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FRIDAY, OCT. 28

◆ The music of Brahms is featured at an 8 p.m. chamber concert at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. The cost is \$20 and tickets are available at the door.

◆ Grosse Pointe Historical Society hosts an outdoor performance, "Legends of Le Detroit," from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Bring a chair, flashlight and dress for the weather.

SATURDAY, OCT. 29

◆ West Park Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the corners of Kercheval, Lakepointe and Beaconsfield in Grosse Pointe Park.

MONDAY, OCT. 31

Halloween

◆ Elementary schools in the Grosse Pointe Public School System have a half day.

TUESDAY, NOV. 1

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Committee of the Whole meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 795 Lakeshore.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce 2011 Business Expo is from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Keynote speaker is radio personality Paul W. Smith. For more information, call (313) 881-4722.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2

◆ The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial host "An American Iliad" at 7 p.m. at the War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Historical reenactor

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Ladies night

Beaumont, Grosse Pointe celebrated a Spirit of Women Girls' Night Out, an Evening in Paris Thursday, Oct. 20. The event featured speaker sessions, Beaumont community fitness programs, health checks, entertainment and shopping. At right, The Urban Attic was one of the many boutiques available to shop at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Below, William Mindle, RN, preps Colleen Freund's arm for her flu shot.



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Singer Lisa Agazzi and Joseph Recchia entertained with opera. Below, exercise and fun rolled into one. Above left, dancers from the Grosse Pointe Dance Academy were part of the entertainment for the evening. Below left, Maria Reinman, an RN in cardiology at Beaumont, announces the winner of a prize from Pretty Things in the Village, held by event coordinator and Beaumont Community Affairs Manager Suzy Berschback.



Cottage may have senior living

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The upper floors of old Cottage Hospital might be converted for senior living.

Proposed residential options range from one- to two-bedroom studios and apartments for independent seniors and those needing varying degrees of assistance, including Alzheimer's care.

"Conceptually, it has potential to be very positive for the community," said Shane Reeside, Grosse Pointe Farms city manager. "It would meet a commu-

nity need and a less intensive use, in terms of parking requirements and so forth."

Cottage would continue operating as a 24-hour, outpatient medical center.

The hospital, now Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage, is located at the edge of the Hill business district.

Residents would be within walking distance of restaurants, shops and the main branch of the public library. A clinic is across the street. So are a privately-owned parking deck and municipal parking lot.

Services for Older Citizens is soon to

relocate from Cottage into the Newberry House on Ridge Road behind the hospital.

The proposal comes from Henry Ford Health System, American House Senior Living Communities and its developer arm, REDICO.

The three entities announced last week the signing of a letter of intent. An agreement could come in spring.

"I can't wait to see what they're coming up with," said Farms Mayor Jim Farquhar.

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Water liability claim withheld

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Top municipal officials won't reveal the amount of money the city may have to repay its largest water customer.

Rumors are boiling over about the amount of money Grosse Pointe Shores is accused of overbilling the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club for nearly a decade.

"Any dollar amount that comes forward is either going to come out of litigation, or the club is going to see that there is nothing in error," said Brian Vick, city manager.

The prospect of having to pay back a large sum alarms residents worried that the city, which auditors said this month is starting to rebuild its balance sheet, could fall back onto the state's fiscal watch list.

"What's the dollar amount?" resident John Booth asked elected officials and administrators at this month's meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 18.

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Mayor says state erred

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Mayor James Cooper thinks state fiscal watchdogs are barking up the wrong tree.

Cooper said Michigan treasury department analysis was wrong to score Grosse Pointe Shores on the 2008 fiscal watch list.

Part of the criteria used was a mistaken forecast of declining population, he said.

"Grosse Pointe Shores should never have been placed by the state in the 'fiscal watch' category, but rather designated as 'fiscal neutral' because of incorrect population estimates," Cooper said.

It's news to the treasury department.

"If he believes that's in error, he could provide documentation to substantiate that the population of the

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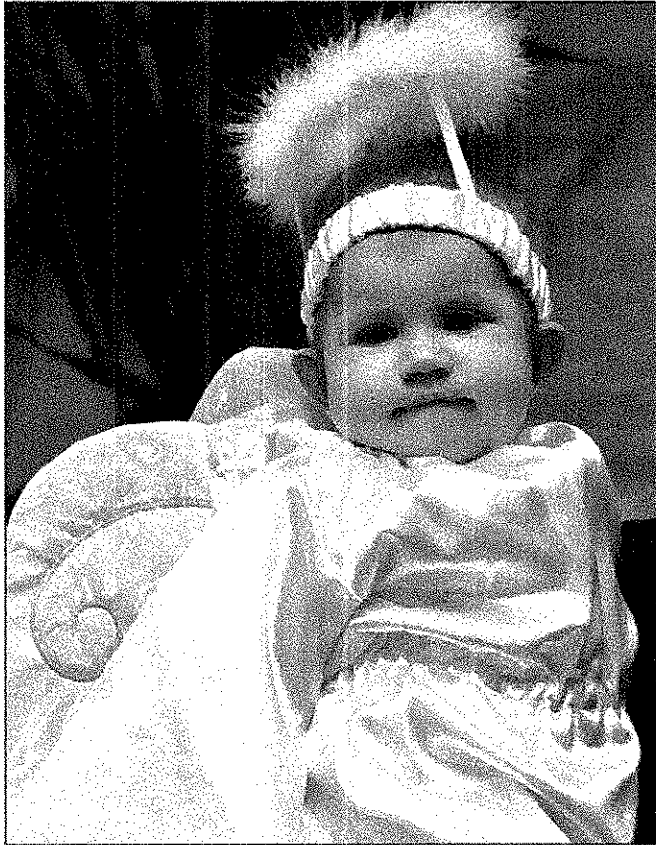
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Hob nobbin with goblins

Busy painting pumpkins are pirates John and Jackson Salter at the Grosse Pointe Woods annual Halloween festival, Hob Nobbin with Goblins. At right, Teagan Glowczewski dressed as an angel to attend the evening of trick or treating.



Bring your pills to the Park police

The Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety will collect prescription pills for proper disposal. Collection is between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29. Police won't ask questions, they'll just collect.

In a partnership with the Drug Enforcement Agency, Park police will help residents dispose of expired, unused or unwanted prescription drugs.

Officers will only accept pills, not liquids.

Chief David Hiller said unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to accidental poisoning, overdose or abuse in some cases. Flushing them down the toilet can create environmental hazards.

"The majority of teenagers abusing prescription drugs get them from family and friends

but more likely from the home medicine cabinet," Hiller said. "What we are doing in conjunction with the DEA and other agencies is providing a safe and proper means to dispose of those drugs."

"We want to help eliminate accidental poisonings and overdoses due to availability of narcotics."

The police department is located at 15115 E. Jefferson.

Duck hunting banned in Park

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park may well become a vacation destination for ducks now that the city council has banned hunting them.

Based on resident complaints and a visit to Patterson Park by Police Chief David Hiller, a proposal to ban duck hunting in Grosse Pointe Park was unanimously approved at the Monday, Oct. 24 council meeting.

At issue is the proximity of hunters to Patterson Park, explained Hiller, and the discharging of firearms so close to the boardwalk at Patterson, not to mention other park facilities.

Hunters had been allowed to wade into the lake at the small

boat launch at Patterson Park and while most were adhering to the state law that requires hunters to be at least 450 feet from a residence, Hiller said it was the fact that many were literally just a few feet from the boardwalk that concerns officials.

"They would go into the lake, then walk around and follow the boardwalk," Hiller explained. "I was down there one day and they were within four feet of the boardwalk. I'm certainly not afraid of guns, but even I was taken aback when they started shooting."

One of the problems, Hiller noted, was the increase in the number of hunters.

"We used to have just a few, but the numbers have jumped dramatically," he said. "Last year was the worst I have ever

seen."

Several council members said they receive phone calls every fall from residents concerned about hunting being allowed so close to shore, but questioned whether the city could enact an outright ban on hunting.

Hiller assured them the city could.

"State law gives cities jurisdiction in a lake up to a half mile off shore," he said. "We will be enforcing the city law that makes it illegal to discharge a firearm within city limits."

Hiller said the city will post "no hunting" signs within Patterson Park and will enforce the ban.

Duck hunting season runs from Oct. 8 through Dec. 4, and Dec. 10-11.

Repeat offender arrested again

By Kathy Ryan

Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Police are hoping to close several larceny-from-auto cases with the arrest of a 19-year-old Detroit resident in the early morning hours of Sunday, Oct. 23.

Ryan Cain was arraigned Monday, Oct. 24, in Grosse Pointe Park municipal court on three counts of larceny from an auto, each a 5-year felony, and one count of breaking and entering, a 1-year felony. More charges may come.

Hiller said Cain is well-known to police throughout the Pointes and was recently arrested in both the Farms and the City for car theft and larceny from autos. In Wayne County Circuit Court Oct. 7, Cain pleaded guilty to several felony charges, was placed in the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act diversion program and re-

leased the same day.

"In one case this summer, officers tracked him by his tether which had been placed on him when he was released from jail," Hiller said. "And he was still placed in a diversion program. It just doesn't make any sense."

