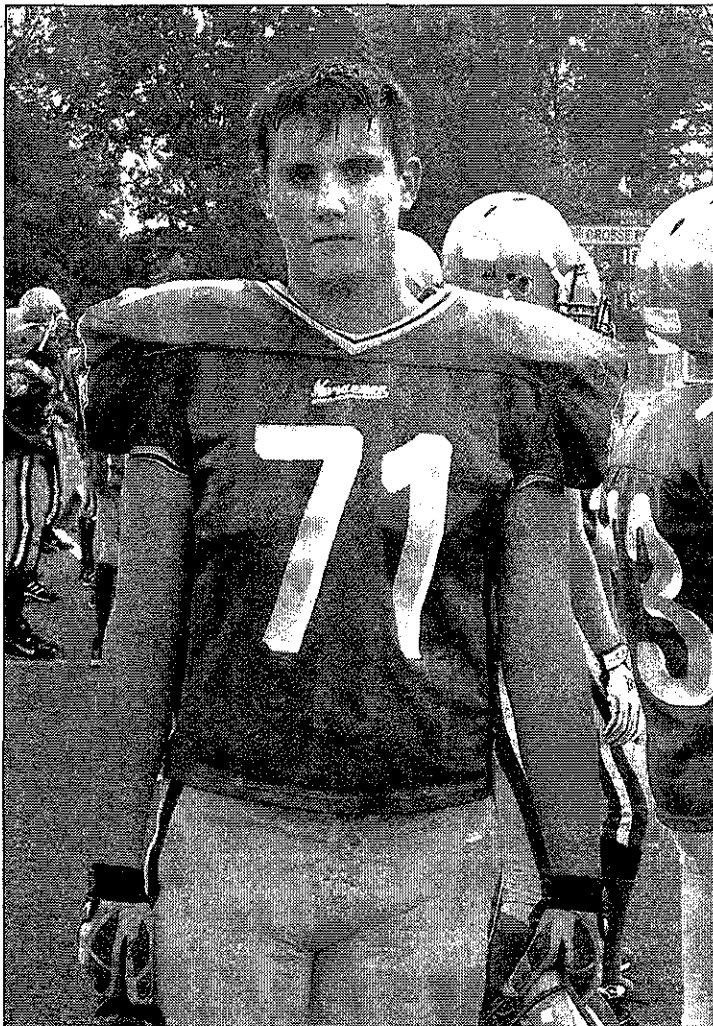
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In memory of Tricia

Justin Elliot, a Grosse Pointe North junior varsity football player, and several of his teammates held a small ceremony before kickoff of their home game last week with Warren Cousino. Elliot, left wearing No. 71, said the team will dedicate its season to Tricia H. Myers, who died June 11. Myers' brother, Tim, is a member of the junior varsity team. Her parents, Tim and Marianne pictured above, were honored before the game and told each player will wear wristbands with the words, "In memory of Tricia," on them throughout the season. Myers was scheduled to graduate from Grosse Pointe North High School Thursday, June 14.

ACADEMY: Work complete

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library and computer lab, which will be shared by all grades. One side houses humanities, social studies and language arts, while the other side contains science and math classrooms in addition to fully equipped, state of the art science labs; one for middle school chemistry and physics and one for environmental science (grades 1-5) and biology (grade 6).

In addition to computers for student use in each classroom (two per lower school classroom, four per upper elementary classrooms and three per middle school classroom), there are 18 computers in the lab.

Finally, every classroom is equipped with a plasma TV that can be hooked up to the teacher's computer for classroom instruction.

In the third floor loft, architects Fanning/Howey Associates made use of the existing space to create ample room for lower school and middle school art studios, a kiln room, and a spacious supply area along with classrooms for foreign language (Spanish, French and Chinese) and Christian Life.

The original beams were preserved and what once posed obstacles are now integrated into the design.

Natural light from windows and skylights along with track lighting in the corridor create a

bright, airy space where student artwork can be displayed and students are free to express their creativity.

"The upper level, or 'attic' as it used to be called, is my favorite and was great fun to design," said Pappas. "In the spirit of a French 'garret' or atelier, the studio concept was the best application to this floor level because it released the natural light of the original skylights to be enjoyed by all, and the walls were liberated to allow the spaces to work much better and provide a higher quality environment."

Students and parents had an opportunity to view the new design. Teachers were in their classrooms to answer any questions and get accustomed to their new surroundings.

"Everything has worked out very well," DeMartini said. "I went for a tour of the school this morning (Wednesday, Sept. 5, the first day of school) and everyone was busy working, which is what I want to see."

During the end of July and early August, the portable trailers were taken away, the final projects were completed and the hallways were given a shine in preparation for the open house and first day of school.

"We were right at our budget and I can say the final results are masterful," DeMartini said. "I have to thank the parents for staying patient through this lengthy process."

"We made promises and stuck to them. This celebration tells everyone associated with the academy that we kept the tradition and are looking forward to the present and future."

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

'07-08 school calender

The Grosse Pointe Public School System's 2007-08 calendar year began Tuesday, Sept. 4, when teachers arrived for their first day of school.

Students' first day was Wednesday, Sept. 5. Below is a look ahead to the 2007-08 school calendar, provided by the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

This calendar designates the major breaks and holidays when the entire school district is not in session. Elementary, middle and high schools will have separate schedules for parent-teacher conferences, professional development and other activities.

◆ Tuesday, Nov. 6, Professional development: no classes
◆ Wednesday, Nov. 21, Thanksgiving holiday begins at the end of the day.

◆ Monday, Nov. 26, classes resume
◆ Friday, Dec. 21, winter holiday begins at the end of the day
◆ Wednesday, Jan. 2, classes resume

◆ Monday, Jan. 21, Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday: no classes
◆ Tuesday, Jan. 22, Records Day and professional development: no classes

◆ Friday, Feb. 15, mid-winter vacation begins at the end of the day
◆ Monday, Feb. 25, classes resume

◆ Thursday, March 20, Spring Vacation begins at the end of the day
◆ Monday, March 31, classes resume

◆ Monday, May 26, Memorial Day: no classes
◆ Thursday, June 12, last half day for students
◆ Friday, June 13, last teacher duty day

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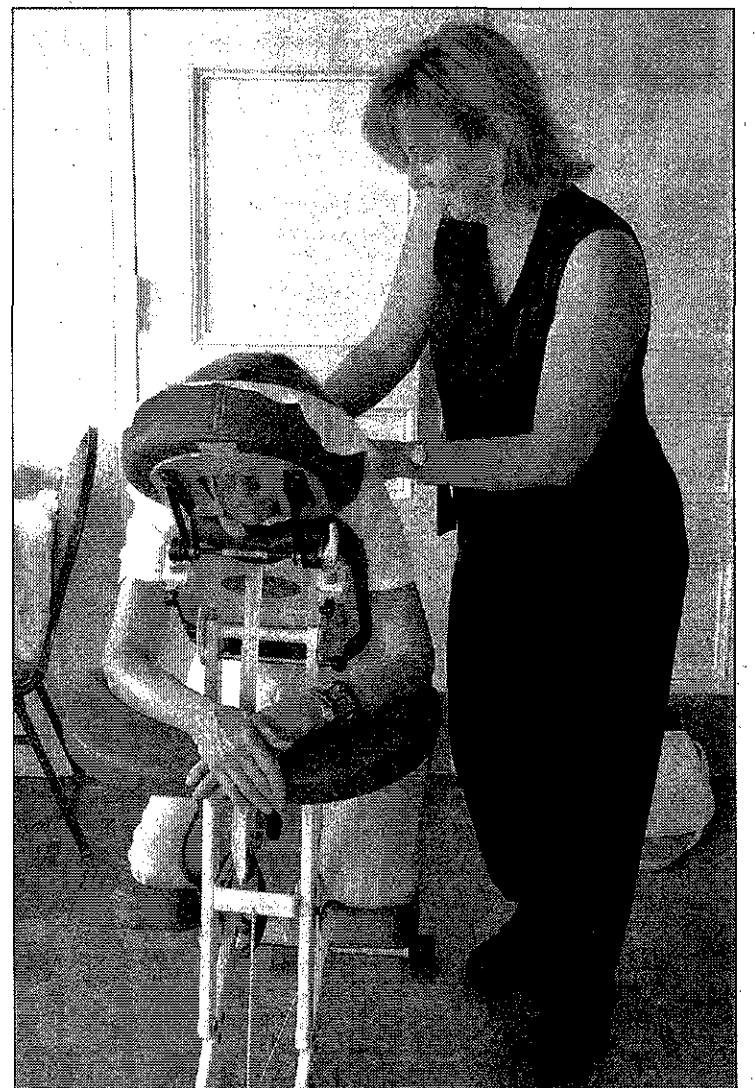
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Relax at their expense

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce held its inaugural Spa Expo Sunday, Sept. 9, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Area businesses joined to give participants free services, including chair massages, as pictured right by Martha O'Neal, massage therapist and owner of the Art of Relaxation in Grosse Pointe Farms. Participants were welcome to enjoy free manicures, waxes and paraffin hand dips donated by American Laser Center; Arbonne by Joann Ratliff; Aretée Therapeutic & Wellness Spa; Colosseum International; Eastside Fitness & Tennis Club; Grosse Pointe Athletic Club; Grosse Pointe Dermatology; Lamia & Lamia Salon & Day Spa; LaModa Salon; The Art of Relaxation; and the Skin & Laser Center.



GROSSE POINTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Group announces Victory in Pointes

Gridiron game pits North vs. South

Victory in the Pointes, a seniors of events and activities to showcase historic Grosse Pointe gems, celebrate annual crosstown football rivalries and raise funds for an annual children's charity is planned from Oct. 4 to Oct. 7.

The event is sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

"Residents are back in town after summer traveling and the annual Grosse Pointe North-South High School football game draws thousands of people," said chamber President Mary Huebner.

"This weekend is a perfect time to organize a few days of activities in our community, to kick back, have fun and raise money for this year's chamber of commerce children's charity choice and the Grosse Pointe North Athletic Booster's Club."

"We are thrilled to be the beneficiary of this years Victory in the Pointes weekend," said Carmen Kennedy, Grosse Pointe North High School assistant principal and athletic director. "The donation we receive will be used for safety equipment for our students."

Activities begin Thursday, Oct. 4, when the junior varsity football teams compete. Chamber members will sell spirit sticks, pop and water.

Huebner said everyone is invited to the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House Wine and Cheese Party that includes a strolling tour of the estate from 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday evening is the varsity football game.

"To add to the fun and help us raise funds, we are planning a tailgate party at Grosse Pointe North," Huebner said. "Food, provided by a variety of clubs and restaurants, will be served at the tailgate prior to the game from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m."

Saturday, Oct. 6, activities around the Pointes begin at 10 a.m. at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and all Grosse Pointe libraries.

At noon, the Grosse Pointe Theatre will hold an open house and The Hill Association has planned a sidewalk sale beginning at 8 a.m. on Friday and 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

In addition, chamber members on Mack have planned open houses, special sales and shows.

Activities in the Village have been planned as well, Huebner said.

Saturday evening, a concert for high school students will take place in the Parcels



Middle School auditorium.

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society is hosting a wine and cheese open house at The Great Frame Up, and Northern Trust Bank has partnered with Grosse Pointe Artists Association to host a VIP artists fundraiser that evening.

The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors has organized open houses for more than 200 homes for sale in the five Grosse Pointes from noon to 4

'The annual Grosse Pointe North-South High School football game draws thousands of people.'

MARY HUEBNER,
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p.m., Sunday, Oct. 7.

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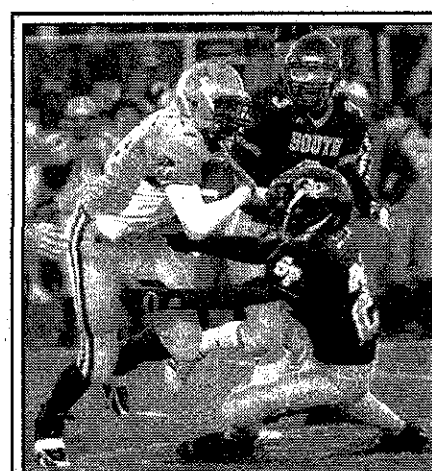


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OBITUARIES

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

Marion Maxwell Bartush

Marion Maxwell Bartush, 83, died Sept. 4, 2007, in peace with her family around her.

She was born in New York City.

Mrs. Bartush was a longtime resident of the Pointes. She was an alumna of the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Detroit, and the University of Michigan.

She was an active member of a number of local organizations, including: trustee of the Michigan Opera Theater, The Founders Society, The Detroit Institute of Arts, The Detroit Historical Society, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Christ Child Society, League of Catholic Women, Bon Secours Assistance League and the New Bedford Culture Club.

She was honored as a Distinguished Woman of Northwood University.

For the past several years she has been a part-time resident of The Moorings in Vero Beach, Fla.

Mrs. Bartush was a great joy to her family, her many friends, and to all of those who were touched by her warmth and humor.

She is survived by her husband of nearly 60 years, J. Addison Bartush; daughters, Susan Bartush (Nino) Cugliari, Margaret Anne "Peggy" Bartush; son, Joseph "Jay" Bartush; and grandson, Stephen Cugliari.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Sept. 7, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. A private inurnment will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to: Kenwood Convent of the Sacred Heart, 799 South Pearl St. Albany, NY 12202; St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105; or the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, Office of Development, 1500 East Medical Center Dr. Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

Katharine (Scully) Bowen

Katharine (Scully) Bowen, 55, of St. Clair Shores and former resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, died Sept. 4, 2007, at Bon Secours Hospital.

Mrs. Bowen was born in Detroit, to Mary Jane "Polly" and David Scully.

She is survived by her mother, Mary Jane "Polly" Scully; and her brother, Robert Scully.

She was predeceased by her husband, James A. "Al" Bowen; and father, David Scully.

A memorial service was held Sept. 12, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Cremation has taken place.

Arrangements were handled by Bagnasco & Calcaterra Funeral Home in St. Clair Shores.

Evangeline Christensen

Evangeline Christensen, 88, of Grosse Pointe Park, died Aug. 31, 2007.

She was born Dec. 27, 1918, to Arthur and Emma Pitsch, in North Dor, Mich.

Mrs. Christensen attended Michigan Normal School (Eastern Michigan University) where she met her future husband, Jack, who was attending the University of Michigan. She went on to become a homemaker and mother of two and a cherished volunteer at Bon Secours Hospital for more than 30 years.

She is survived by daughters, Karen (Ken Kay) Christensen of Tuscan, Ariz., and Mary Jo Spinney of Grosse Pointe Park; grandchildren, Jeff (Sarah) Smithson, Stephanie (Jon) Burak, Jackie Spinney, Jen Spinney, Braden Kay, Andy Spinney, Bergen Kay, Cathy (John) Smedley-Redig; and great-grandchildren, Justin and Anna Burak.

She was predeceased by her devoted and loving husband of more than 50 years, Jack Edward Christensen; her brother, Jack Pitsch; and sister, Dolores (Edward) Palowski.

Visitation was held Sept. 3 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods and a funeral service was held at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

Interment is at Woodlawn Cemetery in Grand Rapids, alongside her family and husband.

Bernice Catherine Comiskey

Bernice Catherine Comiskey, 92, died Sept. 8, 2007.

She was born April 3, 1915, to Leo and Ida Kloser in Dubuque, Iowa.

Mrs. Comiskey attended business college in Chicago. She was a typing teacher at the University Liggett School from 1956 to 1980 and was employed at the Detroit Institute of Commerce, business procedures, in Detroit.

She enjoyed politics, and playing pinochle in two clubs.

Mrs. Comiskey is survived by her daughter, Patricia Naumann; son, Edward J. Comiskey; grandchildren, Joseph, Thomas and John Comiskey, and Melinda Naumann; sister, Leona, Melita, and Donna.

She is predeceased by her husband Joseph C. Comiskey; and brothers, Elden and Walter Kloser.

A funeral Mass will be cele-

brated at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at St. Clare of Montefalco in Grosse Pointe Park.

Interment is at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township. Arrangements were handled by A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospices of Henry Ford, One Ford Place-5A, Detroit, MI 48202.

Patricia Fern Couvreur

Patricia Fern Couvreur, 76, of Grosse Pointe Woods, died Sept. 9, 2007, at St. John Hospital, Detroit.

Mrs. Couvreur was born April 6, 1931, to Frank and Catherine Karschna, in Los Angeles.

She attended University of Detroit Mercy and received a B.S. in nursing.

Mrs. Couvreur was a housewife, mother and nurse. She was a member of the Rosary Altar Society and Our Lady Star of the Sea. She delivered meals to shut-ins through Meals on Wheels and ministered Communion for the homebound.

She enjoyed knitting; Bingo; reading; travel; time with family, friends and pets: Lady, Baude and Cherokee.

Mrs. Couvreur is survived by her husband Albert Couvreur; daughters, Jeanne (Steve) Andreoli, Noelle Couvreur; son, Tim (Diane) Couvreur; and grandchildren, Abby, Joseph, Kara, Alex, Maria, Emma and Mary.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 12, at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Grosse Pointe Woods. Arrangements were handled by A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Interment is at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township. Memorial contributions may be made to the The Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

Cyril John Edwards, Jr.

Cyril John Edwards, Jr., 86, died July 2, 2007, in Denver, Colo.

Mr. Edwards was born Feb. 17, 1921, to Cyril John Edwards Sr. and Janet Edwards, in Cleveland, Ohio.

He graduated from Princeton University in 1943, and became an automotive entrepreneur, president of C.J. Edwards Company — Automotive Sale Representation, and president and founder of U.S. Farathane.

Mr. Edwards served in the U.S. Marines in World War II and received an honorable discharge in 1944.

He was a member of the Country Club of Detroit, Bayview Yacht Club, and the Yondotega Club.

His interests included golf,



Marion Maxwell Bartush



Patricia Fern Couvreur



Evangeline Christensen



Bernice Catherine Comiskey



Cyril John Edwards, Jr.



Joseph A. Mabarak

skiing, tennis, fishing, hunting and ice hockey. He was the founder of the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association.

He is survived by his former wife, Nancy M. Tyler; daughter, Janet Rey; sons, Charles, Keith, Philip and Stanley Edwards; and grandchildren, Christopher, Jennifer, Charles, John, Erica and Emily.

He was predeceased by brothers, William and Steve Edwards.

A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Interment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit. Memorial contributions may be made to Henry Ford Hospice, One Ford Place, 5A Detroit, MI 48202.

Joseph A. Mabarak

Joseph A. Mabarak, 88, died Sept. 1, 2007.

Mr. Mabarak was born to Ida and Abdo Mabarak.

He took pride in his 70 year career in downtown Detroit real estate and loved sharing the stories of his well-lived life. Friends, colleagues and strangers will miss his gifts of home-grown tomatoes, pistachio nuts, and his smiling face.

Mr. Mabarak is survived by his daughter, Marlene David; son, Ken (Carol Chamberlain) Mabarak; grandchildren, Brian and Eric David; brother, Ray (Delores) Mabarak, and Ernie (Bea) Mabarak.

He was predeceased by his wife, Clara Mabarak; and brother, Seymond Mabarak.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Maron Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the The Salvation Army National Headquarters, P.O. Box 269, Alexandria, VA 22313

Fred Q. Martin

Fred Q. Martin, 82, former resident of Grosse Pointe and recent resident of St. Clair, died of lung cancer on Aug. 29, 2007, at Bon Secours Nursing Home in St. Clair Shores.