In Cain's most recent arrest, Park officers spotted him walking on Kensington and Vernor at 4 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, and stopped him for questioning. Cain possessed a GPS unit he said he was using to find his way home. Police traced it to an address on Harvard and learned it was taken from a car parked there.

In addition, a cell phone, a second GPS unit and a large amount of change was found in Cain's possession.

Later that morning, several residents reported their vehicles had been broken into. A jogger gave police three purses reported stolen that he found on Kensington.

Cain confessed to a series of larcenies and police cleared at least eight incidents dating back to Oct. 16.

Hiller said he is optimistic the most recent charges will make authorities realize Cain isn't a candidate for a diversion program.

"We have a subject in custody that just does not learn," Hiller said in a written statement.

"In the past two weeks, he is responsible for numerous larceny complaints in Grosse Pointe Park, the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Farms.

"What is frustrating to officers is when they do their job, they make our streets safe, and a habitual offender gets a diversion program. While I agree certain individuals deserve diversion programs, certainly this is not the case here. I guarantee we will oppose any thoughts or discussion of diversion this time."

Outgoing chief gives up vacation

By Brad Lindberg

Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The city's top cop is going out in style.

Public Safety Chief Stephen Poloni, a 25-year employee of Grosse Pointe Shores, is giving up a paid vacation as a farewell gift to his employer.

"I decided to take my vacation in Grosse Pointe Shores this year," Poloni said. "I donated

that time back."

He's retiring early to become public safety director in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"This decision, though difficult, was in the best interests of my family," Poloni told the Shores council Tuesday, Oct. 18.

The City of Grosse Pointe council approved his contract the night before the Shores council

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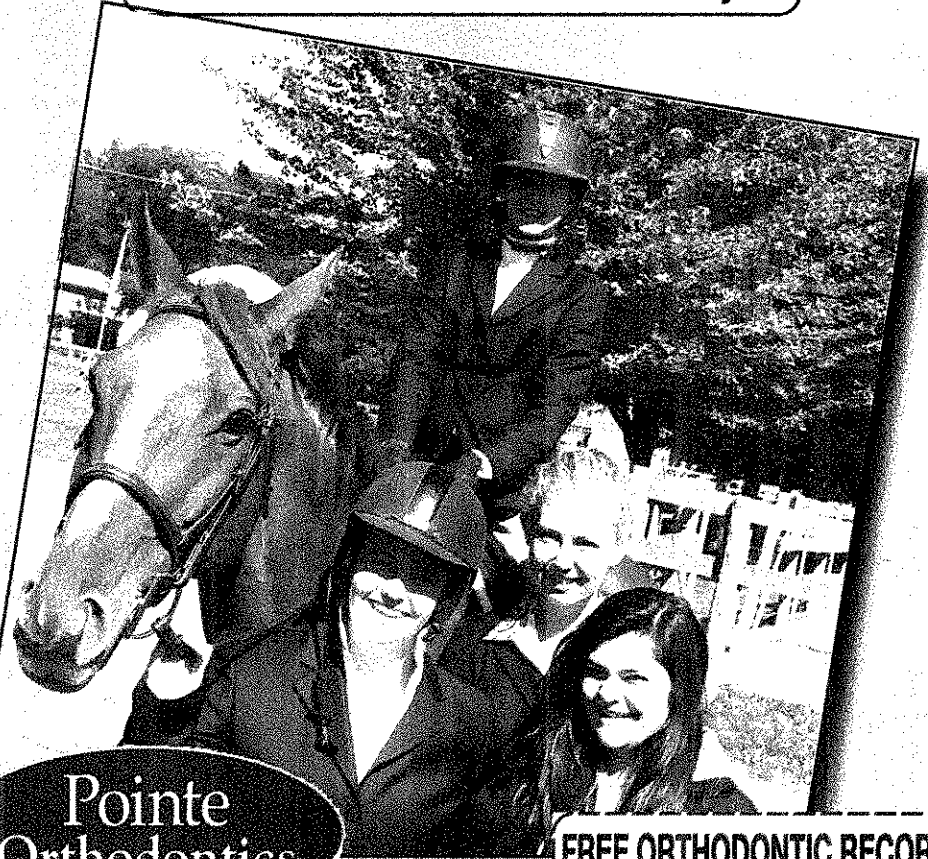
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Mack owners assessed for streetscape

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A business adage states that bad economic times are the right times to boost advertising budgets. The more people know of your product, the more they're likely to buy it and the quicker bad times turn good.

A corollary is to make advertising as good as the product.

Peter Dame is attempting to do both with nearly \$1 million worth of streetscape improvements to the Mack Avenue commercial corridor between Cadieux and Fisher.

Groundbreaking is scheduled for spring 2012.

"Mack is tired in appearance," said Dame, manager of the City of Grosse Pointe. "An investment of this type will increase business vitality. It will encourage further private investment and help attract new tenants."

Improvements include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ widening the sidewalk,
- ◆ adding greenspace and underground sprinklers,
- ◆ laying concrete paths to curbside parking spots,
- ◆ dotting the district with ornamental bicycle racks and wrought iron-style park benches,
- ◆ installing decorative streetlights,
- ◆ planting tall trees that branch above storefronts and
- ◆ installing an 18-inch concrete strip along the curb so people can get in and out of parked cars without dirtying their shoes or slipping on wet or muddy grass.

But, these are hard times and money is tight, critics said.

"This is exactly the time we need to make a change on Mack, so we show the rest of the world we are not our neighbors," Dame answered.

Funding comes from three sources:

- ◆ Nearly 2/3 of construction — \$639,000 — is funded by a state transportation grant. The grant expires if not used within certain time limits.

- ◆ About 1/4 — \$250,000 — comes from the Ruth Hoffman Estate Trust, bequeathed to the city for major beautification projects.

- ◆ The 10 percent balance, amounting to \$99,992.36, is assessed to the district's 43 property owners at a rate of \$27.51 per lineal foot.

Assessments for individual properties range from \$687.75 to \$6,487.41. Payments are being added to property taxes and spread over three years.

"It is reasonable and fair to expect the business communi-

ty to contribute a small portion of this major improvement that will make a world of good and difference on Mack," Dame said.

Water main

Beautification corresponds with the \$1.16 million replacement of the Mack water main. Construction was awarded to low-bidder, T.R. Pieprzak Co., a nearly 60-year-old water and sewer contractor headquartered near St. Clair.

Funding is by the sale of bonds to be repaid through the city water and sewer fund.

"Because tax revenues have fallen, the unfortunate reality is all of us are going to be facing bond issues to pay for roads and sewers," said Councilman Chris Walsh. "There aren't coffers of money. So, how do we pay for \$20 million in roads over the next 10 years? We all, as property owners, are going to end up footing the bill."

Water main installation will be done block-by-block, according to Steve Pangori, executive vice president of project engineers, Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick.

The idea is to allow as much customer access to businesses as possible during construction.

"We're going to be requiring the contractor to begin installation of permanent hardscape in a block before they start installing the water main on the next block," Pangori said.

A unanimous city council this month approved both projects.

The two-part goal is to improve water service, then put the sidewalk and streetscape back in better shape than before.

Opposition

City officials said they held two meetings on the projects and assessments last summer with members of the Mack business community.

"Notices were hand-delivered to each address on Mack," Dame said.

Some business owners told the council last week the streetscape assessments go too far, especially with profit margins squeezed thin by the recession.

"Group A makes the decision and group B has to pay for it," said Joyce Piasecki, owner of Joyce's Salon & Spa.

Her share comes to \$744.70. "While it doesn't seem like a lot of money, it can be a lot of money," Piasecki said.

Della Pavlock, owner of the Framing Gallery of Grosse Pointe, supports limited im-

provements. She thinks planners took liberties with expensive and unneeded niceties, such as decorative streetlights costing nearly \$495,000 combined.

"There's ornamental details we should have some say-so on," Pavlock said.

"The idea is to use these elements to tie the length of Mack together, show there's been an investment in this corridor and show it's an important entry to the community," said John Jackson, executive vice president of McKenna Associates, the city's planning consultants. Jackson also lives in the City.

"Instead of tinkering around the corners just doing what might work cheaply isn't going to make the kind of statement we want to make as a community for people to come to our front door," Dame said.

"I have a lot of issues with pushing this on property owners," said Peter Dow, facing a \$1,253.47 assessment on com-

mercial property, half of which he said has been vacant for about two years.

Dow and clinic owner Dr. Robert Everett think park benches across from Detroit are an attractive nuisance.

"You provide benches, the first thing you know, you'll have people coming across (Mack) smoking and sitting," Everett said. "We don't want an accumulation of people sitting around our building. We're happy with what we have."

"Benches include dividers, so you can't sleep on them," Dame said. "You can only sit on them."

Improving Mack's appearance will "attract the kind of people you want to see coming to your businesses," Dame said.

"We can sit back and do nothing and wait, or we can try to do something," said Councilman Christopher Boettcher. "Our mission here was find the resources and try



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Planning consultant, John Jackson, describes streetscape improvements planned for Mack between Cadieux and Fisher.

to make a project that will benefit all of the business and the community at-large."