Mr. Martin was born to Oscar and Mary Martin on Oct. 4, 1924, in Detroit.

He graduated from

Southeastern High School in 1942, and was a manufacturer's representative for special coated papers.

Mr. Martin served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a sergeant rifle sharpshooter and aviation machinist in the Asiatic Pacific during World War II.

He was a longtime member of the St. Clair River Country Club, and an avid golfer and football fan.

Mr. Martin is survived by his daughter, Cheryl (Dr. Richard) Swarthout; sons, Paul (Corrinne) Martin, and Jay Martin; grandchildren, Sarah Wagner, Ted Swarthout, and Christopher Formeister; great-grandchildren, Ellie and Tripp; and sister, Margaret Cremers.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Jacqueline Formeister; and son, Gregg Martin.

Arrangements were handled by A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Interment is in Lebanon, Tenn. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of choice or to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, 296 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Elisabeth S. McElvenny

A memorial service for Elisabeth S. McElvenny, 93, who died in Palm Beach, Fla., on Aug. 11, 2007, will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions may be made to the DeHaven Endowment for Music, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Franz Josef von Schwarz

Franz Josef von Schwarz, 93, longtime Grosse Pointe and St. Clair, Mich., resident, died Sept. 3, 2007, at Bon Secours Nursing Care Center in St. Clair Shores.

Mr. von Schwarz was born in 1914 to Karl and Lela von Schwarz, in Detroit.

Mr. von Schwarz was a 1933 graduate of Grosse Pointe High School and attended Lawrence

Technological University.

He was a retired Fisher Body Division executive and a pioneer in the computer modeling of business processes at the company. Mr. von Schwarz was a founding director and manager of the Grosse Pointe Farms Little League, a member of the St. Clair Country Club and a past president of the St. Clair Investment Club.

He enjoyed playing golf and bridge with friends.

Mr. von Schwarz is survived by sons, Karl Franz (Lisa) von Schwarz of Annapolis, Md., and Jeffrey (Kathie) von Schwarz of Grosse Pointe Farms; grandchildren, Sean (Angela) von Schwarz, Laura (Sean) Green, Catharine (Robert) Arroyo, John and Elizabeth von Schwarz; and two great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Marion Chantler von Schwarz.

A private service will be held at a later date.

Kenneth R. Smith

Kenneth R. Smith, 89, former Grosse Pointe Park resident, died Aug. 19, 2007, in Denver.

Mr. Smith was born Aug. 21, 1917, to Lowell S. and Nancy Ferguson Smith, in Franklin County, Ohio.

He attended Wayne State University and was vice president of the Park Chemical Co., in Detroit.

Mr. Smith was First Sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II. He served in the 275th Infantry Regiment in the Rhineland and Central European campaigns and was awarded the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster.

He was a former member of the Country Club of Detroit and an avid golfer.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, Doris S. Smith; daughter, Nancy S. Longworth; grandchildren, Robert S. Longworth II, and Catherine L. Longworth.

He was predeceased by his sister, Sally S. Lape; and brother, Donald G. Smith.

Interment is at St. John's Cathedral in Denver.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, 26711 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 175, Southfield, MI 48033.

VETERANS POST By Freddy Groves

Finding those we've lost

Whether you lost track of a military buddy last year or 60 years ago, there are a number of Web sites to help you locate those with whom you served.

At Military Connections, you must register and have an e-mail address, but the search is free. Go to militaryconnections.com for your search.

Check the "Reunion Center," and if you want a G.I. Joe army tank for your child or a World War II-era footlocker, click on military collectibles in the left

column. Among the military resources — benefits, burial, compensation, VA loans and more — is a link to current online auctions for militaria.

Is someone looking for you? The-Seeker brings together people who are looking for others. Check out the-seeker.com and click "Militarily Seeking" in the left column. Put your name in the search box to see if someone is looking for you. Or click "Place Your Own Message" to leave a note for people you're

trying to find. Be sure to leave good contact information.

If you were raised as a military brat, or have a child who was raised as one or still is one, there's help there, too. Militarybrats.com has a search feature for brats looking for other brats, a chat room and lots of brat resources.

Military service often means that we meet and then leave behind a lot of good people. But we don't have to lose contact.

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AUTOS By Jenny King

What I did over the summer



This is the time of year when students often are asked to write papers about their summer activities for composition classes.

Here, then, is a piece on "What I did last summer" from a student of the ever-fascinating auto industry.

Let's start at the end and work backward.

The Old Car Festival at Greenfield Village has always been one of the most rewarding weekends of the year. The Sept.

8, through 9, event was better than ever, with several interesting demonstrations and talks, wonderful live and recorded music, a chance to purchase old automotive literature, high-wheeler bicycles threading through the crowds, hilarious races and extended hours on Saturday, topped off with a gaslight parade of pre-1933 vehicles and an evening fireworks display.

One of the best parts of my day was an opportunity to ride on a 1925 fire truck.

Tom Collins brought the '25 Ford Model TT (Model T Truck) up from Nashville, Tenn., and he graciously offered me a lift on the back to one of the truck display areas in the Village. There he and his friends would don appropriate

firefighting apparel before driving past the reviewing stand later in the day.

"This was a rural truck and I think it was originally from around here somewhere," Collins said.

Its two water tanks together hold around 50 gallons and would have been mixed with chemicals in brass containers before being sprayed on fires, he said.

The "same day response" painted on the sides of the truck let you know it might be a while before help arrived. Collins pointed to several buckets on board, saying they were most likely used if a well or stream were available.

"The chassis was built by Ford here in Michigan, then shipped to Logansport, Ind., where it was converted into a fire truck," said Collins.

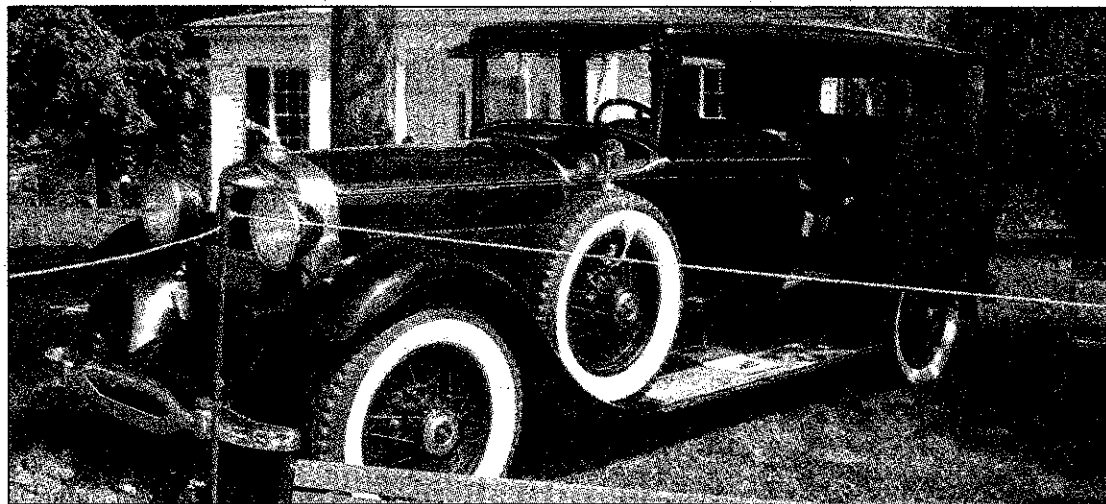
He said he thinks the words "Moslem Detroit" painted on the truck's hood means it was used at some point by the Shriners. Big pieces of the truck's history are missing, he said, and he'd love to hear from anyone who might help him complete the puzzle.

Think Labor Day weekend: think Kruse International's mega-six-day classic and specialty car auction in Auburn, Ind.

The crowd was thick and lines for parking in surrounding field were long well before noon on Sunday, Sept. 2. As ever, lots at the auction were jammed with interesting cars.

One of the most amusing was a charming 1962 Citroen Deux Chevaux. A sign on its windshield said: "\$150,000 O.B.O. (or best offer)." Auction results later in the week indicated that best offer — and one that resulted in its sale — was \$8,600.

A fabulously beautiful 1940 Plymouth convertible had a final bid of \$29,500, a figure apparently below its reserve and unacceptable to the owner. An



Bob Rosenthal of Howell brought his 1930 Lincoln L seven-passenger sedan to the Old Car Festival. Earlier this summer, he drove it to an automotive event in Uniontown, Pa.

everyday, we-used-to-have-one 1966 Plymouth station wagon sold for \$14,700.

An unusual, gold-colored 1939 Hudson Big Boy pick-up with six-cylinder engine went to some lucky bidder for \$31,000. A quaint, red 1953 Henry J from Kaiser Frazer brought \$5,850.

Days before Auburn, Grosse Pointe Dick Forton of Forton's Mower Service in St. Clair Shores was putting the finishing touches on the food he prepares for his annual Harper Cruise party.

"We raised \$2,300 here," said Forton. The cruise is a Kiwanis fundraiser and on the last Wednesday evening of August stretches along Harper between Old Eight Mile and 11 Mile.

Mother Nature, who withheld rain from southeast Michigan for much of July and August, made up for lost time near the end of last month and spoiled cruises and car shows. Frightening dark clouds arose in the west around 7 p.m. on the day of the Harper event and had people scattering long before the fun was over.

Frank Pryg of Macomb

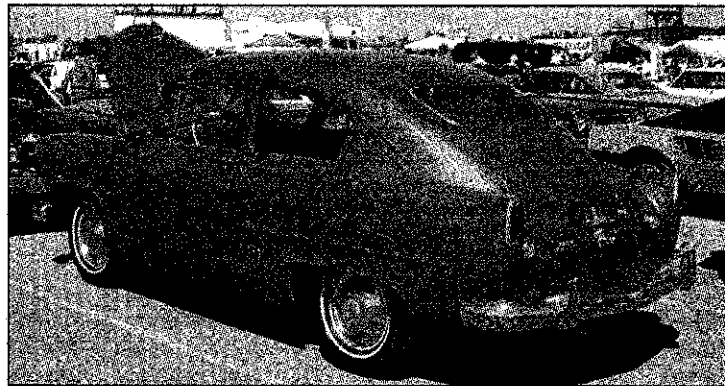
Township parked his red 1938 Chevrolet Deluxe coupe on Forton's back lawn. Pryg has owned this Chevy for 30 years and carefully installed his own rumble seat on what was a business coupe.

"We took an 11,000 mile trip in 'Big Red' back in 1991," he said, revising his storm forecast from an hour away to perhaps 15 minutes. Then he departed.

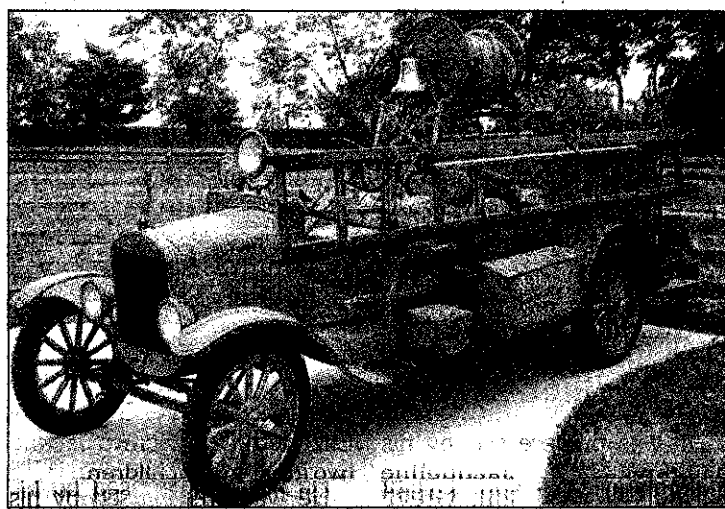
On a side street, Charles Anderson of Eastpointe was

seated in his unusual 1951 Opel, a quaint little beige and brown two door that appeared well-loved and well-used. The latter aspects, including some deterioration of the headliner, are part of the Opel's charm, Anderson patiently explained.

There's more to come from last summer. The RM Auction sale just before the Concours d'Elegance; a car show in St. Joseph, and the Rolling Sculpture show in early July. Please stay tuned.



A little red Henry J from Kaiser Frazer sold for \$5,850 at the six-day annual Kruse auction in Auburn, Indiana.



1925 Model T fire truck, up from Nashville, pleased Old Car Festival visitors as well as its energetic owner, Tom Collins.

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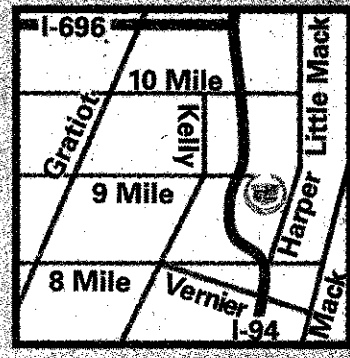
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GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Sponsors step up for Holden Golf outing

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

A slew of sponsors have stepped up to help make the second annual Holden Club Golf Classic another winner.

U.S. Manufacturing is a major sponsor, thanks to Grosse Pointer Brian Simon.

Other local sponsors are Joe Fikany Gallagher Benefits Services, The Chubb Group of Insurance Companies, Amerisure Insurance Companies, XL Insurance Company, J.S. Vig Construction, Burton Brothers-General Contractors, Fishbone's Rhythm Cafe, C.R.E.S.A., Plante & Moran, AIG (American International Group), Kerr, Russell & Weber, A.J. Gallagher, Fairlane Town Center and Ted McDermott.

"We, as a company, take pride to be a corporate citizen," said Tim Shannahan, senior vice president, regional branch manager for The Chubb Group of Insurance Companies. "The Boys and Girls Club does some wonderful things; so we're happy to come out and support them at the golf outing."

The golf classic is slated for 1 p.m., Monday, Sept. 17, at the Country Club of Detroit in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Registration opens at 11:30 a.m. and a buffet luncheon is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. The 18-hole shotgun start begins at 1 p.m. and a reception and strolling dinner will held after the golf event at 5:30 p.m.

All proceeds from the golf outing go directly to support programs at the James and Lynelle Holden Club Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan, located on Schoenherr and 8 Mile in Detroit.

"It seems like one of the best

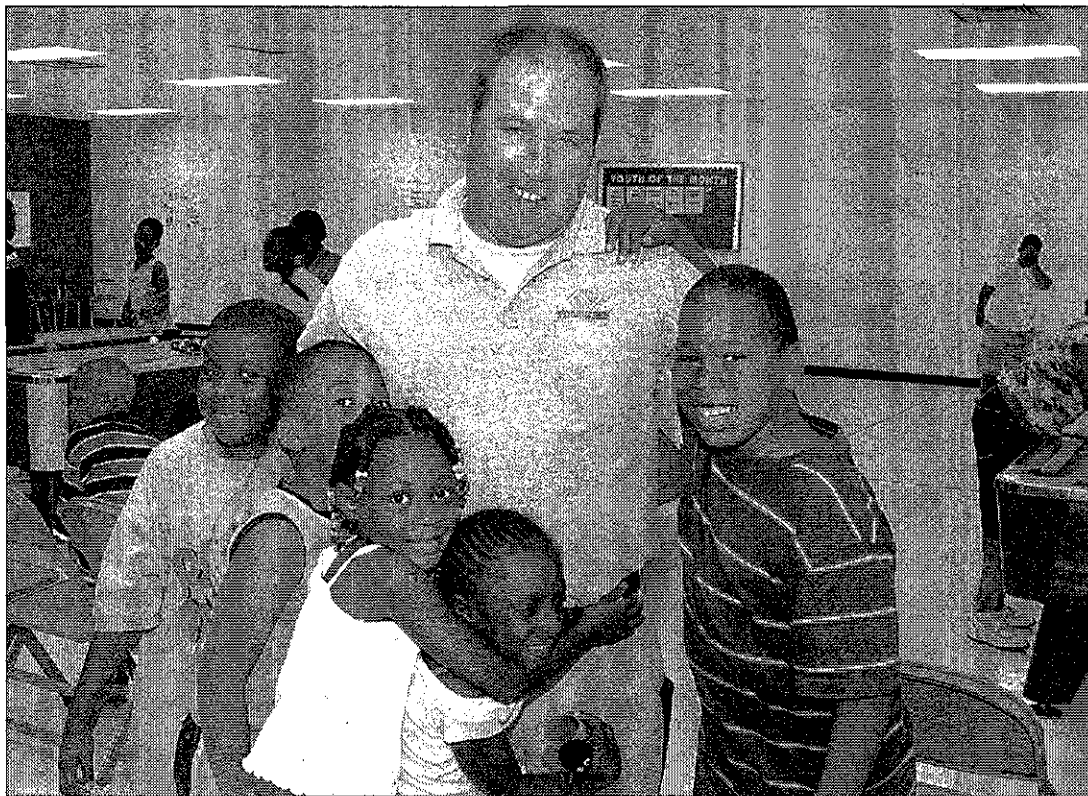


PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Boys and Girls Club President Jim Randels, center, gets hundreds of hugs every day from the kids who come into the club, located on 8 Mile and Schoenherr.

charities out there," said McDermott, a Grosse Pointe Park resident. "The Boys and Girls Club is backed by some pretty big groups, such as Major League Baseball and the NFL; so I thought being a sponsor would be the right thing to do to help the kids."

With the golf outing right around the corner, Boys and Girls Club Vice President of Development Nick Papadas said the foursomes are filled.

"All we need is some nice weather because all of the holes are filled and we're ready to roll," Papadas said. "All of the hard work and hours preparing for the outing is worth it because everything is for the kids of the Boys and Girls Club."

Sponsors who spent \$15,000 will get their name or logo in a

full-page ad in the Grosse Pointe News, and be featured on all marketing materials distributed or displayed during the outing at the Country Club of Detroit.

It also included a golf package containing two foursomes, participant gifts, luncheon buffet, cocktail reception and strolling dinner, eight additional guest/spouse tickets for the evening cocktail reception and strolling dinner, and inclusion in a post-event press release.

Those who paid \$5,000 on a sponsorship will get their name or logo in four quarter-page ads in the Grosse Pointe News before and after the outing and on all materials distributed at the event and on major sponsor signs at the outing.

It also included a golf package with one foursome, partici-

pant gifts, luncheon buffet, cocktail reception and strolling dinner, four additional guest/spouse tickets for the evening cocktail reception and strolling dinner, and inclusion in the post-event press release.

Those who paid the \$2,500 hole sponsorship fee will get to display a name or logo prominently on two hole signs and on in-cart signage. The donation also included one foursome, participant gifts, luncheon buffet, cocktail reception and strolling dinner.

The \$1,500 donation financed a golf package that included a foursome, gifts, luncheon buffet, cocktail reception and strolling dinner.

It also allowed for a listing in the event program distributed at the outing.

The donations will be given to the Boys and Girls Club for the purchase of needed supplies and will help pay for inclusion in the club for another year.

"This club is important for the more than 1,000 boys and girls who come to our facility," Randels said.

"I was introduced to the charity by Greg VanKirk (of Plante & Moran)," said Joe Vig, president of J.S. Vig Construction. "It certainly is a fabulous charity and I think the goals of the Boys and Girls Club are very much in alignment with my values."

While at the club, kids can play basketball, football, baseball, soccer or even kickball.

Now that school is in session, kids can do their homework and play video games or do some art projects before returning home.

"We're all about having fun and keeping everyone in a safe, positive atmosphere," Randels said.

For more information about the golf outing or the Boys and Girls Club, call Randels at (313) 372-9550 or e-mail him at jrandels@bgscsm.org.

Author visits Detroit

Yvonne Thornton, author of the Pulitzer Prize-nominated novel, "The Ditchdigger's Daughters," will share her journey to professional success with parents and their children at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Max M. Fisher Music Center at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward.

Thornton will deliver a motivational lecture of how her father, a poor and uneducated black laborer and child of the Great Depression, overcame obstacles to give his daughters a better life.

In a time when there were distinct gender roles, especially for women, Thornton's parents refused to accept these limitations. Instead, they had valued education, which en-

abled their daughters to rise and stand on equal terms.

The book tells the true story about a black family of all girls that transcends race, color and gender to rekindle belief in the American spirit and the human will to succeed despite adversity.

Today, two of the daughters are physicians, one an oral surgeon, one a nurse and one an attorney with a Ph.D.

The book is a tribute to Thornton's father and celebrates her family's fulfillment of the American dream.

After the lecture, attendees can visit with Thornton and purchase an autographed copy of her book.

Thornton is being brought to Detroit under the auspices of



Yvonne Thornton

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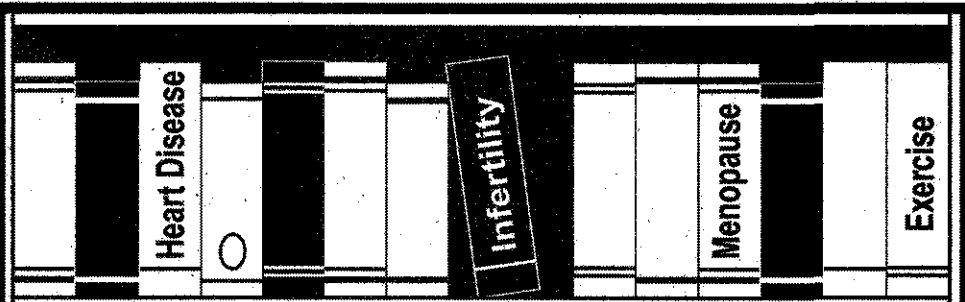
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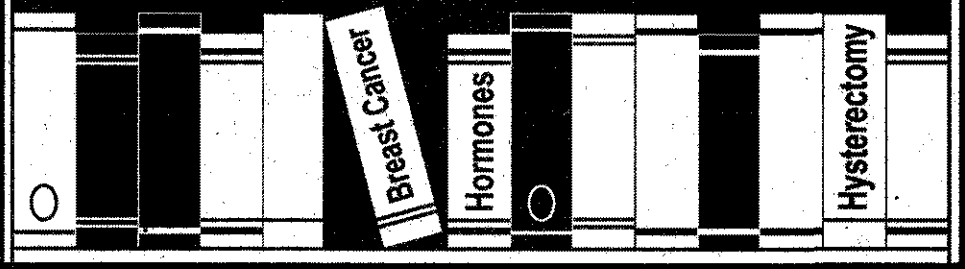
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THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES

The Board of Education of The Grosse Pointe Public School System will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2007-2008.

The hearing will be held on Monday, September 24, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wicking Library, Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Boulevard, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

The adoption of the proposed levies will take place at the same meeting as noted in the previous paragraph.

A summary of the Homestead Hold-Harmless millage tax rate is as follows:

	Base Millage Rate	Decrease Millage Rate	Total Rate
Operating	5.8830	(0.0078)	5.8752

The proposed Homestead Hold-Harmless millage rate for 2007 will be 5.8752 mills, a decrease of 0.1057 mills from the 5.9809 mills levied in 2006. If adopted, the proposed Homestead Hold-Harmless millage will decrease operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes over such revenues generated last year by approximately \$21,813 (0.13% revenue decrease).

A summary of the Non-Homestead millage tax rate is as follows:

	Base Millage Rate	Increase Millage Rate	Total Rate
Renewal	15.7426	0.8938	16.6364
Restoration	1.2903	0.0733	1.3636
Total Operating	17.0329	0.9671	18.0000

The total proposed Non-Homestead millage rates for 2007 will be 18.0000 mills, which is the same mills levied in 2006. If adopted, the proposed Non-Homestead millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes over such revenues generated last year by approximately \$413,521 (5.68% revenue increase).

A summary of the Sinking Fund millage tax rate is as follows:

	Base Millage Rate	Increase Millage Rate	Total Rate
Sinking Fund	0.9441	0.0297	0.9738

The proposed Sinking Fund millage rate for 2007 is 0.9738 mills which is the same as the 0.9738 mills levied in 2006. If adopted the proposed Homestead and Non-Homestead Sinking Fund millage will increase Sinking Fund revenues from ad valorem property taxes by over such revenues generated last year by approximately \$95,481 (3.16% revenue increase).

The proposed Debt Fund millage rate for 2007 is 1.2478 which is a decrease of .0716 mills from the 1.3194 mills levied in 2006. If adopted the proposed Homestead and Non-Homestead Debt millage will decrease Debt Fund revenues from ad valorem property taxes by over such revenues generated last year by approximately \$100,150 (2.44% revenue decrease).

A summary of the tax revenue changes is as follows:

	Increase	Percentage
General		
Homestead	(\$21,813)	(0.13%)
Non-Homestead	\$413,521	5.68%
Sinking Fund	\$95,481	3.16%
Debt Fund	(\$100,150)	(2.44%)
Total	\$387,039	1.26%

The Grosse Pointe Public School System has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rates.

Ahmed Ismail, Secretary
The Grosse Pointe Board of Education

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Attempted vehicle theft

Police are investigating the attempted theft of a Jeep Liberty parked on Cranford Lane reported at 10:31 a.m. Friday, Sept. 7.

Police said the vehicle had its driver's side window smashed out and its ignition system destroyed. The vehicle was also rummaged through. A concrete block was found on the passenger front seat, police said.

Drunken driving

Police arrested a 68-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man for suspected drunken driving following a traffic stop on Lakeshore and Elm Court at 9:58 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5.

Police stopped the vehicle after observing it driving erratically and striking a curb.

After failing field sobriety tests, the man refused a breath test.

He was taken into custody.

Two bikes stolen

Police are investigating the theft of two bicycles parked in the 17000 block of Kercheval reported at 2:24 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5 and 3:10 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3.

Police said both bikes were unlocked. The bikes are valued at \$400 and \$100.

— John Lundberg

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the City of Grosse Pointe police department at (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Bikes stolen

Police are investigating the theft of two bicycles from near a business in the 100 block of Kercheval reported at 6:09 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5.

Police said the victims entered the business and when they returned noticed the bikes missing.

Police later detained a 22-year-old Harper Woods man after finding him in possession of an unregistered bike and bolt cutters.

The bike did not belong to either of the victims, but police confiscated the bolt cutters.

Warrant arrest

A 34-year-old Warren man was arrested following a traffic stop on Moross at 10:37 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4.

Police stopped the vehicle for having a defective headlight. A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check of the driver revealed he was wanted on a felony arrest warrant. He was taken into custody and his vehicle impounded. Two passengers were released at the scene.

Bike theft

Police are investigating the theft of a bicycle parked near the football field of an area high school reported at 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4.

Police said the bike was unlocked. It is valued at \$630.

Drunken driving

Police arrested a 33-year-old Farmington Hills man for drunken driving following a traffic stop on Moross at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1.

Police stopped the vehicle for speeding. Upon questioning the driver, police detected a strong odor of intoxicants coming from his facial area. After failing field sobriety tests, the man registered a .13 on a breath test.

He was taken into custody.

— By John Lundberg

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Farms police department at (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Park

Bike stolen

Police are investigating the theft of a Mongoose mountain bike taken from the front

porch of a house in the 1300 block of Maryland. The theft occurred overnight Monday, Sept. 3.

Laptop lost

At 5:20 p.m., Friday, Sept. 7,

police responded to a call from a resident who observed a young male exiting a resident's home in the 1400 block of Harvard. The resident reported that a Compaq laptop computer was missing.

The suspect was wearing a

white T-shirt and black pants, and is believed to be in his late teens.

Police are investigating.

Flower pot heist

Between noon and 5 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 5, a large ceramic flower pot was stolen from the front porch of a house in the 1000 block of Beaconsfield. Police are investigating.

Durango gone

Police are investigating the theft of a 2007 Dodge Durango stolen from the street in the 1200 block of Berkshire sometime between 6:30 and 10 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 5.

Attempted theft

Police are investigating the attempted theft of a car parked in the 1600 block of

See CRIMES, page 20A

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Suspect's image captured

Police are seeking the help of residents in the capture of a man they believe is responsible for a rash of larcenies from automobiles during the overnight hours on the eastside.

"We figure he is a local guy," said Steve Poloni, Grosse Pointe Shores director of public safety. "He's been hitting different streets. The Woods is looking for him as well."

Police believe they have captured the man on video at an area restaurant and the restaurant's employees are familiar with the man and turned over their video surveillance so police would have a physical description of him.

Shores Detective Dan Pullen said the man is suspected of stealing thousands of dollars worth of goods from vehicles.

"During one incident, a (Shores) resident had left her purse in her vehicle which was parked in her driveway overnight," Pullen said. "When she awoke, she discovered that her purse along with \$400, cell phone, digital camera, jewelry and two credit cards were missing (from her vehicle)."

Pullen said the man later used one of those credit cards at the restaurant where the video was obtained.

Police are requesting that anyone who recognizes the man to call them at (313) 881-5500.

— John Lundberg



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Pictures of a "Person of Interest" suspected in the larceny of thousands of dollars of items from vehicles on the eastside over the last three months.



CRIMES: Police plotters full

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Charlevoix. The vehicle's door lock and ignition cylinder were damaged. The crime was reported at 6:19 p.m., Friday, Sept. 7.

Suspect arrested

At 7:37 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 8, police arrested a 23-year-old Detroit male for possession of a large amount of rock cocaine and currency. The man is also a suspect in a home invasion under police investigation.

Car damaged

Police are investigating the attempted theft of a 2006 Dodge Durango parked in the 1300 block of Bedford that occurred between 9 and 10:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 8. The truck's ignition was punched out and it would not start.

— Beth Quinn

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Park police department at (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Driving while drugged

A 47-year-old Troy man was

arrested for driving under the influence of prescription drugs following a traffic stop on Lakeshore at 11:49 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7.

Police stopped the vehicle after it struck a curb that sent it airborne. Upon questioning, the driver admitted ingesting prescription medication that made him unsuitable to drive. The man was arrested and his vehicle impounded.

Many suspensions

Police arrested a 35-year-old Detroit man following a traffic stop on Vernier at 9:42 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5.

Police stopped the vehicle for having a defective brake light. A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed he had several driver's license suspensions and various arrest warrants.

He was arrested and released after posting bond.

Drunken driving

Police arrested a 45-year-old Warren man for drunken driving following a traffic stop on Vernier Monday, Sept. 3.

Police stopped the vehicle for running a red light. Upon questioning the driver, police detected an odor of intoxicants coming from his facial area. After failing field sobriety tests, the man registered a .11 on a breath test.

He was arrested and his vehicle impounded.

— John Lundberg

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Shores police department at (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

BBs and tobacco

At 10:10 p.m. Sept. 7, a 33-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident reported to police that his car was hit by BBs as he drove on Hampton Road.

He told police he stopped his car and saw some young people run from the bushes into a house on Hampton. When police arrived, they knocked on the door of the home, but no one answered. When they went to the back of the house, they found two purses on a patio table. Police called the residence and left a message on an answering machine saying they were taking the purses to the station for safekeeping.

Later that evening, two girls, aged 15 and 16, came to the station to say their purses had been stolen. During questioning by police, the girls admitted they were present when two boys, including one who lived at the Hampton house, were firing BB guns at cars, but they denied any involvement.

The girls were cited for possession of tobacco.

Lock your cars

At 9:30 a.m. Sept. 5, a Severn Road resident notified police that several items, including a watch, ring, iPod and checkbook, were taken from his unlocked 1992 Pontiac Grand Prix that he had parked in his driveway the night before.

Bad company

At 1:20 a.m. Sept. 5, a Stanhope resident notified police that a young woman said she had been kicked out of a friend's house and that she was lost.

The girl, a 15-year-old Detroit resident, said she had gone to a home with a friend, and when she refused to have sex with him, he kicked her out of the house. She wasn't sure where the house was, but said the friend drove a brown van.

Police took the girl to the station where she was released to her mother.

Meanwhile, police stopped a van matching a description given to them and found that the 21-year-old's driver's license had been suspended 14 times. He also had four prior convictions and was currently on probation. He also matched the description given by the girl.

He was charged with driving with a suspended license and third-degree criminal sexual conduct.

Possession of pot

At 12:45 a.m. Sept. 7, police stopped a car at South Brys and Van K Drive for defective equipment. The officer also noticed that the driver appeared to be putting something in the back seat.

The driver, a 26-year-old Royal Oak male, admitted he had marijuana in the car and produced two small packets of the substance. He was issued a ticket for possession of marijuana and released.

Intruder

At 7:32 a.m. Sept. 4, a Hunt Club resident called police after discovering an intruder in his garage. The suspect ran and was seen leaving the area in a 1992 Ford two door hatchback.

The party is over

At 2:30 a.m. Sept. 4, police were called to a home on Hampton where a fight was in progress. When police arrived, they questioned two males, 20-year-old and a 17-year-old, who denied they were fighting. Police believe they had been drinking.

Both were released to their parents.

— Kathy Ryan

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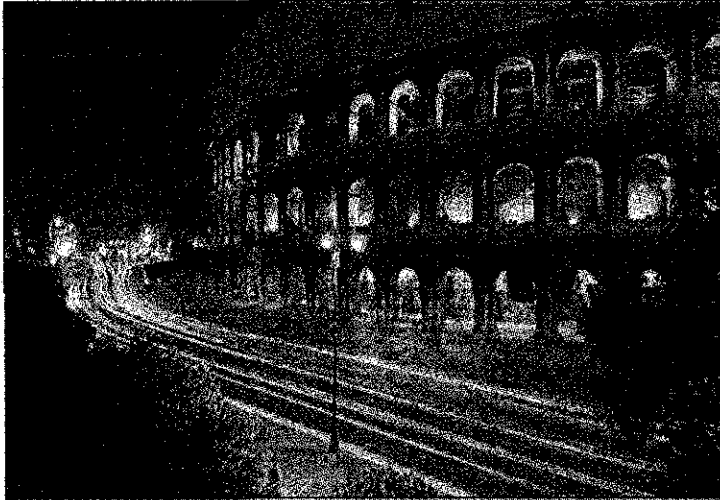
Peruse the following list and try something new.

Eastside Handweavers Guild offers support and encouragement for those who enjoy weaving, spinning and other fiber arts.

Adults of any age that are experienced in the art or willing to learn can attend the club's two-hour monthly meetings featuring programs, lectures and workshops held at 7 p.m. the third Monday of the month at the Children's Home of Detroit.

Dues are \$15 with an additional charge for workshops and materials.

For more information, contact Janet Weber at (313) 881-6499, Audrey Barty at (313) 884-2507 or Pat Garbacz at (586) 777-2819.



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Above, the Roman Colosseum at night captured by president of the Grosse Pointe Camera Club Mike Florian. At right, an infrared image of Bond Falls.

The Grosse Pointe Camera Club is for shutterbugs of any age who would like to share their interests with others.

The club provides educational opportunities for members to develop their photographic interest and offers contact with others with similar interests through participation in assignments, mini programs, field trips and organized shoots.

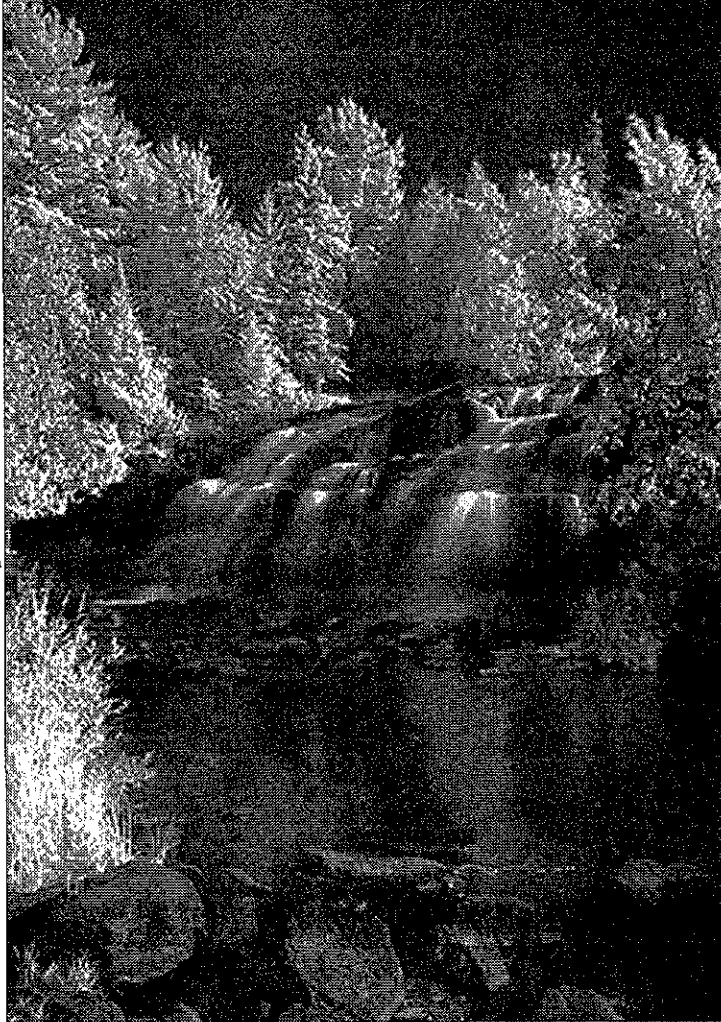
Monthly competitions pro-

vide members with feedback and recognition of improvement.

Meetings are held from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays at Brownell Middle School Room C-11. Annual dues are \$20.

For more information, contact Mike Florian at (313) 822-7080 or visit grossepointecameraclub.org.

Mothers of Preschoolers, a nonprofit, nondenominational



organization, hosts speakers, discussions, creative activities and service projects for mothers of children aged up to 5 years.

The program is designed to encourage mothers of very young children from diverse backgrounds and lifestyles through relationships and resources.

The group meets from 8:45 to 11 a.m. the second and fourth Mondays at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information, contact Jennifer Barthel at (313) 640-2018.

Cottage Hospital Volunteer Services is seeking volunteers and auxiliary members to escort patients, assist in hospital departments and fundraising activities.

Volunteers can be of any age and may work from four to 10 hours per week. Free parking and a meal stipend is offered each day they work.

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The Grosse Pointe Rose Society, a non-profit garden club, welcomes members of any age who love to grow roses.

Club activities include garden tours, an annual rose show and meetings held the second Wednesday of the month from March through October at the Neighborhood Club. Dues are \$15.

For more information, contact Deborah Leslie at (313) 881-7321.

Grosse Pointe Audubon, a chapter of the Michigan Audubon Society, is for people of all ages interested in nature, science and the environment.