"We always have to look at

the greater good," said Mayor Dale Scrase. "In the long term, this is a benefit to your properties."



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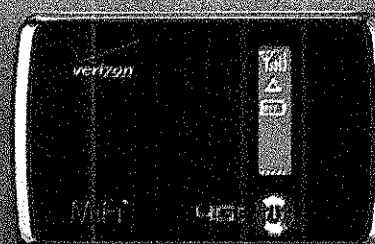
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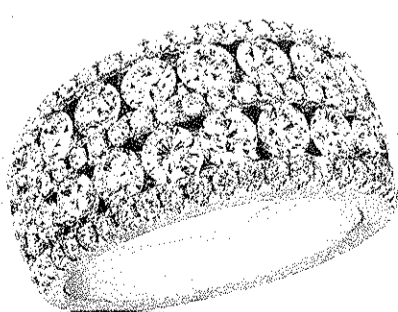


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NEWS

POINTER OF INTEREST

History keeps her curious

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

History encompasses 90-year-old Aulga Prokopowicz's life.

She is a volunteer at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society. The eldest of her three sons chairs the department of history at East Carolina University. His book "Did Lincoln Own Slaves? and Other Frequently Asked Questions About Abraham Lincoln" is dedicated to her and her late husband, Gerald. He persuaded his parents to visit Civil War battlegrounds as they traveled to and from Virginia visiting friends.

While many people only hear or read about the 1940s, Prokopowicz lived it. She volunteered with the Red Cross Motor Corps during World

War II transporting soldiers to their Detroit-area houses and lived in Vienna, Austria, for five years following the war.

History is second nature to Prokopowicz.

"I'm very curious," she said. Massaging curiosity, Prokopowicz said she is never without reading material. She reads, "Washington Monthly," "New Yorker," "Vanity Fair," "Time" and "Town and Country." She is reading the book, "The Joy Luck Club," though Jane Austen is her favorite author.

But it's dedication to reading three newspapers, The Grosse Pointe News, the Detroit Free Press and Detroit News, and having taught business classes to high school students for 30 years that landed her at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's typewriter.

'There were 45 children in high school with a staff of four or five. We taught whatever needed to be taught. I taught everything.'

AULGA PROKOPOWICZ,
Grosse Pointe Shores

"She has volunteered at the resource center for over 20 years," said Izzy Donnelly, the historical society's director of education and collections manager. "She is currently in charge of cutting out articles written about the GPH from local papers and magazines. This takes an enormous amount of time and careful reading to accomplish this. We just don't have time in the office to do this so Aulga's help is invaluable to us. She always comes in with a smile and gets right to work on the typewriter. She prefers to use an electric typewriter to print up the 3-by-5-inch index cards."

It's enthusiasm and interest that keeps a stack of books on the coffee table in her Grosse Pointe Shores house where she's lived for the past 39 years.

"I don't watch much television," she said, though she is an avid sports fan, watching the Tigers, Lions, Red Wings and Pistons.

"All my boys played sports," she said of Gerald, Peter and Gregory, all graduates of University of Michigan.

Prokopowicz says she and her artist husband read to their sons who became readers, as are her five grandchildren.

The education years

Prokopowicz hadn't planned on attending college when she graduated from High School of Commerce in Detroit.

"It (the school) was for girls learning to become secretaries. I wasn't going to college, but I graduated at the top of my class and got a scholarship from Wayne University," she said.

After earning a bachelor's degree to teach high school business classes, she went on to earn a master's degree, also from Wayne State University, in the same field, teaching in the Detroit Public Schools in the 1940s.

"I was teaching accounting, business arithmetic, shorthand and typing to both boys and girls.

"Some boys were 18 and would be drafted. One came back and said, 'Typing was the best class I took. The sergeant asked who could type. I spent the whole time in the office.' I felt rewarded."

In 1948, she decided to teach overseas and was sent to Vienna, Austria, where the Army had established schools for its personnel families.

"There were 45 children in high school with a staff of four or five. We taught whatever needed to be taught. I taught everything," she said.

In her free time, Prokopowicz and her friends attended the ballet, theater and opera for a shilling, or 25 cents. She also learned to ski and she waltzed.

"The Viennese liked to waltz. Before Lent, every social organization throws a ball. I dated an Austrian boy, Kari. He was a wonderful dancer. He became an ambassador to the United Nations," she said.

Returning home,

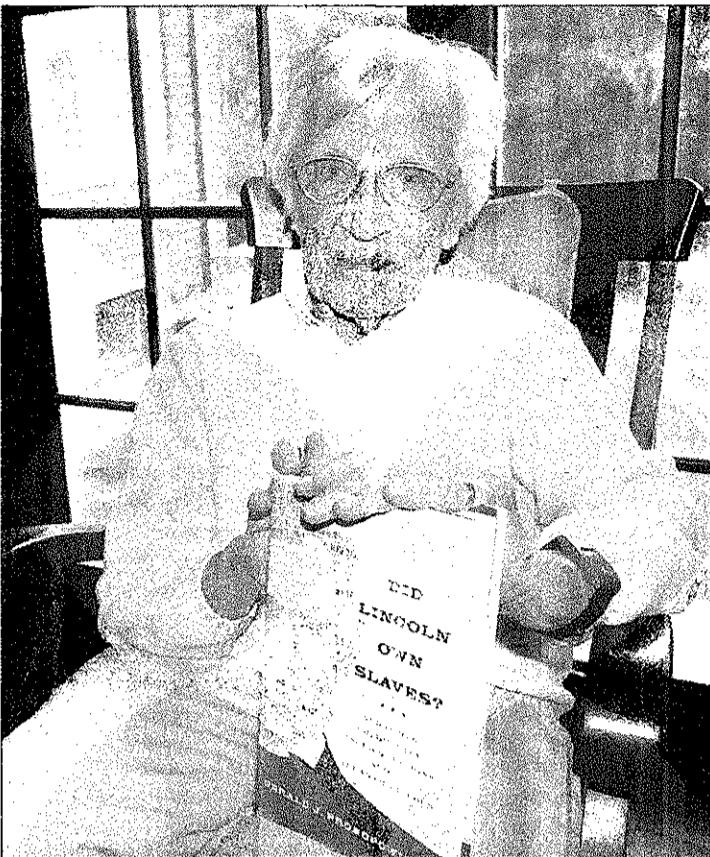


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Aulga Prokopowicz, of Grosse Pointe Shores, holds the latest book written by her son, Gerald.

Prokopowicz taught high school business classes again and joined the Friends of G. Mennen Williams campaign (Michigan governor) and was elected to the National Committee of Women for Young Democrats.

"That's how I met my husband with the Young Democrats of Michigan," she said.

He served in Germany and stayed in France after the war to study with French painter Fernand Léger.

They married in 1957 and had their first son, Gerald, in 1958. And she continued to teach, retiring after 30 years. Indulging in her interest in history, Prokopowicz watched as

her neighborhood changed from seeing a horse and cow grazing near her backyard, to houses springing up.

She also watched the historical society move from one venue to another, including the school on Vernier, but it didn't work out.

"It would have been perfect for me," she said of the site. "I could be walking."

The historical society instead had rooms at Poupard and Ferry elementary schools, as well as Barnes before moving to its present site on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms. There in the resource center is where Prokopowicz spends her Wednesday mornings, immersed in history.

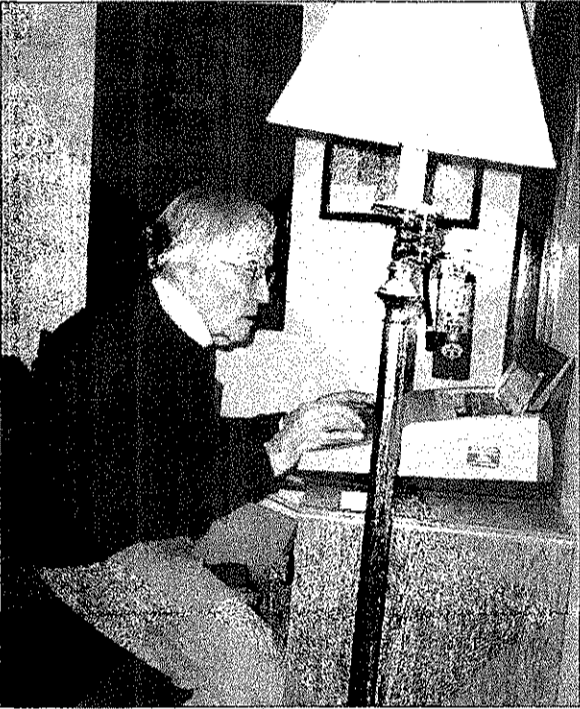


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Aulga Prokopowicz types on an electric typewriter, recording information about the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

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PRIDE OF THE POINTIES

Michael Lane was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2011 semester at Denison University. The 2009 graduate

of Grosse Pointe North High School is the son of Kimberly and Bryan Lane of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Christa Marie Bertakis was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2011 semester at Michigan State University. She also is a member of the Alpha Phi Sorority and a recipient of the Phi Sigma Theta National Honor Society. The 2009 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School is the daughter of John and Rosanne Bertakis of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Leann E. Decker, a 2007 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, recently graduated Magna Cum Laude

from Tiffin University in Ohio with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology. She had been consistently named to the Dean's List during her time at the school and was the recipient of the Academic Achievement Award, the Academic Distinction Award, and the R. Scott Distal Excellence in the Field of Psychology Award prior to graduation. She is the daughter of Mark and Lisa Decker of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Rian Dawson, a 2009 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, was on the Dean's List at Johns Hopkins University all four semesters she attended. She is the daughter of David and Margarete Dawson of Grosse Pointe Park.