Members serve the community by offering educational programs and field trips with an emphasis on birds. Meetings are scheduled for Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Jan. 28, Feb. 25, March 17 and April 21 in the community room at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Annual dues are \$15 for an individual and \$25 for a family. For more information, contact Bill Rapar at (313) 885-6502.

The Junior League of Detroit is a nonprofit women's volunteer organization committed to volunteerism, developing a woman's potential and improving communities through their effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Its focus is to create community-based collaborative partnerships that work to broaden the educational, cultural, recre-

ational and health opportunities for Detroit children.

Projects include a free educational nature program at the Belle Isle Nature Zoo and financial contributions to the Children's Center of Detroit, the Detroit Zoo, The Detroit Science Center, Alternatives for Girls and Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Prospective members must be at least 21 years old, live within a 50-mile radius of Detroit, undergo a year of training and complete about 20 volunteer hours in that year to be considered active members.

Active members contribute three to five hours a month attending meetings and activities and another 24 hours to the biennial Designers' Show House fundraiser.

Dues are \$150 for active members. New members are required to pay \$75 for the new member training course in addition to the \$150 fee.

For information on meeting dates and to join, visit the Junior League of Detroit offices at 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms or call (313) 881-0040.

The Assistance League to the Northeast Guidance Center is a nonprofit organization that provides volunteer and financial assistance and promotional support for the Northeast Guidance Center and other community organizations.

The Northeast Guidance Center provides behavioral and related health care services that impact high-risk children and adults on Detroit's east side, the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

The club is seeking women of all ages and professional backgrounds and experience levels to devote their time to fundraising activities such as the North American International Auto Show Charity Preview, dinner parties, wine tastings, raffles and other projects. Many activities offer opportunities for the fami-

ly to pitch in and learn the value of volunteerism. Members may also participate in service projects including the Christmas party for the Northeast Guidance Center or the I Like Me elementary school art and poetry contest, the Educational Family Fun Fair, the Infant Health Fair and Tuesday Tutoring.

Opportunities are also available for family members.

Annual dues are \$35 and nominal expenses for meetings held at various locations in Grosse Pointe, Harper Woods and the east side of Detroit.

For more information, visit alnegc.org or call (313) 245-7012.

For a new membership packet, contact Allison Kuhnlein at (313) 822-5527.

Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe is a non-profit special interest group for those interested in the French culture and language.

Meetings are held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms, and other local venues.

Membership dues are \$30.

For more information, contact Christiane Stein at (586) 777-4602.

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping older citizens maintain their lives in independence and with dignity.

Volunteers of any age that are creative, compassionate, upbeat, motivated and enthusiastic are welcome. Those with computer, office and proofreading skills are also being sought.

Activities offered at the center include Meals on Wheels, minor home repair, case coordination, information and assistance, interfaith caregivers and the SOC cable show.

Activities include monthly teas, daily meals, flu shot clinics, tax help, exercise classes, escort service to medical appointments, trips and lectures on topics affecting seniors.

Most volunteer activities take place at the SOC offices in the Neighborhood Club.

For more information, contact Betsy Schulte, director of volunteer services, at (313) 882-9600, ext. 245.

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club, a nonprofit organization, meets the third Wednesday of the month for lunch featuring a guest speaker and conversation.

The club's yearly goal is to raise money to award a scholarship to one student from both Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North high schools. Additional contributions are made to local charity groups.

Members include current and former residents and business owners from the area.

Dues are \$55 per year and include seven lunches. Meetings are held at noon the third Wednesday of each month in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information, call Membership Chairman Pam Zimmer at (313) 882-9087 or President Marilyn Richardson at (313) 884-4056.

Bon Secours Hospital is a nonprofit health care organization seeking volunteers aged 14 and up who like people, want to make a difference and serve a variety of hospital needs.

With the exception of meal delivery volunteers, activities take place at the hospital.

For more information, contact Volunteer Director Betsy Schulte at (313) 343-1795.

The Easy Riders Bicycle Touring Club is open to adults who are looking for a more casual group bicycle ride.

Group cycling tours around the Grosse Pointes and nearby areas lasting two hours are offered Tuesday mornings, Thursday evenings and a weekend morning. Helmets are required on all rides. The membership fee is \$12.

For more information, call Barbara Teranes at (313) 885-2646 or Frank Markey at (313) 886-8324.

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra is a community orchestra comprised of volunteer musicians that present three classical music concerts each season.

Members are musicians who have performed at the high school or college level. Practices are Wednesday evenings at Parcels Middle School.

The group also encompasses the Festival Flutes, a group of flutists aged high school and up that play flute quartets at area senior centers and outdoor locations.

For more information, contact Laurie Strachan at (313) 882-0077.

The Senior Men's Club of**Grosse Pointe** is a non-profit social organization dedicated to operating exclusively for social, educational and charitable purposes.

The group holds semi-monthly luncheon meetings at the War Memorial Crystal Ballroom that feature speakers with messages of interest to the membership. The luncheons are on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. except August and December.

Fun and fellowship continues between luncheons the year round with the 13 sub-clubs with varied activities such as bowling, bridge, choral, golf, investments, technology and tennis.

There is also sub-club that meets for lunch every March for the Sarasota Florida Snow Birds.

Members must be current or former residents of one of the five Grosse Pointe communities, retired or have reached the age of 65.

Applicants should contact any current member for an application or contact the Membership Committee Chairman John Prost at (313) 822-8454 or e-mail prostjl@comcast.net.**American Association of University Women** promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change.

Members of all ages are invited to the monthly meetings, join study groups and help out with the club's annual used book sale fundraiser that finances scholarships to local women.

Meetings take place at various locations.

For more information, contact Linda Couzens, membership chair, at (313) 772-6431.

The Merry Go Rounders is a couple's dance club for people of all ages that like to dance. Members meet on Friday or Saturday nights at private clubs in the Grosse Pointes. Membership dues are \$60 per couple and dinner dances cost about \$80 per couple.

For more information, call Marcia or Ronald Pikelek at (313) 884-4201.

Toastmaster's helps men and women of all ages improve their public speaking skills and build self confidence and self esteem.

The group meets for about 90 minutes twice a month in various public buildings. Membership dues are \$75.

For more information, contact Ronald Pikelek at (313) 884-4201 or Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184.

The Accounting Aid Society is a non-profit organization that provides tax assistance and promotes the economic self sufficiency of low income families, seniors and others in need.

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learning basic tax laws and helping low income families receive tax refunds and credits or those skilled in personal finance are welcome to join. Basic computer skills are essential.

There are no membership dues and training is offered at area colleges and universities with tax preparation services offered at 30 sites in southeast Michigan.

For more information, contact Marshall Hunt at (313) 647-9620, ext. 208.

The Grosse Pointe Ski Club is open to adults aged 20 to 80 who love to ski.

Trips planned for the upcoming season include Vail, Aspen and area resorts. Meetings are held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and Jack's Waterfront Restaurant in St. Clair Shores.

For more information, call John Byrne at (586) 293-6779 or Paul Leonard at (586) 899-0331 or visit gpskiclub.com.**The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe** is a women's networking and social club for women of all ages and all professions wanting to be informed of issues affecting women.

The group meets from 6 to 9 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month from September to June at a private club in Grosse Pointe. Dues are \$30.

For more information, call Marcia Pikelek at (313) 884-4201.

The Grosse Pointe Social and Newcomers Club is for married couples living in the Grosse Pointes that want to have fun and meet other Pointers.

Dues are \$40 plus the cost of attending parties.

For more information, call Cary Peskin at (313) 640-1067 or visit grossepointesocialandnewcomers.com.**The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe** is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influence public policy through education and advocacy.Membership is open to men and women of all ages and dues are \$55. Members can attend meetings covering a wide range of topics in both the daytime and evening. For more information, contact Jan at membership@grossepointe.melwvnet.org.**The Detroit Alumnae Pan-Hellenic Association** is a non-profit organization that supports collegiate sororities throughout Michigan by providing scholarships, advice and references.

Sorority alumnae are encouraged to join this social and civic organization that meets about seven times a year at various locations. For more information, contact Heidi Denler, immediate past president, at (313) 343-0241.

The Louisa St. Clair Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution of Grosse Pointe supports historic preservation and patriotism and promotes education.Membership is open to any woman 18 years or older who can provide lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Meetings are held in the fall, winter and spring in private homes, area clubs or the headquarters of historic, patriotic or educational organizations with whom the group works. For more information, contact Susie Scheiwe at (313) 881-3367 or visit LSCDAR.com.**John Paul Jones Society Children of the American Revolution of Grosse Pointe**, sponsored by the Louisa St. Clair Society, promotes education and historical preservation, the celebration of patriotic anniversaries and the principals of liberty and patriotism.

Membership is open to those up to age 21 who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution.

The society meets during the fall, winter and spring months in private homes, area clubs or the headquarters of historic, patriotic or educational organizations with whom the group works. For more information, call (313) 274-4181, e-mail mmseavage@wideopenwest.com or visit johnpauljonesociety.com.pointe counter points
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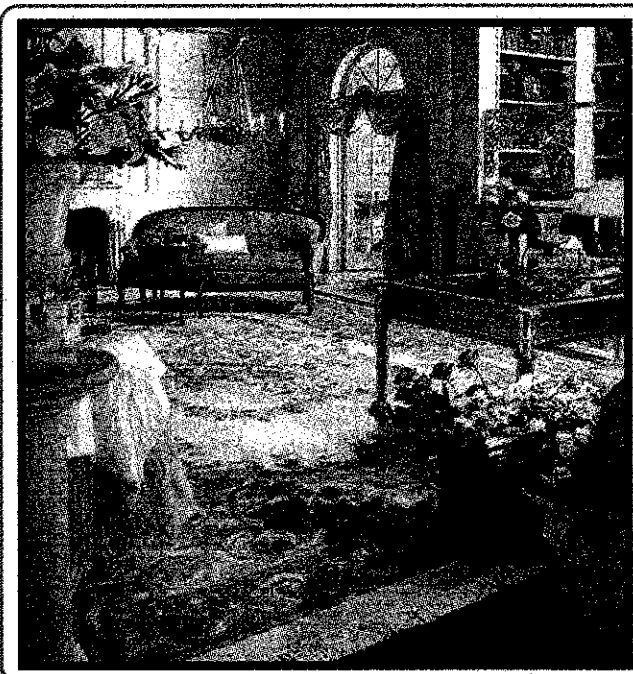
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ACTIVITIES

Grand Marais

The Grand Marais chapter of Questers 215 meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at the home of Betsy Rowe. Renee Nixon will speak on Kemp Hogan's collection of contemporary African-American quilts and its upcoming exhibit at the Center for Creative Studies.

Questers

The Grosse Pointe Questers meet at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 14. Jane Hoey will present a program on "The History and Creation of Temari Balls." Lisa Gandelot is the hostess and Priscilla Schaupeter and Jill Best are co-hostesses.

Book sale

The American Association of University Women, Grosse Pointe Branch hosts its 45th annual used book sale Sept. 19 through 22 at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack.

Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 19 through 21 and from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 22.

Concert choir

The Detroit Concert Choir, under the direction of Gordon Nelson, is holding auditions for tenor and bass singers Sept. 13 and 14. Persons should have a well-developed reading skill and have prior choral experience. The audition includes sight-reading, tonal memory and vocal range.

Auditions are by appointment only.

For more information, call Sandra Cooper or Christine Rouce at (313) 882-0118.

Bridge club

The (original) Pointer Bridge Club meets at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Alger House to begin its 31st season.

Reservations or cancellations must be made by Saturday, Sept. 15.

For more information, call (313) 886-7595 or (313) 881-8566.

Delta Gamma alumnae

The Grosse Pointe Alumnae Chapter of Delta Gamma be-



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gins its fall season with a noon brunch, Sunday, Sept. 16.

The group raises money for aid to the blind and visually impaired. Each year children in Grosse Pointe preschools are screened by the group to detect early childhood vision problems.

Sales of pecans, cashews and mixed nuts and a holiday auction are the major fundraising events.

For more information, call Carrie Calcaterra at (313) 886-2586 or Ann Watkins at (313) 884-9554.

Volunteers

The Detroit Institute of Arts is looking for people to join its volunteer council. An open house to introduce prospective members to the program will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, in the DIA's lecture hall.

For more information or an application, call (313) 494-5221.

Star search

Children from newborn through 8 years old may audition for New Star Discovery on Saturday, Sept. 22, at Lakeside Mall. Registration is at noon and the event begins at 1:15 p.m. The entry fee is \$50. For more information, call (877) 330-2229.

Oktoberfest

The fifth annual St. John Hospice Oktoberfest begins with a 6:30 p.m. cocktail reception on Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Grosse Pointe Club, 6 Berkshire Place, Grosse Pointe. This is followed by a



The Grosse Pointe Alumnae Chapter of Delta Gamma board members from left, in back, Cary Sottrel, Chrissy Wodecki and Ann Baxter; in the front, Dawn Eveland, Ann Watkins, president Carrie Calcaterra and Kim Francis.

dinner and silent auction.

The event raises funds for the St. John Hospice program and especially the Walk With ME pediatric palliative care program.

Walk With ME is a program which provides comfort care to unborn children through early adulthood with life-limiting illnesses.

Tickets are \$75. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information, call Lorraine Owczarek at (586) 582-7509.

Palette club

The Lakeside Palette Club of St. Clair Shores meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, in the meeting room of the St. Clair Shores Arena, 20000 Stephens. Following a short business meeting, Lewis King will do a water color demonstration.

Friends of Vision

Friends of Vision, a support group for the visually impaired and blind, meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 17, and Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

For more information, call Nancy Pilorget at (313) 824-4710, ext. 225.

Help for Ghana

St. Paul Nonprofit Charitable Organization will be the recipient of funds raised during a 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, event at Tompkins Community Center, Windmill Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Park.

Gisela Becker, the founder of the organization, will be on hand to discuss conditions for the poor in Ghana and offer a glimpse into the life of its orphans.

There will be a model of the orphanage the organization is building near Kumasi, Ghana's second largest city.

Kumasi is home to hundreds of orphans whose parents have died of HIV/AIDS.

The children are shunned by relatives and neighbors because of their association with

the disease. Some \$60,000 is needed to build the orphanage.

Donations are \$25, \$20 for advance tickets. Suzanne Dalian, 789 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, is accepting donations.

The evening includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction of works by local artists.

Memorial tribute

The Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club presents a memorial tribute to the music of Chet Bogan, who led the Wolverine Jazz Band for more than 20 years, from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, at the Troy Elks Club, 1451 E. Big Beaver, Troy.

The afternoon will feature Ron Kischuk on trombone, John Trudell on cornet, Greg Koltyk on clarinet, Rich Kowalewski on bass, Dan Maslanka on drums, Chet Shermetaro on piano and singer Judy Cochill.

Advance tickets are \$15 and may be ordered through Bill Knowles at (248) 478-0172.

Scholarship

A fundraiser for the Lara Rutan Scholarship in Wayne State University's physician assistant studies program is from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, at the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

Rutan, the daughter of Rick and Judy Rutan of Grosse Pointe, was killed by a drunk driver in September 2005, two days after taking her state boards for the profession.

There will be a tour with physician assistant graduates through the facility and a sampling of wines and hors d'oeuvres. Music will be provided by the Brandon Parker Trio. Parking is complimentary in structure 7.

For more information, call (313) 882-1607.

Music league

The Grosse Pointe Classical Music League holds its general membership meeting at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at

the Country Club of Detroit. It will be followed by a lunch, entertainment and a white elephant sale.

Dylan Perez, an accomplished young pianist and honor roll student at Black River High School in Holland, will perform.

The cost is \$22. For reservations, send a check to L. Lee, 9 Shorecrest Circle, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236.

Woman's club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meets for lunch at 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 19, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. They will be entertained by "The Encore Players."

For guest reservations, call hospitality chairman Janis McManus at (313) 886-9098 by Saturday, Sept. 15.

The Encore Players, a senior Reader's Theatre Group comprised of Grosse Pointe Theatre members over the age of 60. Its focus is twofold: to keep older members involved in the theatre and to serve as an outreach service to the community.

Formed two years ago by Barbara Elliott, the group meets once a month and is available to perform in the evening as well as in the afternoon.

Although the group is affiliated with the Grosse Pointe Theatre, it does not use material from current productions. Material is obtained from books, the National Senior Network, and the tendency is to use more "fun stuff" as a performance basis.

All current and former Grosse Pointe residents as well as business owners are invited to join the Woman's Club.

Dues are \$55 per year and include seven lunches.

Guests and prospective

members are welcome.

For more information, call membership chairman Pam Zimmer at (313) 882-9087 or president Marilyn Richardson at (313) 884-4056.

Audubon

Grosse Pointe Audubon presents "Cranial Capacities of Corvids: What it Really Means to be a Bird Brain" with Star Kraven-Madd on Monday, Sept. 17, in the community room of the Children's Home of Detroit, 90 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods. Social hour is at 7 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Kraven-Madd will discuss Corvids in this free family-oriented program, which is open to the public. It is presented in partnership with the Timber Wolf Alliance.

Knitting teacher

Knitting teacher and author Sally Melville will teach her craft at two area fiber studios next month.

On Friday, Oct. 5, she will be at Wool & The Floss, 397 Fisher, Grosse Pointe Farms from 9 a.m. to noon teaching First Choices/Basic Shapes and from 1 to 4 p.m. discussing Borders And Buttonholes.

Appearing at Artisan Knitworks, 15222B East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park on Saturday, Oct. 6, Melville will discuss Creativity from 9 a.m. to noon and Advanced Shaping from 1 to 4 p.m.

Each session costs \$65 or \$110 for the full day.

In addition, there will also be an informal reception for Melville from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5 at Artisan Knitworks.

Melville is the author of the book series, "The Knitting Experience."



The Pointer Bridge Club committee members, from left, Mary Volaris, Sandy Kabbush, Reggie Lesinski and Evelyn Bogan.

Constitution Week observed Sept. 17-23

Carillons will sound out patriotic music in recognition of Constitution Week, Sept. 17-23.

There will also be posters in all the Grosse Pointe public, private, and parochial schools as well as at Avalon School in St. Clair Shores, Most Holy Trinity School in Corktown and the Clinton Township Campus of Baker College where Lauren Conflitti is a student. As Constitution Week chairman of the Louisa St. Clair chapter Daughters of the American Revolution of Grosse Pointe, she is seeing to it that children know about the designation.

More Constitution Week posters are in the city offices of all the Grosse Pointes and oth-

er public buildings. Bookmarks with the Preamble to the Constitution have been distributed to local libraries and to the schools for children in the grades studying the Constitution this year.

Carillons at Christ Church Episcopal on Grosse Pointe Boulevard, Memorial Presbyterian Church on Jefferson, St. James Lutheran Church on the Hill and the Grosse Pointe Village clock bells will all ring the "bells for freedom" during Constitution Week.

Membership to the DAR is open to those able to prove lineal descent from an ancestor who helped to further the cause of the American Revolution.



Lauren Conflitti, Louisa St. Clair Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Week chair with Constitution Week poster.

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Normal schedule

First English Ev. Lutheran Church is back on its normal schedule — 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. traditional worship with Holy Communion twice a month. The 9:30 a.m. contemporary worship with Holy Communion is offered every Sunday, as well as children's Sunday school and adult study hour.

First English offers several education opportunities this fall conducted by the pastors.

The adult study hour offers an overview of The Lutheran Handbook II. Since this hour includes a discussion of Lutheran theology, it will also serve as a new member class.

Pastor Walter Schmidt and Pastor Jerry Elsholz will alternate as leaders in the 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. sessions.

Jesus' Disciples is the Thursday Morning Bible Study

subject. This session will look at the 12 men whom the Lord called to be his followers and ultimately became the leaders of the early church. Learning, sharing, fellowship and refreshments round out the morning.

Pastor Schmidt conducts the meeting from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the lounge

The Men's Club Breakfast and Bible Study meets at 8:30 a.m. on the second Wednesdays beginning on Oct. 10 at the Big Boy Restaurant at 9 Mile and Jefferson for breakfast followed by discussion at the church in the lounge. The club will continue its video study of "The Life of Jesus."

Pastor Schmidt leads the discussion.

For women, this fall's Circle Study is based on the Beatitudes.

"Blessed to Follow: The

Beatitudes as a Compass for Discipleship" is a series written by Martha Stortz, professor of historical theology and ethics at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, Cal. She is also the author of "A World According to God." All women of the congregation and the community are welcome.

Prayer day

An interfaith prayer service for world peace will be at 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 20, at the St. Bonaventure Monastery

Chapel, 1760 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, in observance of the International Day of Prayer for World Peace.

The event is sponsored by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and Solanus Center.

Refreshments will be served immediately following the prayer service in the Solanus Center. Call (313) 579-2100, ext. 149, to make a reservation. Secured parking is available.

Mom2Mom Sale

Grace Circle of The Women

of the Church at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, hold a Mom2Mom sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29.

Gently used children's items such as clothing, books, toys, puzzles, furniture and equipment will be for sale.

The cost of a table is \$15 and rack space is \$5. For more information call Patty Jackson at (586) 774-5293 or visit m2m-feel@sbcglobal.net, or Nan Strandhagen at (586) 415-8596 or visit nstrandhagen@yahoo.com.

No commercial vendors will be there. Breakfast and lunch will be available.

M.O.P.S.

Mothers of Preschoolers will have an "extreme M.O.P.S. makeover" meeting from 8:45 to 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 17, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

On-site free child care is available in age appropriate classrooms with a Christian based curriculum.

For more information, call (586) 484-3248.

PASTOR'S CORNER By Carla Kalogeridis

Following the law of progress

Following the last hard frost of the season, a woman planted several different varieties of seeds in her garden.

Within 10 days, tiny morning glories and nasturtiums were peeking up through the soil. However, as week after week went by, the sweet peas she had planted never grew. Eventually, two months had passed and everything in her garden was flourishing except the sweet peas.

The woman began to think that perhaps those seeds had been bad.

And then, one day, up came the sweet peas through the soil. It seemed as if they had germinated overnight! As the woman thought about the sudden appearance of the sweet peas, she learned a valuable lesson. Despite what appeared to be happening — which was basically nothing — the seeds were, in fact, doing their job even though she couldn't see the evidence to support it.

How often do we feel in our own lives that we are spinning our wheels, making no progress at all?

"Well, here's an interesting thought: Progress is the law of God. This statement actually appears in the book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, and reads, "...Progress is

the law of God, whose law demands of us only what we can certainly fulfill."

Here's another example of God's law in operation, which happened just a few weeks ago right here in Grosse Pointe. A family put their house on the market with plans to move to another state before the new school year started.

At first, there was considerable interest, resulting in two potential buyers making offers. One buyer went so far as to have the family's house inspected.

Unfortunately, the inspector determined that the house had some serious foundation problems. Despite the homeowners quickly getting another inspector's opinion to the contrary, the buyers moved on to another house.

The homeowners were heartbroken. It just didn't seem fair!

Just when everything was going according to plan, all progress had slid to a stop.

They decided to fix the minor fault in the foundation so that the same concern wouldn't come up again. However, in the process of having the work done, the contractor accidentally caused extensive damage to the home's sewage line. The whole front yard had to be torn up so that an additional, time-consuming repair could be made.

Completely exasperated, the homeowners took down the "for sale" sign while the demolition of their front yard continued. They resigned themselves to the fact that in order to keep the new home they had arranged to rent in the other state, part of the family would go ahead and make the move while the remaining family members would stay in Grosse Pointe until the house sold.

The family was discouraged, to say the least, but felt they had no other options.

The repair on the foundation and the sewage line were completed in a few weeks. Then, on the very day that sod had been put down and new flowers planted in the front yard, a young couple who had seen the house when it originally went on the market returned for a second visit.

As it turned out, this young couple had loved the house from the beginning but had been out of town and unable to see it a second time until they returned. They had never stopped thinking about this house and really wanted to buy it.

This young couple made a fair offer which the homeowners gratefully accepted — and this happened before they even had time to put the "for sale" sign back up in the yard!

So, even though the family believed that all progress had

stopped, the reality was that the right buyers were in place and making their way back with an offer. Just like the sweet peas, everything was germinating and moving forward and developing just as it should.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," sayeth the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55, verses 8-9).

Progress truly is the law of God.

Whether you are trying to sell a home, land a new job, increase your income, find a mate, improve your skills in a sport or hobby — whatever you're doing that requires progress — as long as your motives are pure, you can rest assured that growth, development and continuous improvement are all laws of God under which you, as God's beloved child, are operating.

As the law of gravity is continually at work without any help from you or me, so is your life blossoming under the law of progress, unfolding its divinely governed purpose — at just the right time.

Carla Kalogeridis is a member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Grosse Pointe Farms where she teaches Sunday School.



Rummage sale

Bea Grenzke, Sandy Warner, Pam Webb, sale chairwoman Margy Huizinga and Carol Komer, have the task of sorting out the huge volume of donated items to be sold at St. Paul Lutheran rummage sale. The church basement is transformed into a resale department store with sections for books, toys, children and adult clothes, furniture, hard goods, tools, jewelry, electronics and a "boutique" with antiques and collectibles. The proceeds are used for ministry programs within the church and to fund community charities. The sale takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, Sept. 21 and Saturday, Sept. 22, at 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms.

<h1 style="text-align: center;">WORSHIP SERVICE</h1>					
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Grosse Pointe Theatre opens 60th Season

Grosse Pointe Theatre's 60th Season opens at 2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 16, with the musical "Company."

The production revolves around Bobby—who is reluctant to commit to any relationship, let alone marriage.

Playgoers are introduced to his group of five married couple friends (who want to see him married) and his three girlfriends. The show received six Tony Awards in 1970 for original production and has had several revivals on Broadway since, including one last year.

Subsequent performances of "Company" are Thursday through Sunday, Sept. 20 through 23 and Wednesday through Saturday, Sept. 26-29. The Sept. 23 performance is a 2 p.m. matinee; all other performances begin at 8 p.m.

Grosse Pointe Theatre productions are staged at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's 450-seat Fries Auditorium, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Tickets are \$22. Earphones for hearing enhancement are available for all performances.

The War Memorial offers a dinner buffet in the Crystal Ballroom prior to performances.

Make dinner reservations with the War Memorial directly, after ordering theatre tickets, at (313) 881-7511.

Dinner reservations must



Grosse Pointe Theatre opens its 60th season with the musical "Company." From left to right, standing, Kristin Berndt as Kathy, Tim Reinman as Bobby, Jacqueline Plunkard as April, and (kneeling) Eleonore Ellero-Groth as Marta in Stephen Sondheim's "Company."

be made at least 48 hours prior to performance.

Expanded group rates for "Company" are also available. Groups of 10 or more receive a discount of \$1 off per ticket. Groups of 20 or more receive a discount of \$3 off per ticket. The musical begins on the

night of Bobby's 35th birthday. The confirmed bachelor contemplates his unmarried state. In vignette after vignette, viewers are introduced to "those good and crazy people," known as his married friends, as Robert weighs the pros and cons of

married life. In the end, he realizes being alone is "alone, not alive."

"Company" features music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim.

Portraying Bobby is Tim Reinman of Grosse Pointe. Reinman portrayed Will

Rogers in "Will Rogers Follies" for Grosse Pointe Theatre several seasons ago.

Portraying Joanne, who sings "Ladies Who Lunch," is Grosse Pointer Barbara Bentley. She directed the theater's production of "Sweeney Todd" in 2006.

Frank "Scott" Davis from Ferndale will be seen in the cast as Larry, Joanne's third husband.

Susan and Peter, another set of Bobby's married friends, will be played by Danielle Caralis of Grosse Pointe as Susan, and Peter Walilko, also of Grosse Pointe, as Peter.

Grosse Pointer Caren Bayer plays Sarah, and Christopher Dybash of Sterling Heights will portray her husband, Harry, as yet another of Bobby's friendly couples.

Bobby's final married friends, Jenny and David will be played by Lisa Johnson (Grosse Pointe) as Jenny and Vince Kelley (Roseville) as David.

John Forlini of Mount Clemens will be seen as Paul and Bronwen Hupp (Grosse Pointe) as Amy, an unmarried but cohabitating couple, who sing "Getting Married Today."

April, Marta and Kathy are three girls Bobby dates. April will be portrayed by Jacqueline Plunkard of Fraser. Marta will be played by Eleonore Ellero-Groth of St. Clair Shores and Kristen

Berndt of St. Clair Shores is Kathy.

Arlene Marie Schoenherr of St. Clair Shores is the director. Emmajean Evans of Grosse Pointe is the producer; stage manager is Mickie Pizzimenti of Warren; with St. Clair Shores resident Nancy McGinness acting as assistant stage manager.

Stan Harr of Grosse Pointe is musical and vocal director for the production with Kelly Smith of Eastpointe as rehearsal pianist.

Technical director is Ruth Rouleau of Harper Woods and set designer is St. Clair Shores resident Lois Bender.

Grosse Pointer Ruth Ellen Mayhall is in charge of props with Michele Karl of St. Clair Shores handling set dressing responsibilities.

Costumes are being handled by Jackie DiSante of Grosse Pointe. Lighting is being chaired by John Crombe of Troy and sound will be performed by Blair Arden of Detroit with Kevin Swift of Troy assisting.

Choreography is by Grosse Pointer Laurie Bilkie-Snyder and make-up will be handled by Mary Lou Britton of St. Clair Shores and Julie Morris of Grosse Pointe.

Tickets for most performances are still available and may be obtained by calling the Grosse Pointe Theatre ticket and information hotline at (313) 881-4004.

Work in Progress is high energy

By Ann L. Fouty
Acting Features Editor

Just as the name suggests, this local band is a work in progress. They are a little bit blues and a little bit acoustic. They are a rock band and a crossover band.

Work in Progress will appear on Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Hard Rock Cafe, Detroit, for its CD release party. Cocktails and dinner are at 6 p.m. followed by an 8:30 p.m. show, featuring 13 original songs. Members will keep the party high energy and get people onto the dance floor, said bass player Dave Okonoski.

"Everyone brings their own gifts," he said of the seven members. "With a new song, everybody puts in their own touches on it. The sum of the whole is greater than its parts."

Work in Progress, Okonoski said, has been together as a band since 2000 playing various local and southeastern Michigan venues. They have known each other for nearly 20 years.

Since their official formation, the band has built up a following of 30- to 40-year-olds who are professionals. In fact, their demographics reflect the day jobs of the band, which include a nurse, an account manager, a civil engineer and a chemist.

Work in Progress members include Joan Denis as lead singer and hails from St. Clair Shores. Angela Dunning of Troy plays the violin. Okonoski, a native of Grosse Pointe, resides in Harper Woods. Lisa Ann Roth is background vocal and Mike Roth on keyboards lives in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Singing, writing songs and playing guitar for the group is Charlie Tazzia of Grosse Pointe Farms. Harrison Township resident Eddie Zmich is the drummer and also writes their music.

Okonoski promises those who attend the CD party will hear a variety of music, with "a full sound."

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6B | ENTERTAINMENT

DOWN TO EARTH By Kathleen Peabody

Native plants take center stage



Many gardeners have stories about this growing season. The early hot temps followed by the cold then the drought later in the summer all makes for a difficult growing season.

I've noticed many perennials stunted, but blooming earlier than usual.

As is said, all politics is local...some plants are local as well. One that's been around a long time is Queen Anne's Lace. Native plant? No, it was originally brought here from Europe. As was the peony from Asia.

Just like the people who inhabited our country prior to the settlers appearing, the word "native" also is used to explain the flora here before most of us arrived. A "native plant" also describes what is local to the particular area in which we live. So, native to Arizona is definitely different from native to Michigan. And, with 3 to 4 hardiness zones in Michigan, there are different plants which are native to certain parts of the state.

Why grow natives?

What makes native plants different from everything else grown in your garden? Each recent summer has brought its share of climate changes including the aforementioned drought and temperature upheavals. By growing natives, the Michigan weather works to help them thrive. They also can be "clay busters," which we know is a challenge in our local

gardens. Various native plants can fit a number of different planting sites. They include wet or dry, sun or shade, high or low fertility and soils of differing pH levels. These hardy plants may benefit a landscape by their adaptability to environmental conditions. They also may be used to solve problem areas, like the clay soil. And, they can be of value to wildlife, require less maintenance and provide four-season appeal, including the addition of local interest to the landscape.

Another big reason to grow native plants is the introduction of biodiversity to your garden. Had we grown a more diverse mix of trees in southeastern Michigan, the problem of the emerald ash borer may not have been as devastating. While natives are not free of pest problems, especially those pests introduced from other lands, they do have less problems with diseases.

What to remember

While it's true that native plants generally thrive in their natural location, when planting in your garden the general rule still applies: put the right plant in the right place. As with any new addition to your garden, survey your planting site before making decisions of what to grow. Check the current plants, trees, sources of water, invasive species, existing structure and wildlife. Will you use your garden as a place of solitude and sanctuary or for parties? Consider the sun exposure, soil conditions of texture, structure, pH, fertility, drainage, wind exposure, space, and any local zoning restrictions.

While the maintenance needs of these natives are few-

What's going on?

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HYPERTUFA WORKSHOP: Sat., Sept. 29, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the home of the instructor in Grosse Pointe Farms. All participants will make a long-lasting trough or other plant container from a mixture of peat, vermiculite, and cement. The container can be left outside in the winter and was created as a substitute for volcanic rock. To register, call the Detroit Garden Center at (313) 259-6363.

er, preparing the soil with organic matter prior to planting helps create a more attractive home for the plant. Fertilizing often is not necessary, especially after the plant becomes established. Know the needs of the plant prior to adding it to your landscape. A little research before selecting plants can save time, money, and aggravation.

Woodland plants need a forest floor while plants of the prairie require lots of sun. Be a plant detective and know where your plant is originally grown. It's tempting to dig up plants along the countryside and bring them in your garden but "rescuing" these plants should only be done if the land is going to developers who may not care about the plant itself.

In urban areas, landscapes may not resemble the prairies or wetlands of old. We've disturbed the soil, lost the original top soil and have compacted clay as the remaining plant medium. We've also lost the beginning vegetation and added our share of pollution, salt runoff, and other environmental problems. However, with all this distress, researchers have shown that in many cases these hardy plants

can adapt to the urban environment.

Good and bad natives

As with any planting in your garden, do your homework. There are a host of native plants suitable for area land-

scapes. It all depends on your needs and desires.

One thing to be mindful of in plant shopping is the non-native plant which has "escaped" into natural areas, wreaking havoc with our native plants and wildlife. Purple loose-strife and garlic mustard are examples of exotic plants that escaped from cultivation and have become serious pests in natural areas. Purple loose-strife grows well in gardens and some nurseries continue to sell it as a good plant for your landscape. But beware as it has a massive root system and millions of seeds which can find themselves in our waterways.

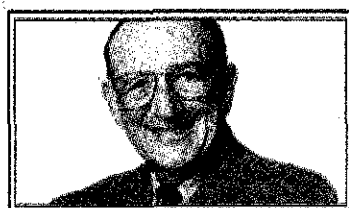
There are also natives which may not be a good idea for your landscape.

For instance, poison ivy is native, and we wouldn't think of planting it. Grow instead in your sunny areas bee balm (*Monarda fistulosa*) New England aster, or *Liatris spicata* also known as blazing star. Natives for shade can include the native columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*), or round-lobed hepatica for pink spring flowers. For ground covers consider Canadian wild ginger.

To find suggested natives to grow instead of invasive plants, the Brooklyn Botanic Garden has published *Native Alternatives to Invasive Plants*. It's eye-opening with a variety of plants we would never think of as invasive and offers a plethora of native plants to use instead.

STATE OF THE ARTS By Alex Suczek

Serious undercurrent



The serious side of Oscar Wilde is easy to overlook amid the flamboyant playwright's flurry of quips and witticisms caricaturing Victorian pretensions.

In his plays, we expect and get a laugh a minute, yet in "An Ideal Husband," Wilde does much more than twit his English contemporaries.

While his highly entertaining epigrams satirize the values and lifestyle of 1899 British society, beneath the surface we detect serious views on marriage, corruption in politics and business and the undervalued status of women, to name just a few of the issues Wilde expressed strong views.

This is a great and highly entertaining evening of theatre, especially in the Stratford Festival's excellent production this summer because Wilde manages to extract delicious

humor from all these subjects. The outstanding cast makes the most of it, even as Wilde makes serious points.

Sir Robert and Lady Chilton, as acted by Tom McCamus and Brigit Wilson, are ultimate examples of Victorian moral rectitude. They are devoted to each other in a marriage so ideal as to be almost unbelievable in contemporary terms. We are both impressed and amused by their total mutual respect and admiration. Each professes to expect and get absolute perfection from the other.

Sir Robert's bachelor friend and confidante, Lord Arthur Goring, on the other hand, is given the quintessentially Wilde treatment by David Snelgrove as the idle but elegant Victorian dandy. Meanwhile, Brian Tree, as Arthur's father, arouses the sympathetic sentiments of every parent with offspring who do not seem to take life seriously. His asides comparing Arthur unfavorably to his friend Sir Robert are vintage Wilde.

In a neat twist of Wilde's

plot, however, Sir Robert's reputation and career are threatened by an unscrupulous female speculator (a new kind of woman at the end of the Victorian era). Mrs. Chevely, performed deliciously by Dixie Seattle, blackmails Sir Robert by threatening to expose the dishonest act that helped launch his career.

His marriage and his life in politics are at stake. Then it is his idle dandy friend Arthur who turns the tables in a lively and complex resolution. The ending, like the marriage, is almost too good to be true but McCamus, Wilson, Snelgrove, Seattle and company carry it off in truly grand style. Moreover there is one unintended (or maybe not) element that provides a finishing touch to a performance that in its own way is the ultimate in artificial humor. It is at once outrageously artificial and at the same time convincingly real. A note in the program reports that stage effects in the production include herbal cigarette smoking.

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Pointers play a part in a Michigan made movie

What would happen if Hollywood came calling for a sequel to the worst horror movie ever made?

The answer comes in "Take 2," a made-in-Michigan comedy that will make its world premiere at the Main Art Theatre in Royal Oak at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, in which two Grosse Pointers play a part.

"Take 2" is from the production team that produced the late-night cable horror classics "Frostbiter: Wrath of the Wendigo" and "Mosquito."

The film was shot entirely in Michigan, at locations in and around Detroit, Plymouth, Grosse Pointe, Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and Howell.