Robert M. Lajdziak was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2011 semester at Hillsdale College. The 2008 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School is the son of Bob and Jill Lajdziak of Grosse Pointe Park.

Regina Chopp recently graduated from the clinical psychology doctoral program at George Mason University. She earned bachelor's degrees from the University of Michigan and a Master of Arts degree from the University of California, Davis. A current resident of Los Angeles, she is the daughter of James and Rosalie Chopp of Grosse Pointe Park.

Meryl K. Masserang, of Grosse Pointe Woods, and Kyle M. Steiner, of Grosse Pointe Farms, graduated from Northern Michigan University in August.



Meghan T. Servais

Air Force Airman 1st Class Meghan T. Servais graduated as an honor graduate from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. The 2005 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School earned a bachelor's degree in 2009 from Hope College. She is the daughter of Kathleen Servais of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The following students graduated from Western Michigan University in June: Elizabeth A. Cohen of Grosse Pointe Farms; James R. Marshall and Nicole Payne, of Grosse Pointe Park; Lauren E. Hanna of Grosse Pointe Shores and Kevin M. Burleson, Matthew A. Kopingier, Kelly N. MacDonald and Johanna B. Ventimiglia, of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Scott K. Decker, a 2004 graduate of Grosse Pointe South, recently graduated from Oakland University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication. He is the son of Mark and Lisa Decker of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The following students graduated from Western Michigan University in August: Benton B. Farrell of Grosse Pointe and Brian P. Flemion, Hannah Geltz, Johnathan J. Neeme, Andrew T. Paglio and Caley M. Rozema, of Grosse Pointe Woods.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
2012 BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council for the City of Harper Woods Michigan will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.
TO BE HELD
IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OF CITY HALL
19617 HARPER AVENUE
HARPER WOODS, MI 48225

The purpose of the this public hearing will be to receive public input and comment on the proposed 2012 Budget for the City's General and various other operating funds. The proposed levy upon the 2011 Tax Rolls for each \$1000 of Real and Personal Property State taxable valuation is as follows:

FUND	CURRENT	PROPOSED	INC/DEC
General Operation	20.0000	20.0000	0.0000
Debt Retirement-Street Bond	3.5000	3.5000	0.0000
Debt Retirement-Library	0.5000	.5000	0.0000
Refuse Collection	2.5000	2.5000	0.0000
Library Operations	1.9168	1.9168	0.0000
TOTALS	28.4168	28.4168	0.0000

Summaries of the proposed revenues and expenditures for the 2012 budgeted funds are as

Fund	Amount
General Fund	\$11,508,151
Major Street Fund	\$671,200
Local Street Fund	\$442,400
Storm Drainage Fund	\$889,100
Refuse Collection Fund	\$1,125,500
Library Fund	\$571,000
Debt Retirement Fund	\$1,436,700
Self - Insurance Fund	\$100,000
Separation Pay Fund	\$0
Municipal Improvement Fund	\$400,000
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$20,100

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

A copy of the proposed 2012 Budget is available for public inspection between the house of 8:30A.M. and 5:00P.M. weekdays in the office of the City Clerk, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225-2095 (Telephone 313/343-2510). All interest persons are invited attend this public hearing.

City of Harper Woods
Leslie M. Frank,
Acting City Clerk

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RENY PICOT BRIE OR CAMEMBERT 8 OZ. WHEEL **\$4.99**

WATER: City won't disclose amount in water bill dispute with Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

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Neither he nor other residents got answers they sought.

"We're entitled to know what's going on in our city," said resident Vito Cusenza. "Is it under a half million? Over a half million? Why is it so secret?"

Shores officials have until this week to answer the Grosse Pointe News' Freedom of Information Act request for club water billing data and related written communications.

Club officials said two weeks ago they wouldn't comment.

"The club has not provided any information to lead us to believe it is a credible claim," Vick said. "If the club felt it had a position to support their argument, litigation could have been filed any time in the last year."

"The statute of limitations has already barred a fair amount of the claim," said Mark McInerney, city attorney.

"They (club officials) are now at half of what they originally brought to our attention," Vick said.

Yet, the city and club have a tolling agreement, also called a standstill agreement, waiving the statute of limitations and exposing the city to liabilities it may not otherwise face.

"There is a standstill agreement with the club," McInerney said. "It's been in place for about a year."

"The club approached us with that," Vick added. "We did not approach the club, for obvious reasons."

Disputed bills were issued before Vick's hiring in December 2008. Yet, he bore most questions at the council meeting.

"The club has informed us

they are concerned about some bills for approximately an 8-to-10-year window," Vick said. "The city council's been made aware of the dollar amounts. I can't go into that specifically because it was in closed session."

Closed sessions usually are scheduled for matters of personnel, property acquisition or litigation.

Yet, Mayor James Cooper said the billing issue isn't being litigated.

Shores officials responded to questions at the meeting with limited parameters recommended by McInerney.

"I suggest the council not disclose our only non-homeowner customer's business without their consent," McInerney said.

Multiple municipal employees and consultants are involved trying to verify the claims.

"(The) Shores has been working with the club to assist them in finding out why their usage has been so high," Vick said. "Since the very first call, there's been a cooperative effort. We have gotten our engineers involved. We inform(ed) the auditor. Brett (Smith, public works director) has personally worked with them for a number of years."

The dispute is being handled the same way as with any water customer, except on a more substantial scale, according to Vick.

"This is our single largest customer," he said. "The dollar amounts are obviously larger with the yacht club and their infrastructure is significantly more complex than any house."

Residents attending the meeting raised the issue fol-

lowing the favorable audit report. Information about the potential water liability came under repeated questioning and frequent interruptions by audience members.

"The acrimonious behavior of a few obsessive residents

was clearly demonstrated during the public comments following the favorable audit report," Cooper said after the meeting. "It is difficult to understand the motivation for such actions."

"The Grosse Pointe Yacht

Club water usage is a matter between the Shores and its customer. The entire council has been kept apprised of developments as they occur. It is unfortunate that some disruptive residents would try to use this in a political manner.

Clearly, the city has an obligation to the client and itself to protect confidentiality of information until such time that a resolution can occur and/or be made public. To do anything less may be in violation of one or both entities legal rights."

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Car break-ins

Thieves entered three vehicles parked overnight Saturday, Oct. 15.

Locations and items stolen were:

◆ In the 800 block of Rivard, a hatchet, soil probe and \$300 cash.

◆ Also in the 800 block of Rivard, four utility knives. A DVD player was found in the entered vehicle.

◆ In the 900 block of University Place, a purple Nano iPod and three dollar bills.

Shoplifting

Two unknown men estimated to be 18 to 20 years old shoplifted clothing last week from Moosejaw Mountaineering, on Kercheval in the Village.

The men entered the store at about 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19.

"(They) walked around for a few minutes, then took a big handful of clothes off the rack and ran out the back door," an employee told police.

The pair were last seen running northbound on Notre Dame.

Police recovered a North Face jacket in the side yard of a house in the 700 block.

One suspect wore a white cap and tan jacket. The other wore a black hooded sweatshirt with red lettering. Both wore jeans and black sneakers.

— Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the City of Grosse Pointe

public safety department at (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Hits tree

A 19-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man was arrested for drunken driving at 11:53 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, in the 200 block of Mt. Vernon.

Minutes earlier, he hit a tree, according to police.

The man had been driving a white 2000 Ford Mustang at speeds approaching 35 mph, officers added.

The man initially denied drinking, yet registered a .11 percent blood alcohol level, according to police.

A preteen girl living in the area told police the man exited the damaged car and appeared to place something in a neighboring yard.

Officers recovered a 12-pack of bottled beer hidden among landscaping.

Weaving

An officer became suspicious shortly after 1 a.m. Friday, Oct. 21, when the driver of a Cadillac STS stopped for 30 seconds at a green light on eastbound Kercheval and Fisher.

"There was not any other traffic at the time," the officer said.

The officer followed the suspect north on Fisher and east on Mack. The vehicle was weaving and crossing the center line, the officer said.

During sobriety tests on Mack near Kerby, the man, 39, of unlisted residence, regis-

tered a .133 percent blood alcohol level and was arrested for drunken driving, police said.

Six cars entered

Six parked vehicles were entered overnight Tuesday, Oct. 18.

One was in the 200 block of Stephens. Two were in the 200 block of McMillan. The rest were in the 300 block of Moran.

Stolen items included an Apple Nano iPod, black 32GB iPod, Canon digital camera and global positioning systems manufactured by Garmin and TomTom.

The Garmin product was recovered in the 200 block of Moran.

Smoldering socks

Officers put out — in more ways than one — a clothes dryer burning shortly before 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, in the basement of a house in the 300 block of Kerby.

"Officers were able to remove the dryer to the driveway and extinguish smoldering flames on the bottom portion utilizing a garden hose," said an officer. "A pair of socks was smoldering underneath the tumbler."

Cars scratched

For the second time in two weeks, a vehicle was vandalized while parked in the Henry Ford Cottage Hospital parking deck on Muir.

The first time it was a General Motors HHR. This time it was a Volkswagen Passat with numerous scratches to the roof and passenger side.

It's owner reported the incident at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14.

Likes ice cream

At 1:25 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, a woman suspected of shoplifting twice earlier this month at Village Food Market, in the 18300 block of Mack, was caught allegedly going back for thirds.

An employee reportedly saw the woman, a 42-year-old Farms resident, stealing two pints of ice cream.

"(The) manager asked (the woman) what she took today," said an officer. "The suspect broke down crying" and removed two pints of Ben & Jerry's ice cream from her purse.

— Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department at (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Shores

In possession

Six teenage girls from three Grosse Pointes will receive citations for being minors in possession of alcohol, according to police.

They were caught at 12:41 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, on Lakeshore near Carmel Lane in a black Ford Escape in which officers found three open containers of alcohol.

The car was driven by a 17-year-old Farms resident.

All suspects were turned over to their parents.

The suspects had been reported leaving bottles of Mike's Hard Lemonade at Travis Hamburgers at Mack and Nine Mile in St. Clair Shores.

Drunken driving II

A Grosse Pointe Park man in his late 40s was arrested for drunken driving at 1:40 a.m. Friday, Oct. 21, on Lakeshore near Oxford.

The man had a .191 percent blood alcohol level, police said.

It was his second drunken driving arrest, police said.

Dog hit and killed

At 6:42 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, an unknown motorist driving a dark car of unknown make and model reportedly hit and killed a dog on lower Vernier.

"The vehicle did not stop," said a public safety officer.

The dog belonged to a Shores resident.

Sparks

A transformer on Webber began sparking and popping at about 2:45 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20.

Police notified DTE Energy.

— Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Shores public safety department at (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Scrambled eggs

Police were notified at 11:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 21, that eggs were being thrown at passing cars near Mack and Allard. A witness told police a car full of young people just left the area. The car was found a few blocks away, but only the driver was inside. The driver identified his passengers as three Grosse Pointe Woods residents. Police will follow up.

Mystery machine

A customer at a bar on Mack called police at 10:45 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, to report his Chevrolet Suburban was taken from a municipal parking lot. Shortly thereafter, police found his car parked around the corner from the bar. It showed no signs of forced entry and the steering column and ignition were intact.

— Kathy Ryan

If you have information regarding these or any crimes, call Grosse Pointe Woods police at (313) 343-2400.

Grosse Pointe Park

Lock it or lose it

An unlocked purple BMX bike was taken from a school bike rack over the weekend.

— Kathy Ryan

If you have information on these or any other crimes, call Grosse Pointe Park police at (313) 822-7400.

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**CITY OF HARPER WOODS
POLICE DEPARTMENT
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE**

AUCTION OF IMPOUNDED/ABANDONED VEHICLES

Pursuant to PA 104, an auction will be held on November 2, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at Woods Towing, located at 22755 Lexington, Eastpointe, MI. The following impounded/abandoned vehicles will be auctioned:

1996 GMC Suburban	3GKPK16R2TG522147
1994 Mercury Marquis	2MELM75W3RX670310
1997 Kia Sephia	KNFA1256V5286045
1997 Chevrolet Monte Carlo	2G1WX12X8V9257743
2000 Ford Windstar	2FMAZ5144YB872900
1990 Cadillac Sedan Deville	1G8CD539L4251801
1987 Chevrolet Caprice	1G1BN11H8HX154838

The above vehicles can be viewed 1/2 hour prior to the auction, at Woods Towing. Payment by cash or certified check only. Cars listed may be pulled or released prior to the auction by the Harper Woods Police Department.

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PUBLISHED: October 27, 2011

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
OFFICIAL ELECTION NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 8, 2011 General Election has been scheduled for Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the Office of the City Clerk at 19617 Harper Ave., Harper Woods, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the computer program and the tabulators being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by the law.

City of Harper Woods
Mickey D. Todd
City Clerk

PUBLISHED: Oct. 27, 2011
POSTED: Oct. 17, 2011

**NOTICE OF ACCURACY TEST
FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION
FOR THE CITIES OF
GROSSE POINTE PARK, GROSSE POINTE, GROSSE
POINTE FARMS, GROSSE POINTE WOODS
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A MICHIGAN CITY-WAYNE COUNTY,
VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES,
A MICHIGAN CITY-MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOVEMBER 8, 2011**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Woods and the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City, Wayne County & Macomb County, Michigan that a Public Accuracy Test will be conducted at your city clerk's office on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2011 AT 2:00 P.M., for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulating equipment and programs which will be used to tabulate voted ballots for the GENERAL ELECTION to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

Interested parties are invited to attend.

For further information contact:

JANE BLAHUT City of Grosse Pointe Park CITY CLERK 313-822-8200	MATTHEW J. TEPPER City of Grosse Pointe Farms ASSISTMENT CLERK 313-885-6600
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SENIOR: Development may come to Farms

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"This would provide a much-needed resource for seniors and their caregivers in the Grosse Pointe, Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores communities," said Dr. Edward O'Malley, physician in charge at Cottage, in a news release.

"It's a great opportunity for the whole community," said Sharon Maier, director of Services for Older Citizens.

"Housing choices are important for seniors. As the population ages, they'll need more choices. Seniors who live here want to stay here."

American House has 27 housing properties in Southeast Michigan.

It and REDICO would develop and operate senior housing on the hospital's second through fourth floors.

"Seniors will have a new level of independence with immediate access to medical, retail, and the Services for Older Citizens, all in a village environment," said Dale Watchowski, president and CEO of American House and REDICO, in the same release.

Rezoning the site isn't expected to be a big hurdle. "It's currently zoned for community services," Reeside said. "Not knowing specifics of the plan, there is potential to have ideal use of that facility."

CHIEF: Shores advertises for new one

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meeting. "I hope (City) residents will be as wonderful as the residents have been here," Poloni told the Shores council.

"Thank you, chief, for your many years of dedicated service to Grosse Pointe Shores," said Shores Mayor James Cooper. "(The City of Grosse Pointe is) getting one of our best employees."

"It saddens me greatly," added Councilman Ted Kedzierski. "Public safety is our No. 1 service. People move here because of public safety. Everyone's going to miss you."

Poloni starts in the City Nov. 15.

"I will be here every day until then," he told Shores officials.

He may do double duty into

December.

"I will be here as long as necessary to make sure it is a seamless transition," Poloni said.

He's been Shores public safety director since 2004.

"It's been an honor to be part of Grosse Pointe Shores," Poloni said. "It's been a family."

Poloni took a number of drives down memory lane in recent months filling in for a reduced staff of patrolmen.

"I was covering day shifts on the road on weekends," he said.

The department's complement of 17 officers dropped temporarily to 13 due to injuries and related matters.

Poloni assigned himself and Detective Sgt. Scott Rohr to road patrol. The move helped save about \$26,000 in overtime

costs.

"That number would have been significantly higher if not for efforts of the whole department," Poloni said.

"The chief always pitches in," said City Manager Brian Vick. "He understands our financial situation."

Vick is advertising for a new chief. Postings are planned on websites for the city, Michigan Municipal League and others.

"It is important progress is made on this in anticipation of the Nov. 15 council meeting," Vick said.

The meeting is the first after the Nov. 8 election for mayor and all six council members. All seats are contested.

"We need to be in a position when the council is sworn in to move forward and discuss a variety of options," Vick said.

MAYOR: Census numbers show increase

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village, then, was greater than 2,823," said Terry Stanton, the department's public information officer.

Treasury representatives used the population number as evidence Shores population was in decline.

Cooper based his finding on a population increase revealed in the 2010 U.S. Census.

"Population estimates from the Census Bureau show that, from 2000 to 2010, Grosse Pointe Shores' population has risen by 6 percent, or 185 people," Cooper said. "With this new information, we now know that the Department of Treasury's past pessimistic estimates for Grosse Pointe Shores and subsequent point assignment for a declining population were in error."

The fiscal watch for 2008 was based on population estimates at least two years before the 2010 Census.

"These scores are relative to when it was still a village and hadn't yet merged and become a city," Stanton said. "So, while the village scored a 5, which technically put in the fiscal watch list category, that was before the city was formed in the following year, 2009."

As part of the treasury department's watchdog duties, it commissions the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research at Michigan State University to evaluate the state of the state's 1,856 units of local government.

Evaluations for 2008 earned the Shores 5 out of 10 points, just enough to be placed on a fiscal watch list for the following year.

"The village scored a point in both 2006 and 2007 for a decrease in population," Stanton

said. "If the mayor believes that score is wrong, that information was based on federal Census Bureau estimates, as it is for every other local unit of government scores in these."

More than population trends caused state officials to alert the Shores of its financial condition, according to Stanton.