The movie stars the members of the Michigan comedy group Stunt Johnson Theater; Brian Kruger, Chris Kruger, Larry Koch and Buddy Moorehouse, along with one of the group's original members, Matt Hale.

The Stunts are making the leap from comedy club headliners to film actors in "Take 2." The group has been on the comedy-club circuit for 18 years, and has developed a cult



Jack Taylor, at left, played by Brian Kruger of Grosse Pointe and Ron (Chris Kruger) head into the woods for a shot in a scene from the movie "Take 2," which premieres Sept. 20 at the Royal Oak Main Art Theatre.

following in the Midwest.

Brian Kruger and his son, Danny Paglia (who plays Young Jack in the film) are both City of Grosse Pointe residents.

"Take 2" came together when director Tom Chaney

mentioned to Brian Kruger that he was looking for actors to star in a new comedy film he was directing.

Written by Chaney and Bill Conger, "Take 2" is a movie about making movies. It's the story of four friends, Jack,

Bart, Ron and Eric, who spent their childhood making Super 8 movies. The movie bug kept biting when they became adults, so they decided to pool their resources, financial and otherwise, to make a horror movie called "Impregnator." It

turned out to be the disaster of a lifetime, and as a result, this lifelong friendship quickly dissolved.

That was 10 years ago. These days, Jack (Brian Kruger) is making a living as a hack writer of romance novels.

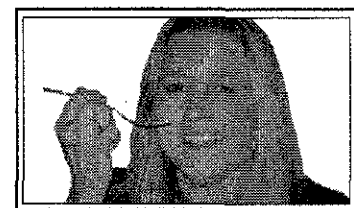
Ron (Chris Kruger) is working in the nail aisle of a hardware store, while Eric (Buddy Moorehouse) is a milkman. Things turned out a little better for Bart (Larry Koch), who actually made it big as a Hollywood leading man.

The fun really begins when Harvey Bernstein, a powerful man in Hollywood and devoted fan, comes up with what he feels is a brilliant idea: He wants Bart to star in a sequel to "Impregnator." Bart reluctantly agrees, but only if his old friends can make the film with him. The problem, of course, is that those guys can't stand him or each other.

"Take 2" is a movie about lifelong friendship and the almost unbreakable bond that true friends have," Chaney said. "The amazing thing about Brian, Matt, Buddy, Chris and Larry is that they actually have that bond between them. These guys grew up doing exactly what the characters in 'Take 2' did. They were always making these crazy little movies, poking fun at life and each other. If these guys had not done this, I don't think we could have made this film."

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Summer lasagna features Michigan tomatoes



A recent trip to the Mount Clemens farmers market left me with an abundance of tomatoes and lots of other fresh Michigan grown goodies, including zucchini, squash and red onions.

My friend, Dave Mulironi, gave me one of those huge, overgrown zucchini from his garden in Bloomfield Hills.

I brought the tomatoes and the zucchini together in a summer harvest lasagna — no sauce required.

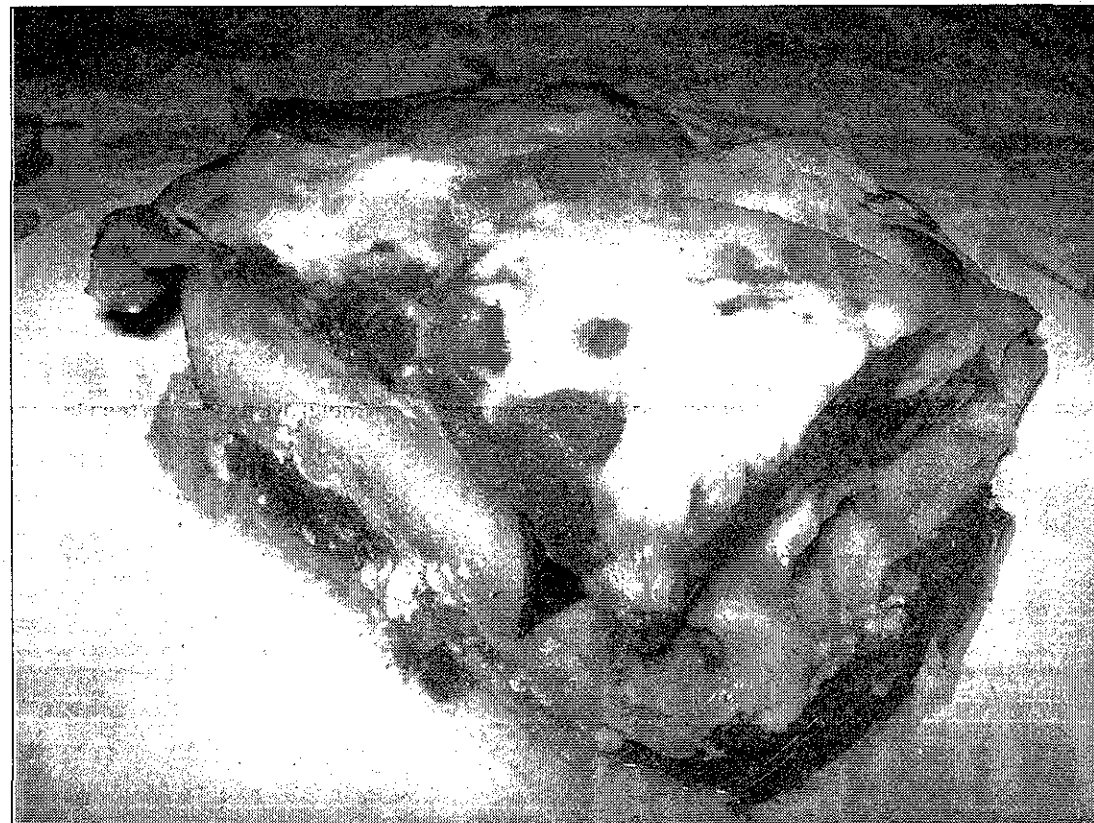


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There's nothing like the taste of fresh Michigan vegetables, especially when it's in a lasagna.

Summer Harvest lasagna

1/4 cup olive oil
1 to 2 large garden zucchini, cut into 1/2 slices (14 slices, or more)
1 15-oz. container ricotta cheese (whole milk)
1 egg

1/3 cup Parmesan cheese, plus more for in between the layers
1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper, plus more to taste

1 tablespoon dried parsley flakes
4 to 6 large summer beef steak tomatoes, cut into 1/2 inch slices

1 cup fresh basil leaves, packed, torn, divided
1 package no-cook lasagna sheets (Barilla)
3 cups shredded mozzarella

cheese

1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley (optional)

Begin by brushing the zucchini slices with the olive oil. Season with salt and pepper then grill or sear on both sides for 5 minutes or so (10 minutes total). Transfer to a plate and set aside. In a medium bowl, mix together the ricotta cheese with the egg, Parmesan, salt, pepper and parsley. Set aside.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. To assemble the lasagna, line the bottom of a 9 x 13

(greased) glass baking dish with 4 to 5 lasagna sheets. Top with a solid, single layer of tomato slices. Sprinkle the tomatoes generously with salt and pepper. Spread the ricotta mixture over the tomatoes and top with half of the torn basil leaves. Sprinkle with a thin layer of Parmesan cheese.

Top with another layer of pasta sheets.

Layer the zucchini slices over the pasta. Cut some of the zucchini slices in half to fit a solid, single layer.

Top with more Parmesan

cheese followed by another layer of pasta sheets. Place another layer (single, solid) of tomato slices over the pasta sheets. Season with salt and pepper.

Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Top with the remaining torn basil leaves.

Distribute the shredded mozzarella over the lasagna. Top with fresh parsley.

Bake at 350 for 50 minutes plus, until the cheese becomes golden brown and the juices from the veggies are bubbling.

The reason for the solid single layers of the veggies is to ensure there is plenty of natural juice from the veggies for the lasagna sheets to absorb. This flavorful lasagna takes on a lighter texture than you're used to because there is no sauce.

It's a good way to bring summer veggies to the table without a lot of work. I shared my lasagna with my friends and even the critics were won over by the taste. (They had a hard time getting past the no sauce thing.)

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8B | HEALTH/SENIOR

ASK THE EXPERTS By Mary Ellen Brayton

How do I teach my children respect



Q. How do I teach my children respect?
A. Children learn how to relate to adults, children, cultures, races, the opposite sex and different socio-economic classes by watching their first role models — their parents.
If a parent is worried their child is not showing respect, it

behooves the parent to step back and assess his or her own behavior. According to clinical psychologist Wayne J. Ruchgy, Ph.D., "Children are living mirrors that reflect their parent's relationship behaviors. Great parents realize that their children learn from them how to create and maintain relationships."
How children come to think about themselves and others also comes through their parents.
An essential quality of any healthy relationship is respect. "Respect is present when we

treat others with dignity and expect to be treated with dignity and regard," Ruchgy said.
Do we as parents take our children's feelings, thoughts, needs and preferences into account? Do we acknowledge and accept differences in others? Do we listen and respond truthfully and with sincerity or are we intolerant and abusive?
Ruchgy suggests that parents show respect for their children by:
◆ Speaking politely to their child
◆ Respecting their child's opinion

◆ Paying attention to their child when he/she is speaking to them
◆ Recognizing their child's dignity as a human being
◆ Recognizing their child's individuality
◆ Teaching their child how to honestly communicate with them and others
◆ Treating their child kindly
◆ Trying to please their child when they can and when it is appropriate
When we utilize these behaviors we are supporting our children's well-being and positive regard for themselves.

Respect will then be passed along to siblings, parents, peers and the greater community.
James Baldwin wrote, "Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but have never failed to imitate them."
Parents must model how to make respect for self and others a part of all relationships.
By: Diane Strickler, executive director - The Family Center
E-mail questions to Mary Ellen Brayton, Co-Director, The Family Center, 20090 Morningside Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

What's going on
FAMILY FITNESS FUN: Grosse Pointe Run on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Pier Park
REMARIED FAMILIES: Making the Most of the Holidays on Oct. 17.
PROMOTING HEALTHY INDEPENDENCE: (for that college transition) on Nov. 1
GETTING READY FOR KINDERGARTEN: Nov. 8
CHILD SAFETY AROUND THE HOME AND NEIGHBORHOOD: Dec. 3
check familycenterweb.org for times

Free anti-aging seminar presented

Who doesn't want to look younger?
A free seminar presented by Grosse Pointe dermatologist Dr. David Balle will tell participants how to look and feel their best.
Balle will outline a number of non-surgical options for facial rejuvenation and restoration. The seminar will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Grosse Pointe Farms Community Center at Pier Park.
Since 1997, there has been a 465 percent increase in the total number of cosmetic procedures performed. "And while surgical procedures have increased by 118 percent, non-surgical procedures increased by 764 percent," Balle said.
Of the nearly 11.5 million cosmetic procedures performed in the U.S. last year, 83

percent were non-surgical, according to the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery.
"It's not necessary to undergo surgery in order to restore a youthful appearance," Balle said. "Today there are many different alternatives that produce similar results without the risk and inconvenience of an operation."
A new generation of agents are available, including Juvederm, Perlane, Radiesse, and Sculptra.
Balle is a board certified dermatologist in private practice at Grosse Pointe Dermatology. He received his medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine and was chief resident at Henry Ford Hospital in the department of dermatology.
He specializes in both gen-



Dr. David Balle

eral and cosmetic dermatology, having a particular interest in the expanding practice of injectables and fillers.
Balle is on the medical staff of St. John Hospital, Bon Secours Hospital and Cottage Hospital.
For more information about the seminar or to make reservations, call (313) 886-2600.

HEALTH COLUMN By Jeff and Debra Jay

Recovery is everywhere

Dear Jeff and Debra:
My husband is in urgent need of Alcoholics Anonymous. He went through Brighton Hospital for treatment, which was an excellent experience for our entire family and a real eye opener. But when he returned home, he never followed through with his AA meetings. He's not drinking yet, but he's a bear to live with.
When I remind him that his counselor told him he had to go to AA to stay sober, he says he's too busy. He also points out that everyone he knows in Grosse Pointe drinks. I told him there are probably plenty of Grosse Pointers who don't drink, but he's been too busy drinking for the last 30 years to notice. Truly, I think he's afraid he'll no longer have any

friends and will be a social outcast if he never drinks again.
If he doesn't start going to meetings soon, it's only a matter of time before he has a drink and I file divorce papers. What do I do?
AT MY WITS END
Dear Wits End:
Your husband will be surprised at how many familiar faces he sees at an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, because recovery is everywhere in Grosse Pointe. We have a thriving recovery community and plenty of meetings at different locations, days and times. By going to a few AA meetings a week, your husband will find out that plenty of people in Grosse Pointe don't drink, and he can have a rich social life in sobriety.

We suggest you go to Al-Anon, if you aren't already. Modeling recovery behavior is the best way to send a message to your husband. Find an Al-Anon meeting that has an AA meeting in the next room and invite your husband along. To find locations and times of meetings, call AA of Greater Detroit at (248) 541-6565.
Jeff Jay and Debra Jay are co-authors of "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction," and Debra Jay is the author of "No More Letting Go: The Spirituality of Taking Action Against Alcoholism and Drug Addiction."
They are professional interventionists and live in Grosse Pointe Farms. They can be contacted at (313) 882-6921 or lovefirst.net.

EVENTS

Walk in the Woods
Take a walk and raise funds for the Bon Secours Nursing Care Center Auxiliary from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park.
The Walk in the Woods fundraiser takes participants on the 5-mile paved pathway along the boat-filled marinas, boardwalk perennial gardens overlooking Lake St. Clair and wooded picnic areas.
Entrants are encouraged to gain sponsors/pledges based on completion of the walk.
The \$20 per walker entry fee includes a T-shirt and must be turned in by Sept. 15 to guarantee a T-shirt size preference. No entries will be accepted after Saturday, Sept. 22.
Entry forms are available in the Bon Secours and Cottage hospital cafeterias and the NCC Gift Shop. For more information, call (586) 779-7018.

Metabolic syndrome
Excess weight around the waistline and increasing blood pressure and cholesterol levels may be signs of metabolic syndrome or insulin resistance, health professionals caution.
Bon Secours Cottage Community Health Education is offering an educational three-part series that defines metabolic syndrome, defines risk factors including heart disease, stroke and diabetes that can be controlled by diet and exercise and introduces the Mediterranean diet.
The series begins from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays Sept. 19, 26 and Oct. 3, at the Bon Brae Center, 22300 Bon Brae, St.

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The cost for the series is \$75. For more information or to register, call (586) 779-7900.

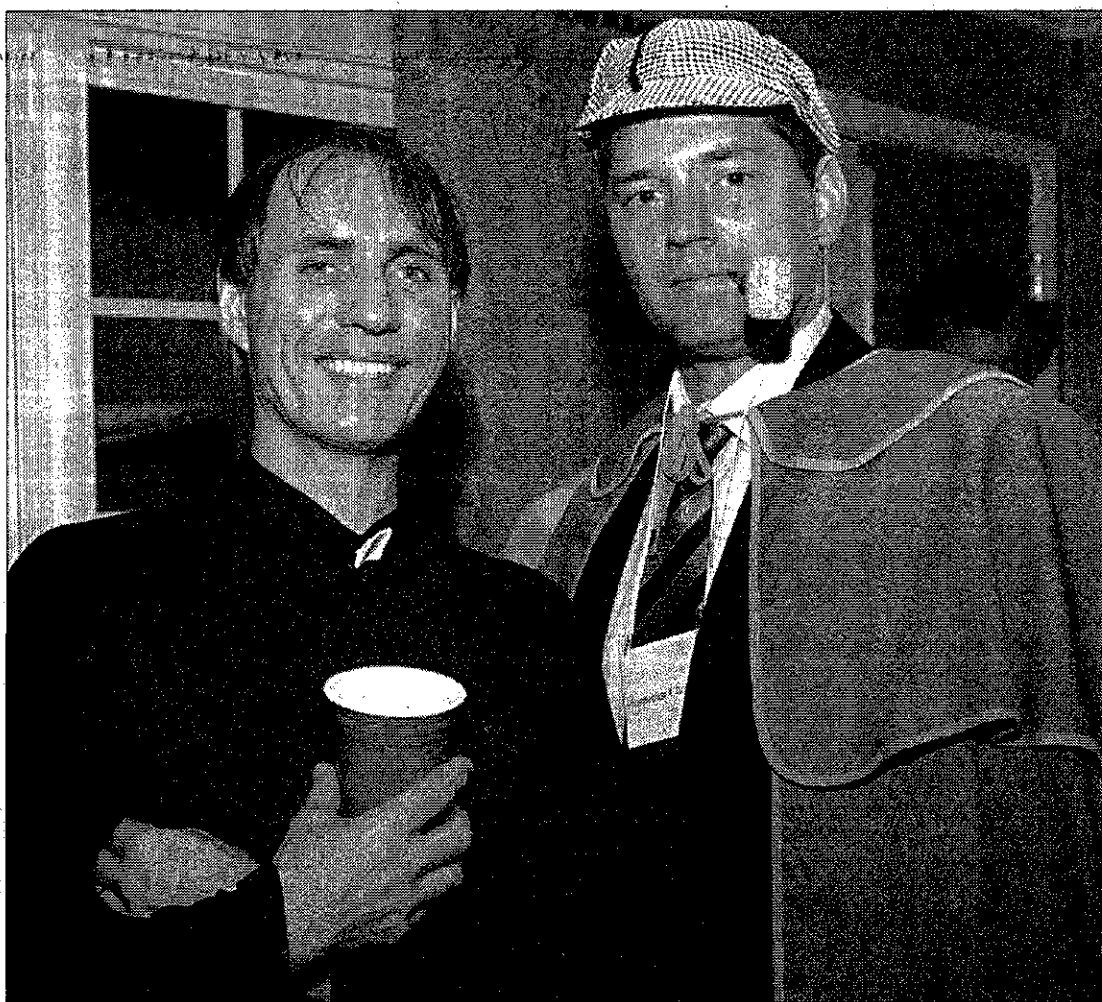
Sports medicine
Bone and joint damage of the shoulder, knee and hip can affect your golf swing, tennis serve or gardening activities.
Bon Secours Cottage orthopedic surgeon, Paul Schreck, M.D., will talk about the causes of injury in active adults and a variety of surgical procedures to help active men and women get back into the game or the garden from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the Bon Secours Hospital Connelly Auditorium, 468 Cadieux, Grosse Pointe Farms.
For information or to reserve a seat for this free program, call (586) 779-7900.

Property taxes
The Sterling of Grosse Pointe residents can save on their property taxes during their first five years of residence as Sunrise Senior Living is participating in the Wayne County Land Bank and TURBO program.
The Wayne County Land Bank and Sunrise will hold informational meetings about the program and the associated financial benefits on the following dates at the Sterling sales gallery, 17027 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe:
◆ 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13.
◆ Noon Tuesday, Sept. 25.
◆ 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27.
"We believe our participation in the Wayne County Land Bank program is in the best interest of seniors who will reside at The Sterling of Grosse Pointe, and those who take advantage of this program quickly

ly will gain the most savings," said Laura Hester, Sunrise senior vice president for Midwest development.
For more information, call (313) 640-0200 or visit thesterlinggrossepointe.com.