"It's more likely that the point that put the village into the 5-point watch category is the taxable value drop that was new in 2008, as opposed to the prior two years," Stanton said.

Fiscal scoring is based largely on the following, according to the department:

- ◆ population growth,
- ◆ real taxable valuation growth,
- ◆ large real taxable value decrease,
- ◆ general fund expenditures as a percent of taxable valuation,
- ◆ general fund operating deficits,
- ◆ prior general fund operating deficits,
- ◆ size of general fund balance,
- ◆ fund deficits in current or previous years and
- ◆ general long-term debt as a percent of taxable value.

Local units of government can be penalized one or more points per category. The lower the score, the better.

The grading scale is:

- ◆ 0 to 4: fiscally neutral,
- ◆ 5 to 7: fiscal watch and
- ◆ 8 to 10: fiscal stress.

Cities under fiscal watch "are considered to be in a financial circumstance that is cause for concern, but that can still be addressed by the local unit," according to the treasury department. "Governing bodies of local units on the watch list should exercise added care when making financial deci-

sions, and formulate a financial strategy to return the local unit to a fiscally neutral score."

Cities rated fiscally neutral "are deemed to be managing its financial circumstances appropriately, but local units should not interpret a score in this category as an indicator that they are in anyway insulated from financial concerns."

"The scoring system was put in place so citizens and local officials could have a sense of whether their local unit might be experiencing some difficulties or, perhaps, might down the road," Stanton said.

Fiscal scores are a thumbnail sketch of a city's finances at a given point in time, Stanton said.

"The most recent data we have is 2009, which is almost now two years old," he said.

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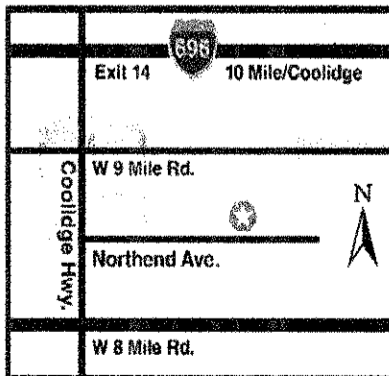
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GUEST OPINION By Russ Harding

Gore, a Great Lakes expert

A Gore was in Detroit to proclaim he has profound knowledge that all things related to the Great Lakes are the result of man-caused global warming. Speaking to 500 of the faithful at Wayne State University, the former vice president did not limit his remarks to the Great Lakes, but also blamed recent weather-related disasters around the world on global warming. It is remarkable that climate change alarmists like Al Gore, displaying the conviction of a conspiracy theorist, find evidence for their theory no matter what the weather. It is little wonder Americans have become increasingly skeptical of these alarmists who see an evil CO2 connection to every naturally occurring weather phenomenon. The fact is, we still do not fully understand the multitude of complex atmospheric interactions that drive global climate. Global climate models are of limited value, as they require myriad assumptions that greatly affect their predictions. Blaming low Great Lakes water levels on global warming ignores the fact Great Lakes water levels have been fluctuating in cycles for as long as we have been keeping records. Americans are rightly skeptical about the claim the science of global warming is settled. Making such claim ignores the basic principal that science is a process of discovery and is never settled. Global warming rhetoric has become less about science and more about political ideology. Making energy policy on political ideology is a serious mistake, especially in a world teetering on the brink of economic collapse. Any discerning individual touring Detroit would quickly come to the conclusion global warming is the least of the city's problems. Russ Harding is senior environmental policy analyst and director of the Property Rights Network for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

GUEST OPINION By Rich Lowry

Too much TV

There are few things more inescapable in American life than the TV screen. Sitting at the lounge at the airport, there is "CNN Headline News" overhead, invariably blaring. In the back of New York City cabs, there is a little screen playing stale TV news clips. In waiting rooms, in elevators, in the back of people's cars and in practically every room in the American home, there it is — insistent, noisy, the background track to our lives. Television is the most ubiquitous and insidious force in everyday American life. If it were a drug, it'd be illegal, and federal agents would be raiding the studios of the networks. Ben Berger of Swarthmore College notes that in 1950 less than 10 percent of U.S. households owned a television. Today, in the average American household, TVs outnumber people. TV can be entertaining and even informative. At times of national tragedy — the JFK assassination, Sept. 11 — it draws us together in a web of immediate shared images. As a general matter, though, TV is the Love Canal of our culture. It's a conduit for all that is low and toxic. If there were ever a concerted public campaign against TV, its architects could legitimately claim to wage it — in that inevitable rationale for all do-goodism — "for the children." The University of Michigan Health System reports children ages 2 to 5 spend on average 32 hours a week in front of a TV. Among 8- to 18-year-olds, 71 percent have a TV in their bedroom — and they spend on average 1.5 hours a day more watching TV than children without a TV in the bedroom. Watching TV is worse than a mindless activity, since mere mindlessness needn't be harmful. "Excessive TV viewing can contribute to poor grades, sleep problems, behavior problems, obesity and risky behavior," according to the University of Michigan. Berger cites a 2010 study from Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine that found among toddlers "every additional hour of television exposure" eventually means decreases in "classroom engagement ... math achievement ... time spent doing weekend physical activity ... and activities involving physical effort." The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends children 2 and younger avoid TV — and everything else on a screen — altogether. For the rest of us, that is all but impossible. It speaks to the power of TV that even when what's on doesn't truly interest you, it's hard to take your eyes off it. It literally demands our attention. The only defense is fewer TVs and more of them turned off. That's surely too much to hope for in a culture long ago utterly conquered by the TV screen. Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Shores political atmosphere

To the Editor:
I was very disappointed to learn in the Oct. 20 Grosse Pointe News article, "Shores chief leaves for City," our police chief, Stephen Poloni, has decided to leave Grosse Pointe Shores for another position in the City of Grosse Pointe. Poloni has had a distinguished career in our community and is widely respected and admired by our residents. His efforts — and those of his fellow officers — are appreciated by each and every resident and he will truly be missed. Poloni will never be forgotten; he will remain a part of the heritage of our community for generations to come. I was also very disappointed to read, in that same article, Mayor James Cooper commented, "there is no doubt that the current political atmosphere is having an effect on our employees." That leaves me to wonder if it was the "atmosphere" that caused Poloni to leave, or whether it was the actions and policies of our mayor and his administration which have disregarded the efforts of our senior employees and chosen to compensate them with a salary and benefits package less de-

sirable than some of the officers who have worked under their leadership? Has it been the atmosphere that is affecting our public safety department morale, or is it the fact our mayor and his administration have elected to seek arbitration with our police command instead of negotiating an honorable settlement that meets the needs and obligations of both sides? In arbitration, nobody truly "wins." The same comment causes me to wonder who exactly the mayor deems responsible for the current "political atmosphere?" Is it the two councilmen who were elected by the voters to represent independent perspectives — but who are summarily outvoted by the same 5-2 margin on nearly every critical vote? Or does he believe the residents and taxpayers of Grosse Pointe Shores are themselves responsible? Perhaps he chooses to blame those frustrated residents and taxpayers who take time from their busy family lives and schedules to attend council meetings and express their concerns. The very same people allowed to express their opinions on agenda items only before an item is discussed at those

meetings. Not during or after. The very same taxpayers and residents subjected to the mayor's "three minute rule," where their public comments are monitored by an old-fashioned kitchen timer and interrupted and verbally chastised, should they exceed their allotted time to speak. Nobody in Grosse Pointe Shores should be pleased or happy our chief has left us. And nobody should be proud of the rancor and discontent that exists at city hall during our meetings. But when asked about the responsibilities of leadership, former President Harry Truman once remarked, "The buck stops here." It might benefit our mayor and his administration to recognize they have been in charge for many years in our community. And they have certainly contributed to the atmosphere around here more than most residents and taxpayers. On Nov. 8, our community has the unique opportunity to elect a new mayor and an entirely new council. It is my sincere hope our fellow neighbors and residents will exercise their right to vote. And that they choose to support new leadership who will not only respect our great heritage and traditions — but will also pledge to bring our community back together. Such that we can work side-by-side to meet the challenges that lie ahead in the future. We are not the enemy, Mr. Mayor. RAYMOND RAHI, M.D. Grosse Pointe Shores

Transparency in G.P. Shores
Letter to the Editor:
Why is the Grosse Pointe

Shores administration, which reports directly to and is controlled by Mayor James Cooper — according to the new city charter — so fearful and obstructionist when it comes to fielding Freedom of Information Act requests? None of the other four Pointes go to the extremes of delay and threatened or actual legal action to avoid timely compliance. Unfortunately, instead of following the transparency model of good democratic government, the statist administration of Cooper believes in tight control of municipal communication, limiting public awareness and information. No other community, of which I am aware, employs and instructs expensive downtown legal counsel to review, vet and delay as long as possible any FOIA request, especially those from its residents. The current controversy is allegations made by the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club of being grossly overcharging for club and harbor water use going back as far as 2000, according to city attorney Mark McInerney. The dollar amount at risk for refund to the yacht club has never been made public. McInerney acknowledges the Shores — Mayor Cooper? — signed a standstill agreement with the yacht club in the spring of 2010, a few short weeks before the extremely close recall election barely won by Cooper. It is a fact this very substantial and current liability is a Shores budget buster and therefore, material to ongoing financial statements. Cooper refuses, nevertheless, to permit the release of any documents See LETTERS, page 10A

I SAY By Karen Fontanive

Gypsy, hippie, vampire — Snooki?



As I recently looked at the Halloween costumes on store racks — in between the Christmas decorations — I was reminded of trick-or-treating in my youth. Back in the day — and I'm allowed to say that now that I reached the half century mark — we didn't buy costumes. There weren't any Angry Birds, Smurfs or Snookis. We ransacked closets throughout the house to create our costumes. It was always easy to be a "hippie." We already had our own bell bottoms, mini-skirts, Go-Go boots and peace-sign

jewelry. A little (or a lot) of make-up, teasing of the hair and wrapping a piece of cloth around the forehead and you were good to go. A scarecrow was another of our common costumes. We'd grab Dad's denim overalls, stuff some dead weeds in the pockets, put on a straw hat and off we went. A hobo was another easy choice. Don the overalls, rub some charcoal on the face (there was always charcoal since there weren't many gas grills back then), tie a handkerchief on the end of a stick and hit the streets. I'm not sure what it was originally, but we had a red with white polka dot dress-like garment. It was gathered at the neck to make a flouncy collar so it became our clown costume. Stuff a pillow under the dress, wrap a belt around, paint your face white, add make-up, lipstick, stuff something in the

toes of dad's work boots, step on in and you were ready to go. My sister and I were discussing our Halloween costumes the other day. Without any prompting, she said, "I don't know what it was, but that black fabric, I must have worn that seven years in a row." Ah, yes, the black satin circle skirt. I'm not sure why my mom had it and if she ever wore it, but my sister and I used that skirt to be a gypsy — add lots of make-up, hairspray and goldlink jewelry — or a vampire — dress in black, use the skirt as a cape and dribble some red lipstick from the side of your mouth down to your chin. I could see a small smile on my sister's face as she recalled the skirt. If my sister wore it seven years in a row, I wore it the next seven. That one piece of clothing transported us to another character in another time and

evoked great memories and conversation. As much as I loved creating my costumes, I am guilty of buying or making my children costumes over the years. Oh, I would suggest they grab my old baseball uniform or dance costumes or put a sheet over their head, but those closet-ransacking costumes weren't good enough. I'd try to sell it as retro, but they weren't buying. So I would make Dorothy and Tin Man costumes or buy a Batman or Go-Go girl outfit. (I should have saved my hot pants and Go-Go boots.) Maybe in a couple of decades my children will reminisce fondly about the outfits painstakingly made by their so-not-a-seamstress mother or the store-bought costumes. But now, it's time to ransack the closets at Mom's house to find that black satin skirt. Halloween is still a few days away.



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Macomb move needs Wayne support

State funds truck

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A legal assessment this week lessened the chances of Grosse Pointe Shores slipping out of Wayne County and joining Macomb County.

Rather than Shores voters having the whole say, the shift requires approval by a majority of voters from both counties, according to Shores city attorney, Mark McInerney.

"Grosse Pointe Shores may not choose to be placed entirely within either Wayne or Macomb County without the approval of the electorate of both counties," he said.

Some Shores officials eying

the change looked forward to Macomb's lower taxes.

If successful, Shores property tax payments would shift to Macomb County, not Wayne.

McInerney's research dampened the idea because Wayne voters, in supporting the move, would be cutting themselves off from Shores tax revenues.

Councilman Dan Schulte had requested a couple months ago a committee be formed to research the idea.

His hopes were based, in part, on comments attributed in 2008 to former City Manager Mike Kenyon.

In the Feb. 21, 2008 Grosse Pointe News article, "Charter commission candidates de-

cide," Kenyon is cited indirectly giving reasons the Shores should shed its status as a village and recharter as a city:

"The move would also allow voters to one day decide whether to switch over to Macomb County, where property and school taxes are lower than in Wayne County. But that potential is 'way down the road,' Kenyon said."

McInerney's opinion reinforced his informal analysis presented at the September council meeting.

"It wasn't a shock that he came back with what he said in September," Schulte said. "I don't think it kills the whole thing, but it does make it more

challenging."

If Wayne voters allow one of their golden geese to fly the coop, Shores residents could still attend Grosse Pointe public schools.

"A move by Grosse Pointe Shores to become entirely part of Macomb County would have no effect on the boundaries of the school district in which our city is located," McInerney said. "The current Wayne County portion of Grosse Pointe Shores would remain part of Grosse Pointe Public School System, even if the city were entirely part of Macomb County."

"By the same token, nothing would change as far as school boundaries for the former Lake Township portion of the city."

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Creative writing is for more than ghost stories and spy capers.

Brett Smith used it to get state funds to buy a municipal public works vehicle.

"I had great help from SEMCOG (the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments)," said Smith, director of public works in Grosse Pointe Shores. "We were both very creative in writing a grant."

The payoff comes with a \$135,000 state grant to replace a diesel vehicle. Money comes from a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant.

"We still have some hoops to

jump through," said City Manager Brian Vick. "I'm of the mind that until we receive that money, I'm nervous. So far, so good."

The grant is part of a \$6 billion program administered by the Federal Highway Administration. Grants are centered around projects that reduce air pollution caused by traffic congestion.

"Somehow it was approved," Smith said. "Generally, those funds are used for widening roads, traffic controls to keep traffic moving."

Projects must meet state and federal highway administration requirements.

"We've been advised the money has been set aside for us," Smith said.

Two on council say goodbye

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — This month's city council meeting was the last regularly scheduled for members Vicky Boyce and Robert Graziani.

Neither is seeking re-election Nov. 8.

"Thanks for the memories," said Boyce.

"It is a privilege to have been elected to sit on the council for Grosse Pointe

Shores and to serve our community," said Graziani. "I truly believe we are blessed to live in one of the best and premier cities in Michigan."

Boyce was first elected to the council in 2008. Graziani began in 2009.

Both served as village clerk prior to the Shores' reorganization as a city.

Graziani, an attorney, serves on the election commission. He also is council liaison to the municipal buildings commission.

"Most importantly, I thank the department heads, mainly (public works director) Brett Smith and his great staff for the commitment they have in making sure the community looks its best, no matter the season or weather," Graziani said.

Boyce, a registered nurse, is liaison to the public works and beautification commissions.

"I have such deep respect for the people with whom I worked over the past number of years," said Boyce.

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relating to these allegations.

The only people in Shores government fully aware of the potential yacht club claim are Cooper, city manager Brian Vick, and McInerney. The Village council appears to be virtually in the dark.

Cooper, at the candidate debates held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, repeatedly stressed in his opinion this November election should be won by those candidates who best demonstrate by their past actions the leadership traits of "honesty, integrity, transparency and experience."

Cooper, please help me to understand how your actions in advocating delays in the release of documents requested by Shores residents at the Tuesday, Oct. 18, council meeting, and by the Grosse Pointe News, demonstrates honesty, integrity, and a practice of true transparent government.

If these leadership attributes are the true test for leadership, then your actions, sir, ought to disqualify you from serious consideration as the next Shores mayor Nov. 8.

JOHN BOOTH
Grosse Pointe Shores

Attack against integrity

To the Editor:

As a sitting councilman in Grosse Pointe Shores and one who is up for election Nov. 8, I expected I will hear a variety of opinions about my candidacy and my performance as a councilman.

I noted in the candidates forum, recently conducted by the League of Woman Voters of Grosse Pointe, I agreed with other candidates that this election was not contentious, but rather an excellent example of a vibrant democracy, among candidates with a different view of success.

I was very concerned when, this past week, a letter was submitted to the Grosse Pointe Shores City Manager Brian Vick that had a direct attack against the integrity of my wife.

Susan was a poll worker at the May 2010 election regarding the potential recall of some on the council. In the letter signed by Mr. Vito Cusenza, he stated "...one of the city council members wives (Brian Geraghty's wife) was hired by the city as a poll worker. It is an obvious conflict of interest when an elected official with a vested interest in the outcome of the election has an immediate family member hired by the city to work at the polls."

I was not a target of the recall. And my interests were to have an election open to all registered voters of Grosse Pointe Shores. To imply or infer my wife would in any way try to influence election results by her work as a poll

worker is a most ugly and unsubstantiated attack.

Susan has the highest integrity and is deeply affected by this attack that she would have a conflict of interest. She has served in officer positions in the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation and was the president of the Grosse Pointe Improvement Foundation in 2009.

She worked in the automotive industry for 30 years as an engineer with many of those years in management positions. Her integrity has never been questioned and to say she has a conflict of interest, is hurtful to her.

I have come to expect attacks at me, but attacking my family is taking this beyond belief.

The letter submitted by Cusenza that contained the attack on my wife, specifically noted other residents on his "GPSAFE" citizen group as Mr. John L. Booth, Mr. Gerald J. Miserendino and Dr. Robert E. Lee. These individuals were also involved in the failed recall effort.

I also noted signs for some candidates in the upcoming election are on the lawns of the residents noted in this letter that attacked my wife.