Surgical options
Surgical options for relief of chronic sinus problems will be discussed from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at the Bon Secours Hospital Connelly Auditorium, 468 Cadieux, Grosse Pointe Farms.
Bon Secours Cottage head and neck surgeon, Michael S. Fozo, will explain how delicate sinus surgeries to remove tumors, polyps or fleshy growths of the nasal cavity now can be achieved with minimal invasion, in many cases through the nostrils, with a new, advanced navigational device called InstaTrak.
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Oktoberfest
The 5th annual St. John Hospice Oktoberfest begins at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Grosse Pointe Club, 6 Berkshire Pl., Grosse Pointe.
This event raises funds for the St. John Hospice program and this year will specifically benefit the Walk With ME pediatric palliative care program that provides comfort care to children of all ages with life-limiting illnesses.
A cocktail reception will be followed by dinner and a silent auction. Tickets are \$75 per person and sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information contact, Lorraine Owczarek at (586) 582-7509.



Rob Peberdy of the City of Grosse Pointe, David Skupien of Grosse Pointe Park enjoyed the murder mystery to benefit SOC

Mystery raises funds for SOC

Rob and Mary Lubera recently hosted a murder mystery to benefit Services for Older Citizens (SOC).
The party was part of the Summer of SOC, which has been packed with parties sponsored by friends of SOC, who are working together to spread the word about SOC's programs and how they are

helping the seniors in the community.
The Luberas' party raised \$1,000 to help seniors in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods maintain their independence.
On Friday, Sept. 21, SOC will host a Buried Treasure Auction at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club from 6 to 10 p.m.

The event features hors d'ouevres, cocktails, a gourmet sit-down dinner and a silent and live auctions.
Tickets are \$150 per person.
For more information or to purchase tickets, call Debbie Pommerville at (313) 882-9600 or e-mail soc_1978@yahoo.com.

REUNIONS

Alumni
The annual alumni reunion honoring all Detroit Eastern High School classes will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 26601 Ryan, Warren. Doors open at 1:30 p.m.
A sit-down dinner will be served at 3 p.m.
Reservations must be in by Oct. 1. Tickets are \$30. No walk-in tickets will be available without advance reservations.

For more information, call Bob Butler at (313) 824-7230 or Terry DesRivers Edwards at (313) 885-2562, or e-mail tski75@aol.com.
St. Rose of Lima
St. Rose of Lima, Detroit is holding an "all" class alumni reunion from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, in the Roostertail ballroom, 100 Marquette, Detroit.
The cost is \$45. For more information, call Mike Byzewski at (313) 921-9277 or e-mail

StRoseSeniors@aol.com or Harry Wolf at (248) 528-0207 or e-mail hwolf2prodigy.net.
Southeastern High
The class of 1952 of Southeastern High School has planned two events for its 55th year reunion. A tour of the renovated high school will be Saturday, Sept. 22. Dinner and dancing at Zuccaro's will take place Sunday, Sept. 23.
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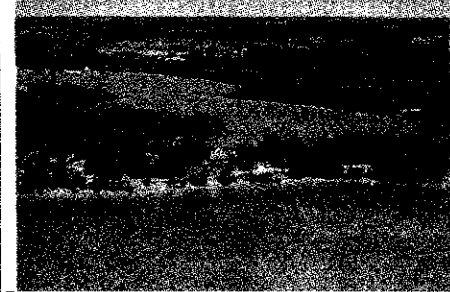


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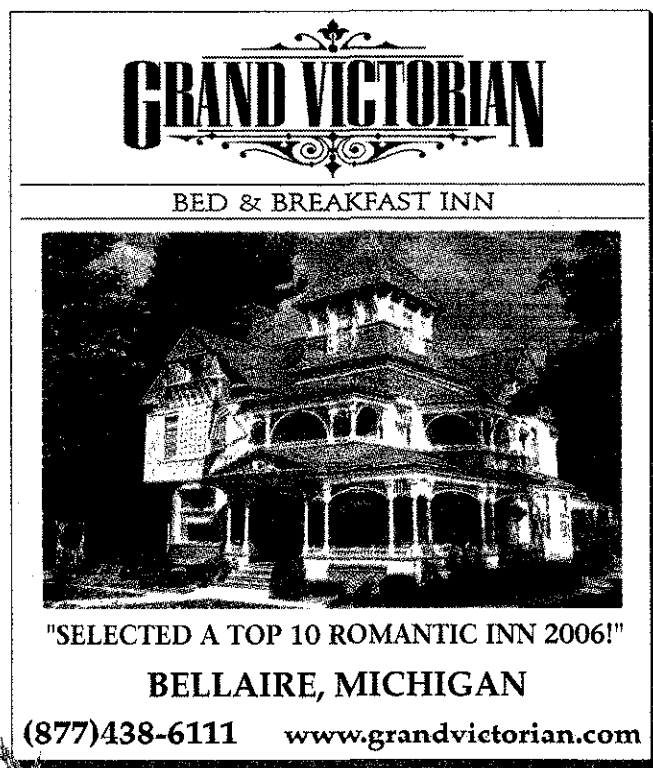


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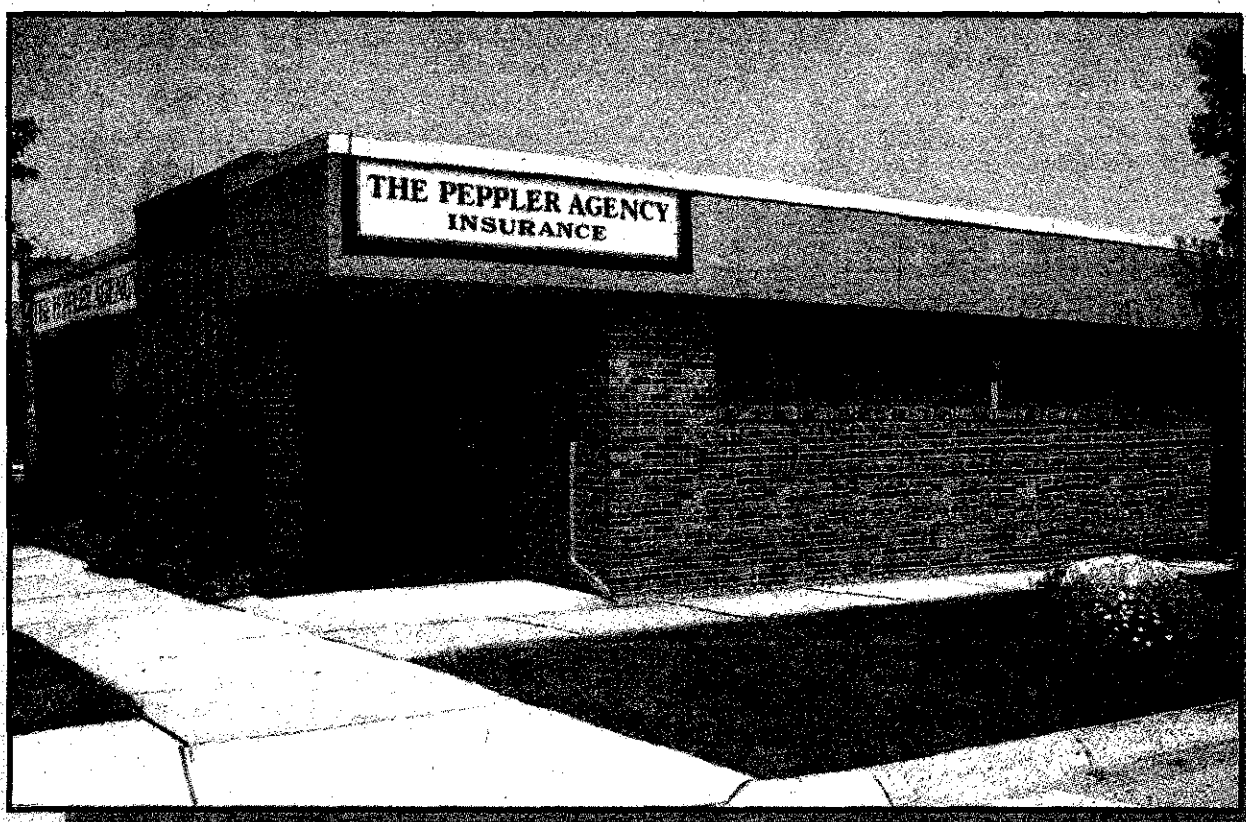
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Tough weekend

North, South football teams suffer their first defeats of the season **PAGE 3C**

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SOUTH GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

First meet is a success again



Grosse Pointe South's girls cross country team finished first at the Algonac Invitational. From left, are Katie Steen, Ellen Muniga, Elise Corden, Jeannie Hollerbach, Stephanie Garbarino, Katie Lanza and Ashley Thibodeau. All seven runners earned medals.

Win at Algonac gives team its 18th first in 19 openers

It was business as usual for Grosse Pointe South's girls cross country team.

For the 18th time in the last 19 seasons, the Blue Devils began the season with a first-place finish in an invitational.

This year, South took the top prize at the Algonac Invitational, finishing just ahead of Port Huron and Utica.

"Port Huron and Utica had superb front runners, combining to take five of the top eight spots, so the race came down to the best fourths and fifths," said South coach Steve Zaraneck.

"Our depth paid off. Ashley (Thibodeau) set a superb standard for our next pack of runners. Our goal will be to continuously move our next six runners closer and closer to each other. We are not far off. We are also excited that we had three new runners in our varsity seven. Katie Steen, Ellen Muniga and Elise Corden all handled themselves like veterans and contributed to the win."

Thibodeau led the way for South, finishing fourth overall in 20:37. Utica's Amanda Mergaert was the winner with a time of 19:47.

Thibodeau was followed by

Jeannie Hollerbach, 11th; Katie Lanza, 12th; Steen, 14th; Muniga, 15th; Corden, 20th; and Stephanie Garbarino, 24th. All seven South runners earned medals for finishing in the top 25.

The Blue Devils dominated the junior varsity race, taking 15 of the top medal positions.

"We had our first five JV girls all under 23 minutes, which is a great start for them," Zaraneck said. "Our next 14 finished in under 24 minutes. Our biggest accomplishment of the day, however, was having almost every South girls finish the race and improve over their practice meet times. We are truly off to a wonderful start."

The first five South girls through the finish line, all breaking 23 minutes, included race champion Natalie Gay, along with top 10 finishers Jane Harness, Tess Sheldon, Rachel Frevik and Kathy Kosinski.

Breaking 24 minutes were Bethany Cavanagh, Sarah Flowers, Renee Nosedá, Torie Palffy, Larissa Petrovic, Lauren Brayton, Christine Nelson, Ali Merritt, Katharine Zurek,

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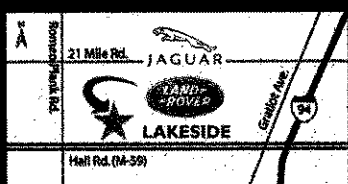
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Patrick Gustine (4) scored goals in each of University Liggett School's tournament games last weekend.

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South boys finish sixth

Grosse Pointe South's boys cross country team finished sixth at the Dexter Invitational last weekend.

Edwin Gay was the Blue Devils' only medalist.

Dan Holley, Jack Davies, Joel Gilpin and Rob Collison also scored points for South in the varsity race.

South had three medalists in the junior varsity race, led by Daniel Dickson, who posted a personal-best time.

Other Blue Devils medalists were Colin Nugent and Lars Hamre.

RUNNERS: Several post season bests

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Rachel Cook, Hayley Martin, Kathleen Nelson, Katie Hamm and Nicole Stieber.

"Our JV team ran fast enough to finish well up in the top 10 in the varsity race," Zaranek said.

South's next eight runners — all under 25 minutes — were Amanda Elskens, Bridget McDevitt, Katie Nowak, Sydney Burke, Emily Owens, Sara Stencil, Molly Robinson and Amanda Rapacchietta.

The Blue Devils will compete in the De La Salle Invitational Saturday at Stony Creek Metropark.

North runners find their new leader

For the last four years, Robbie Fisher and Alex Davenport led the way for Grosse Pointe North's boys cross country team.

This year, after losing five of the top seven runners from last year's team, the Norsemen are looking for leadership.

So far, it looks like senior captain Danny Surmont is ready and willing to provide it.

Surmont has been the top finisher for North in two of the first three meets. Junior Matt VanEgmond was the Norsemen's leader in the opening meet, but Surmont proved last Saturday at the Dexter Invitational that he wants to fill the empty shoes of Fisher and Davenport.

North coach Dan Quinn said that the Norsemen were looking for tough competition at Dexter and they got it.

North finished seventh overall. Surmont was 26th with a personal-best time of 17:26.

"It was a great race for the Norsemen and a great race for Danny," Quinn said. "He dropped his time 49 seconds from last year."

Dexter won the meet, followed by Saline, Northville, Canton, Monroe, Grosse Pointe South and North.

Quinn was also pleased with the performance of three upperclassmen who came out for cross country for the first time this year.

Seniors Sean Bourke, who was 32nd in 17:43, and Jon Chow, 43rd in 18:08, had personal best times in their second five-kilometer race. Junior Andrew Charnesky is quickly making his presence felt in the Norsemen's top 10.

Chow is an All-State wrestler at North, while Bourke and Charnesky are

both excellent track athletes.

VanEgmond, who was a key contributor on last year's team that qualified for the state finals, finished 33rd in 17:43. He's the team leader in workouts and mileage.

"Matt had one of the best summers in recent history for a Norsemen, and he keeps getting stronger in the workouts," Quinn said. "His work ethic is contagious and the other guys key off of him."

Senior captains Mark Miotto (40th in 18:02) and Adam Gaglio (18:34) have also made important contributions. Miotto has been in the top five in each of the first three races and Gaglio was North's top junior varsity runner at Dexter.

Alex Kopacka and Paul Joseph also ran well and earned varsity spots. Joseph recorded a personal-best time of 18:21 to finish in the top seven for the third meet this season.

"North had 11 barrier breakers and 14 personal-best times on the tough Dexter course," Quinn said.

North opened the season with a pair of preseason meets at Brother Rice's hilly Marsh Bank park in West Bloomfield.

The second meet, which was a full 5k event, was won by Brother Rice with 43 points. Waterford Mott was second with 46 and North had 48.

"The key to the team's success has been its team-based training and racing," Quinn said. "Pack running has been emphasized throughout the early training cycle. As we move into the next phase of training and racing, the concept of competing as a team and packing together in large meets will continue to be emphasized."

ULS suffers tough loss in title game

By Chuck Klonke

Sports Editor

Talk about going from the penthouse to the outhouse.

That's how University Liggett School soccer coach David Backhurst felt after last weekend's ULS Invitational tournament.

"We played a great game Friday (a 3-2 victory against Bloomfield Hills Roeper), which was one of the high points of my coaching career, but the second half of our game Saturday (a 3-2 loss to Hudsonville Freedom Baptist) was one of the lowest," Backhurst said.

The defeat by Freedom Baptist was even more difficult to swallow because the Knights held a 2-0 lead at halftime.

"I had nothing but praise for them when I talked to the team at halftime," Backhurst said. "I did warn them that the next goal was the most important. If the team that's leading scores, it has a three-goal lead, but if the other team scores, it's back in the game."

ULS scored six minutes into the match when Patrick Gustine scored from the 18-yard line after taking a pass from Jack Fisher.

With 17 minutes left in the half, Fisher scored to make it 2-0.

ULS nearly stretched its lead to 3-0 during the first minute of the second half. The Knights just missed converting Gustine's crossing pass and the

score remained 2-0.

A couple of minutes later, Freedom Baptist received a yellow card.

"That seemed to fire them up," Backhurst said. "They were like a different team. They were beating us to the 50-50 balls and they had us on our heels."

Freedom Baptist scored its first goal, five minutes into the second half, then tied the game with 29 minutes remaining when one of its players was left unmarked and went in alone on goalie Mark Ghafari.

Freedom Baptist got the deciding goal with 10 minutes left in the game. There was a scramble inside the 18-yard line and Freedom Baptist beat the Knights to a loose ball. The ball appeared to hit someone's foot and went into the net.

"I think the deflection fooled our goalie," Backhurst said.

ULS applied heavy pressure during the final 10 minutes but the Knights weren't able to get the equalizer.

"Hopefully, we can learn from this game," Backhurst said.

ULS overcame adversity to win its game with Roeper.

Late in the first half, one of the ULS players received a red card for disputing a call and the Knights had to play the remainder of the game with only 10 players.

"(Roeper) had momentum after that, but we played a great second half," Backhurst said. "We rotated our forwards, but used only one player up

front."

The Knights even managed to score a breakaway goal to take a 3-1 lead. Aaron Heaney sent a long pass to Fisher, who broke in alone on the goalie with six minutes remaining.

It was similar to ULS's second goal, which came on a long pass from Curtis Fisher to Gustine, who beat the Roeper goalie one-on-one.

Backhurst said that the long passes were a result of the ULS players recognizing a weakness in the Roeper defense.

"It wasn't a set play that we put in," he said. "It was something that the players noticed. I did tell them at halftime that I did think our forwards were stronger than their defense, and that we should get the ball out of our end as fast as possible."

The Knights' first goal came off a free kick. Gustine passed to Judd DeMartini, who curved the ball low into the far corner from 25 feet away.

Roeper shot wide on a penalty kick late in the first half, but on its next attempt after the red card, Brady George converted to cut the lead to 2-1.

George also scored Roeper's final goal with 6:53 remaining in the match when he got free just above the 18, and scored into the upper right corner.

The Knights play three Metro Conference games this week, including a showdown at home on Friday against Cranbrook Kingwood in a match that could decide the regular-season champion.

South swimmers break four pool records in win

Grosse Pointe South's swimming team opened the season with a 124-59 victory against L'Anse Creuse and the Blue Devils rewrote the record board at the Lancers' pool in the process.

South's 200-yard medley relay team of Tori Bruce, Jennifer Dunaway, Kendall Effinger and Katy Strek eclipsed the pool record by more than three seconds and also posted a state qualifying time.

Other pool records were set by Effinger in the 100 butterfly, Bruce in the 100 backstroke and Molly DeWald in the 100

breaststroke.

Bruce and DeWald also had state cuts.

The Blue Devils' other individual winners were Leah Baker, 200 freestyle; Bailey Powell, 200 individual medley; Katie LeVan, diving; and Nora Oliver, 500 freestyle.

South also won the 400 freestyle relay with the team of Oliver, Lindsey Phillips, Powell and Ellen Henrichs.

"The entire team did an impressive job and the freshman class did outstanding, considering it was their first meet at the high school level," said

coach Todd Briggs.

The freshmen are Baker, Erica Bruce, Jillian Calcaterra, Brooke Champagne, Carrie Condino, Kyla Cools, Christina Danieli, Henrichs, Maggie Jackson, Kelsey Jones, Joann Manos, Jenna Mullinger, Faith Osocki, Karen Schumann, Ali (Texas) Taras, Kelsey Whitney, Caroline Wilkinson and Ali Soltowski.

South is ranked No. 15 in the state Division I rankings. The Blue Devils have won 37 dual meets in a row against Macomb Area Conference opponents.

North wins swim opener

Grosse Pointe North's swimming team split its first two dual meets of the season and had a strong runner-up finish at the Wayne State University Warrior Relays.

The Norsemen opened the season with a 129-56 victory against Farmington Harrison.

The meet featured two state-qualifying times from North's Jenny Rusch, who won the 200- and 100-yard freestyle races. Rusch was also part of the 200 freestyle relay team that achieved a state cut.

Other members of that winning team were Jackie Shea, Maresa Leto and Lauren Nixon: Rusch achieved her state cuts in the 100 freestyle and the 50 with her leadoff leg of the relay.

North also won the 200 medley relay with the team of Emily Turnbull, Shea, Caitlin

Matthews and Nixon, and the 400 freestyle relay with the team of Rusch, Leto, Matthews and Gianna Marx.

Jenna Simon took first place in diving. Leto won the 500 freestyle; Turnbull was first in the 100 backstroke; and Shea won the 100 breaststroke.

North won four relay races at Wayne State as the Norsemen finished second to Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

North's team of Turnbull, Shea, Matthews and Rusch won the 200 medley relay. Leto, Nixon, Matthews and Rusch teamed up to win the 400 medley relay. Shea, Courtney Kohler, Hannah Everett and Sarah Cullen won 200 breaststroke relay, and the team of Matthews, Shea, Leto and Rusch won the 200 freestyle relay.

The Norsemen suffered their

first defeat of the season when they lost 114-69 to Livonia Stevenson, which was ranked fourth in the state in Division I.

The 400 freestyle relay team of Rusch, Nixon, Shea and Leto provided North with its only first place in the meet.

There were, however, several season-best times posted by North swimmers.

They were Lauren Bradley, Paige Castile and Courtney Wickham in the 50 freestyle; Ellen Schaber, Allison Meier and Natalie Hogan, 100 freestyle; Dana Grimm, 200 and 500 freestyle; Michelle Ewart, Ellie Vigliotti, Heather Poole and Schaber, 100 backstroke; Cullen, Jenna Isherwood, Hogan and Rachel Brennan, 100 breaststroke; Paulina Kennedy, 100 butterfly; and Ewart, Poole and Castile, 200 individual medley.

AAU girls basketball tryouts set

Tryouts for the Basketball City Hoopers, a fall AAU basketball program for girls 14-and-under and 15-and-under will be held Thursday, Sept. 13 and Monday, Sept. 17 at First English Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods from 7 to 9 p.m.

The tryout fee is \$25 per player.

For more information contact Steve Benard at (313) 580-0351 or bbc.steve@sbcglobal.net or James Cleage at (313) 549-2905 or jcleage@hotmail.com.

Practices will begin on Sept.

20 at Basketball City in Roseville.

There will be age group teams for U14 and U15.

The teams will practice twice a week.

The squads are scheduled to play in three tournament during the season.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe North linebacker Frank Ferretti brings down a Cousino runner.

Norsemen bow to Patriots

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's football team got through its first two games with a one-dimensional offense, but just being able to run the ball didn't cut it against one of the powers of the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

"They brought everybody up. Jerry (Peoples) didn't have anywhere to run. They were all over him," North coach Frank Sumner said after Cousino's 24-3 victory against the Norsemen.

"We're going to have to take a long look at our quarterback situation in practice this week. We have to get some balance in our offense or we're going to be looking at 11 men in the box all season."

Junior quarterback Aaron Cisco entered the game in the second half and completed his first two passes.

Peoples, who rushed for more than 100 yards in each of North's first two games, was held to 54 yards in 17 carries against Cousino. To make matters worse, North lost senior offensive tackle Fred Griswold when he cut his hand on the face mask of a Patriots player.

While North's quarterback situation is unsettled,

Cousino's isn't.

Rick Powell is one of the most dangerous quarterbacks in any division of the MAC, and he showed it against North.

"We knew how good he was and that we had to deal with him," Sumner said.

"He threw the ball more against us than he did in their first two games, but he only gained 40 yards on the ground in 13 carries. He got away from us a couple of times, but not as much as he's done against everybody else."

The game was scoreless until about four minutes into the second quarter when Powell capped a 78-yard drive with a 33-yard touchdown pass to Anthony Sierra.

Powell set up the Patriots' second touchdown with a 20-yard punt return and he scored it on a 16-yard keeper.

After a 90-minute lightning delay, North's John Neveux recovered a Cousino fumble but the Norsemen had to settle for a 23-yard field goal by Andrew Doetsch that cut the Patriots' lead to 14-3.

Cousino came back with a 33-yard field goal by Austin Fredrickson and the Patriots wrapped up the scoring with a four-yard run by Powell.

Sumner felt that the differ-

ence in the game was a handful of plays.

"They made a couple of plays, and we didn't," he said. "They had 87 yards rushing and 135 passing, so it's not like they ran all over us."

"We do have to cut down on our penalties. We had a couple of times where we faced first (down) and 20 and first and 18."

"It was a hard-played game, and they came out on top."

Michael Neveux led North with nine tackles and his brother, John, had eight. Blest Norris, Michael Rahaim and Fred Hall each had seven stops and Frank Ferretti and Steve Wiczorak had five apiece.

North hopes to get back in the win column on Friday when the Norsemen host Port Huron Northern in a MAC White game.

"We have to stop their triple option, although their quarterback isn't as elusive as Ricky Powell," Sumner said.

The Huskies lost 7-0 last week to Sterling Heights when the Stallions scored on a fake field goal.

"We had a shootout with them last year and finally came from behind to win 35-28," Sumner said. "We've got to regroup. We got outplayed last week. That happens. There's still a long way to go."

Chippewa Valley beats Blue Devils

Grosse Pointe South's first venture into the tough Macomb Area Conference Red Division didn't turn out well for the Blue Devils.

And South has no one to blame but itself.

"We beat ourselves," coach Tim Brandon said after Chippewa Valley handed South its first loss of the season 31-10. "We gave them one touchdown with a bad snap on a punt, and we took three away from ourselves with a penalty, an interception and a fumble."

"I'm not going to say we would have won without those mistakes, but the game would have been a lot closer and we'd have had a chance to win at the end."

The Big Reds built a 17-0 lead, but South rallied to cut the deficit to 17-10 after a delay for an electrical storm before Chippewa Valley secured the victory with a pair of second

half touchdowns.

The Big Reds applied heavy pressure on South quarterback Mark Riashi in the first half, but the Blue Devils made adjustments and Riashi finished with 13 completions for 162 yards.

South scored on a 30-yard field goal by Sean McLoughlin and on a five-yard run by Maurice Bunting. McLoughlin kicked the extra point after Bunting's TD.

Kyrell Williams scored two touchdowns for Chippewa Valley, while quarterback Tyler Alwardt opened the scoring with an 11-yard run in the first quarter.

Alwardt also threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to Jeff Tobolski.

"In the first half, we played about as poorly as we could play," Brandon said. "We made mistake after mistake. In the second half we made some ad-

justments on offense and moved the ball really well."

Chippewa Valley's two-pronged attack gave the Blue Devils some problems.

"If we adjusted on defense to stop their tailback, the quarterback burned us, and if we adjusted to stop the quarterback, the tailback got some yards inside," Brandon said.

Tight end Reid Fragel had a strong game, leading the Blue Devils with six catches for 67 yards.

Safeties Jimmy Saros and Ben Muer were South's leading tacklers.

Saros had 10 tackles and an interception, while Muer had nine stops.

Nose tackle Phil Lewis had seven tackles, including three for losses.

South continues its tough midseason stretch on Friday when the Blue Devils play at Romeo.



PHOTO BY KERRY PYTEL

Grosse Pointe South tight end Reid Fragel pulls away from Chippewa Valley tacklers after one of his six catches.

North netters impressive

Grosse Pointe North's boys tennis team made an impressive showing at the six-team invitational meet the Norsemen hosted last week.

North finished third behind state Division I contender Port Huron Northern and Birmingham Seaholm.

Two of North's singles players advanced to the championship match in their flights.

Freshman Douglas Zade beat Troy Athens 6-1, 6-2 and Forest Hills Central 6-3, 6-1 to reach the finals at No. 1 singles, where he lost to PHN's Michael Basha 7-5, 6-2.

North's No. 4 singles player,

Joe Scott, beat PHN 7-5, 7-6 and Forest Hills Central 6-0, 6-2 to advance to the championship match. Seaholm's No. 4 posted a 6-3, 6-2 victory.

At No. 2 singles, North's David Ryda lost 6-2, 7-5 to PHN but beat Seaholm 6-4, 6-2.

Billy Sessions beat Troy Athens 6-3, 6-4 but lost a tough three-set match to Seaholm in the third round.

North's No. 1 doubles team of Dean Butts and Kevin Zak picked up a point for the Norsemen with a 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 victory against University of Detroit Jesuit.

Jimmy Coon and David Adelman at second doubles lost to Seaholm in the first round but bounced back with an impressive 4-6, 7-6, 6-4 win against Athens.

The No. 3 doubles team of Ryan Mann and Eric Kiska earned a point with a 7-6, 6-4 win against U-D Jesuit.

Lenny Han-Voth and Dan Law got a win at No. 4 doubles by outlasting U-D 4-6, 6-3, 7-6.

North is showing steady improvement under head coach Drew Mascarin and assistant Robbie Barlow, who are looking forward to a successful season.

Coach likes Norsemen's attitude

Grosse Pointe North's girls cross country team might not have the success the Norsemen have enjoyed in recent seasons in terms of wins and losses, but coach Scott Cooper is finding a lot to like about this year's squad.

"This team is going to struggle some after the loss of several very talented runners, but what we lack in raw talent we have gained in pure heart and depth of character," Cooper said.

"This might be one of my favorite teams to coach because of the people on the team and the way they are all working hard together. But our results on paper might not be the best we have experienced. Our six captains are doing an excellent job motivating and running this team so that everyone feels like she belongs."

"I don't usually have as many captains as this but choosing among the senior class was difficult because

there are so many hard-working ladies with great character."

North's captains are Katie Graves, Bree McDonald, Bridget Reno, Amanda Schneider, Chrissie Costakis and Katie D'Hondt.

Last weekend, North competed at the Algonac Muskrat Invitational and finished sixth in the 14-team field.

All seven North varsity runners -- Graves, McDonald, Becca Gimpert, Kailey Sickmiller, Cristina Bruno, Haley Abessinio and Francesca Bruno -- earned medals.

"Graves and McDonald have been leading our team in the races this season and have done a great job being our front runners," Cooper said. "They have both been very focused and they work extremely hard."

In the junior varsity race, Schneider, Costakis and D'Hondt led the way and

moved into the top seven with their performances.

"Schneider already beat her best time from last year and has become one of our top seven for the first time in her four years on the team," Cooper said.

"It's always great to see runners who have worked hard all four years succeed like this in their senior season."

North opened the season with its annual alumni meet and the varsity won in a shutout 15-50.

The varsity's top seven were Graves, McDonald, Nora Premack, Abessinio, Cristina Bruno, Gimpert and Schneider.

Ellen Safran, one of the alumni runners, collected old running shoes for One World Running, an organization that donates them to African nations for youngsters who want to run but have no access to running shoes.

More than 50 pairs of shoes were collected.

ULS tennis team third in tourney

If last weekend turns out to be the last time that University Liggett School's No. 1 doubles team of Steven Saurbier and Steven Coval play as a team, they'll have a good final memory of their time together.

Saurbier and Coval won two of their three matches at the East Grand Rapids Invitational to help ULS take third place.

"We're breaking them up," said Knights coach Chuck Wright.

"We're always looking for ways to make the team stronger."

Saurbier and Coval beat Whitehall 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, lost to East Grand Rapids, but had an exciting final match against Spring Lake. They dropped the first set 6-4 and were trailing 5-1 in the second when they mounted a comeback to win the final two sets 7-5, 10-7.

ULS's No. 4 doubles team of Blake Chouinard and Christian

Redding won only one of its three matches but played solid tennis in each of them.

Chouinard and Redding lost 6-3, 6-4 to EGR, beat Whitehall 3-6, 6-1, 6-2 and lost to Spring Lake 6-3, 6-3.

No. 1 singles player Matt Witkowski and No. 2 singles player Billy Costello each won one of three matches.

The third doubles team of Aziz Jan and Drew Amato also won one of its three matches.

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1098 Grayton. Friday 9am- 12N. Daybed set with 2 end tables, coffee table, misc. Cherry wood baby crib/ toddler bed & matching dresser. (313)530-0030

12 Stratford Place (off Jefferson). Grosse Pointe City. Saturday, 9am- 2pm. Moving sale.

1252 Bedford. Saturday, September 15, 9am- 4pm. Three family sale. Antique furniture and decorative items; entertainment center; miscellaneous household items. No advance sales possible.

1324 Bishop- Friday, 10am- 3pm; Saturday 10am- 2pm. Boy's bike, child's desk, children's books & more. Tons of bargains!

166 Fisher. Friday only, 9:00am- 4:00pm. Designer items. Furniture, clothing, household, children's. (313)886-9217

1665 South Renaud. Garage/ estate sale, Saturday 9:00am-2:00pm. Household items, dog crates, expen. designer clothes (size 14- 18), jewelry, holiday decorations and unending deals & treasures.

210, 220 Fisher. Friday, Saturday, 9am-3pm. Quality fall clothing, household, manufacturers rep.

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1724 Prestwick, Grosse Pointe Woods. September 15, 8am-3pm. Huge sale! Sofa table, other furniture, fabric, electronics, Christmas tree, antiques, men's (44L), ladies suits & more.

535 Pemberton, Grosse Pointe Park. Friday/ Saturday, 9am-5pm. New & old household goods, computer equipment, books, Lionel trains. misc. items.

727 North Renaud, off Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods. Friday, 9am- 3pm. clothes, furniture linens, books, jewelry, decorator items.

771 Lincoln, Saturday 9:00am- 2:00pm. The good, the better & the almost. Antiques & vintage.

774 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. Friday, Saturday 9am- 3pm. Household items, bargains!

933 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, Friday, Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm. Moving, yard sale, new & used items.

AAUW used book sale! September 19- 21; 9:30am- 7:30pm. September 22; (bag day) 9:30am- noon. Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack.

ANNUAL yard sale. treasures for her, him, teens, the home, the yard and garden, the reader, the golfer, new items and gifts, video games, art and frames, designer clothes. 1471 Lakepointe, Thursday-Saturday.

AUTOMATIC pet feeder, vacuum, furniture, household goods. Saturday, 9am- 3pm. 44 McKinley Place.

BETWEEN Morning-side & Van K. 594 Blairmoor Court. Friday, 10am- 3pm. Household, hair care, infant items.

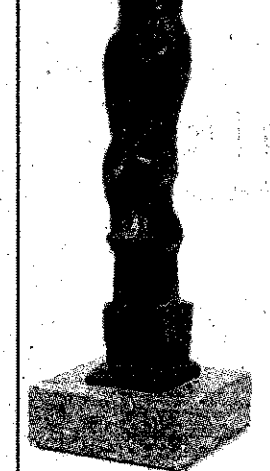
GROSSE Pointe Woods, estate/ garage sale. 1634 Aline. Saturday 9am- 2pm. China, crystal, pictures, TV's, books, etc.

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FABULOUS sale- lots of antiques, kitchen tables, dressers, painted furniture, lamps, pictures, mirrors and accessories. 1359 Grayton. Friday, 9am- 3pm.

FARMS, 124 Meadow Lane, Saturday, September 15th. 9:00am-4:00pm. Dining set, 2 computer corner tables, furniture. Lots of everything!

FARMS, 356 McMillan, Friday, Saturday, 9am-4pm. Household/ decorative items, women/ childrens clothes, toys.

FIRST garage sale in years! 254 Lewiston, Farms. Saturday: 8am-1pm. No early birds! Procrastinated for too long. Many never been used items. Plastic stemware, leather & wood Adirondack chairs, French candlesticks, many items.

GIGANTIC multi- family sale, 712 Pemberton, Grosse Pointe Park. Friday, Saturday, 8:00am-4:00pm. Furniture, collectibles, jewelry, books, clothing, includes new women's plus size, bedding, much household/ miscellaneous. Awesome sale! No early's!

GROSSE Pointe Park, 1033 Bishop, Saturday, only, 10:00am.

GROSSE Pointe Woods, 1476 S. Renaud Road, Thursday- Friday, 9:00am- 4:00pm. Home furnishings including large oak entertainment center, men, women & children's clothing. Miscellaneous items.

GROSSE Pointe Woods, 1785 Hampton. Huge 3 family yard sale, Friday, Saturday 9:00am- 4:00pm.

MOVING sale! 1044 Harvard/ St. Paul. Friday/ Saturday, 8am-3pm. Furniture, household.

MOVING sale! 27 Village Lane (corner Notre Dame 2 blocks east of Kercheval). Saturday, 10am- 5pm.

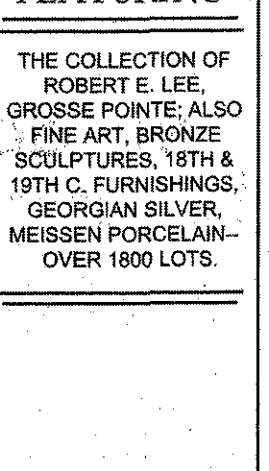
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MULTI- family, 255 Ridgemont, Farms. Microwave, AC, DVD, TV's, electric scooter sports equipment, girls accessories, Saturday 9:00am- 1:00pm

OUR gigantic annual garage sale is back! 707 Hampton road, September 14- 15; 9am- 4pm. Items include drum set, paper shredder, fax machine, oak roll- top desk and chair, hand painted youth twin spindle bed, mattress, box, dresser, desk and bookcase, shop vacuums, tons of toys, kids games, books, CDs, DVDs, PS2 games, game chair, clothing, shoes, youth bikes, car seats, Burley Cub carrier, lamps, household and outdoor decor, Stampin' Up! rubber stamps, Echo gas edger and weed-wacker, Radio Flyer wagons, area rugs, portable workbench, Beanie Babies, linens, microwave, crock pot, sporting equipment, athletic wear, Little People toys, old Singer sewing machine, and much more. Don't miss it!

ST. Clair Shores, 20913 Alexander, 2 houses. Friday, Saturday, 9:00am- 4:00pm. Furniture, clothes, baby items.

SUPER garage sale- 415 Bournemouth at Roland, Farms. Friday, Saturday, 9am- 3pm. Household items, furniture, clothing. Great variety.

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Hula hoop contest winners, left, Alexis Poulos, Jane Compton, Alex Poulos and Darcy Graham received tickets for the Renaissance Festival courtesy of the Grosse Pointe News.



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The band "Avenue."

Mack Ave. Days a hit

Businesses along Mack celebrated the annual Discover Mack Avenue Days last week with a concert on the front lawn of Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall.

Throughout the weekend, Grosse Pointers and residents from surrounding communities visited the shops to taste free samples or check out some great buys.

Participants of all ages had an opportunity to visit businesses such as Grosse Pointe Audiology and Dr. Jaclyn Sommer or Josef's French Pastry Shop for goodies.

Warm weather helped the Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association of Mack Avenue present this successful annual event.

Children played games and adults had a chance to talk with friends during the concert held Thursday, Sept. 6.



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Anthony Cavallo and Josef Bogosian of Josef's French Pastry Shop.



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Pictured, from left, are Ken Poulos, Toni DiClemente, Lucy Poulos and Pam Anderson of the Mack Avenue Business and Professional Association, Peter J. Birkner of the Grosse Pointe News, Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Novitke, and Rhonda Welsh of St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