I call upon these candidates to publicly denounce this attack on my wife, the people involved and to remove their signs from the lawns of all the residents who are part of GPSAFE.

BRIAN GERAGHTY
Councilman
Grosse Pointe Shores

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To the Editor:

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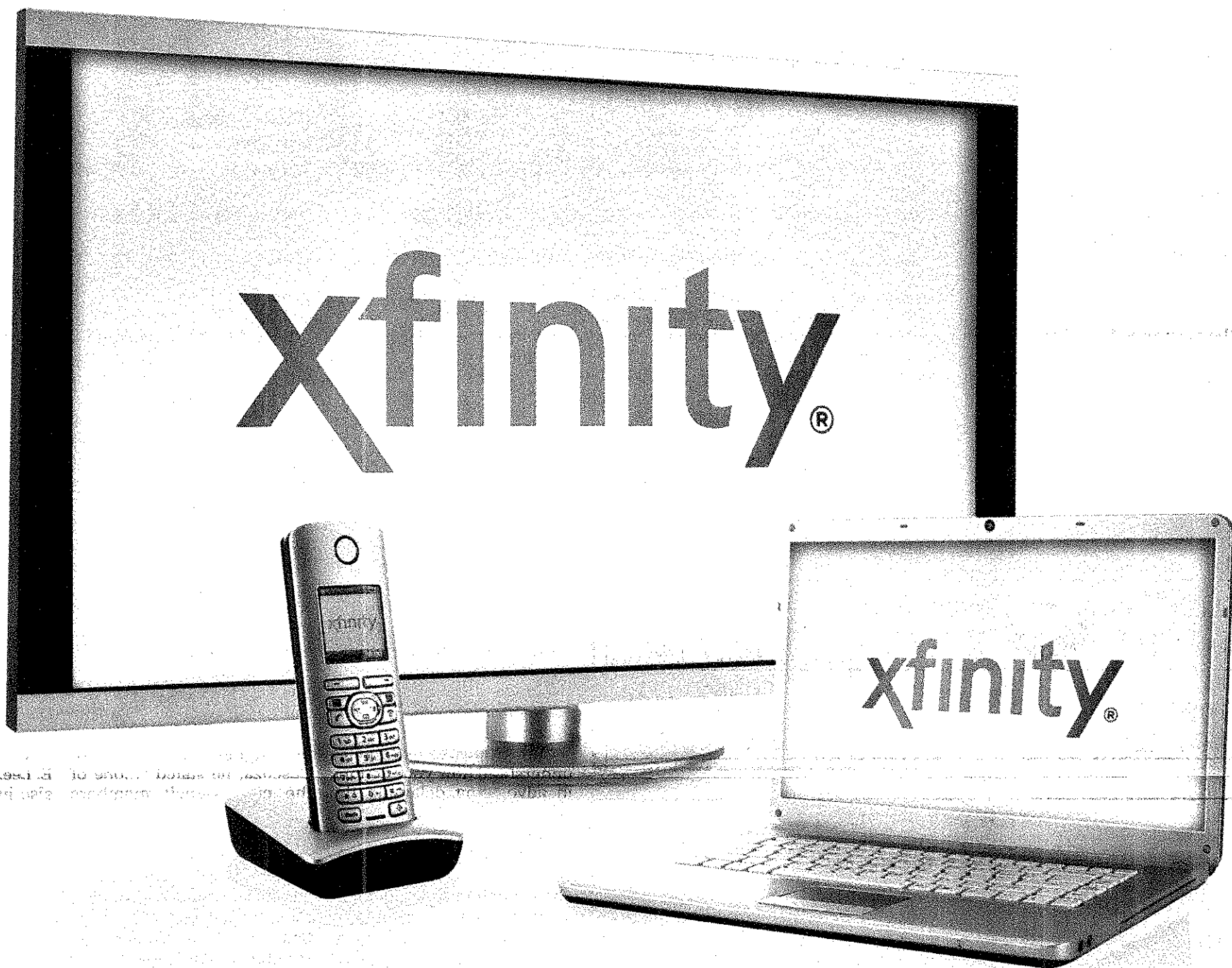
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A district-wide haunting

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

On an extended plot of land at Mack Avenue between Lexington Road and Colonial Court rests a pair of connected Cox & Baker 1940s-style model houses belonging to Glen Williams and his parents, Ray and Joan.

The last four years, Williams, a physical education teacher at Maire Elementary School, has utilized the larger size and close proximity of the two properties, transforming them into an elementary-friendly haunted house called, "Haunted Garage Productions presents Mr. Williams' Haunted Garage."

"We have a little bit bigger property than the average house, which is nice because the kids can walk the trail," Williams said. "They'll be outside close to 15, 20 minutes seeing the different characters, different stations."

Impassioned by Halloween and holiday decorations, Williams developed the idea through the years. He originally built his own decorations, but as Halloween-themed decor became more readily available, Williams and his parents accumulated an overabundance.

"It kind of grew out of control because we were buying so much Halloween stuff that it got to the point where, 'wow,

we should probably move some of this stuff outside," Williams said.

The decorations cover both yards and fill every room of Williams' house. Each features a different theme ranging from dracula and witches, to pirates, graveyards and haunted farms. And Williams' former students, considered his haunt crew, work each room, providing entertainment for children.

Set-up typically takes two months — from mid-August to mid-October — and is usually reserved for he and his father, who helps decorate and engineers wiring for the fog machine, strobe lights and mechanical monsters. But this year, Williams enlisted the help of Grosse Pointe South students Robbie Whaley, Demetrius Thompson and Jacob Malboef, as well as friends Gary Lumas, who constructed the houses' animatronics, which include a 15-foot pumpkin that moves, and Jim Wieme, himself a haunted house enthusiast.

"It's long hours," Williams said. "It's a passion. We've never done something this big before."

In a two-week span, Williams welcomes students from the district's nine elementary schools. All proceeds from that day are given to each school's Parent Teacher Organization.

"The PTO at Maire has been so generous to me," Williams



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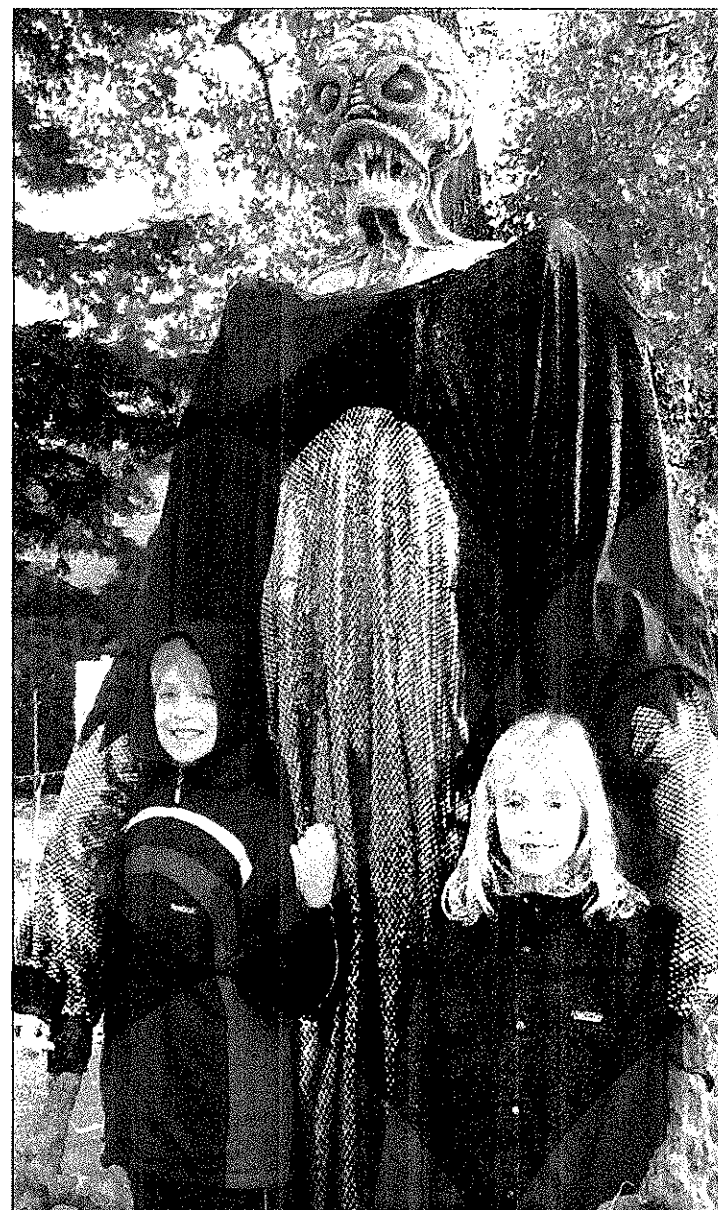
Top, In Glen Williams' haunted garage, creatures, such as this skeleton-masked man, lurk behind doors, walls and corn stalks.

Above, The haunted garage features several animatronic creations, including a 15-foot pumpkin.

Right, This eight-foot tall alien greets children as they enter the haunted garage.

said. "So, I thought, wouldn't it be great to do something to make it easy for (PTOs) to raise

money. It started with my own school four years ago. Compared to now, it was a real-

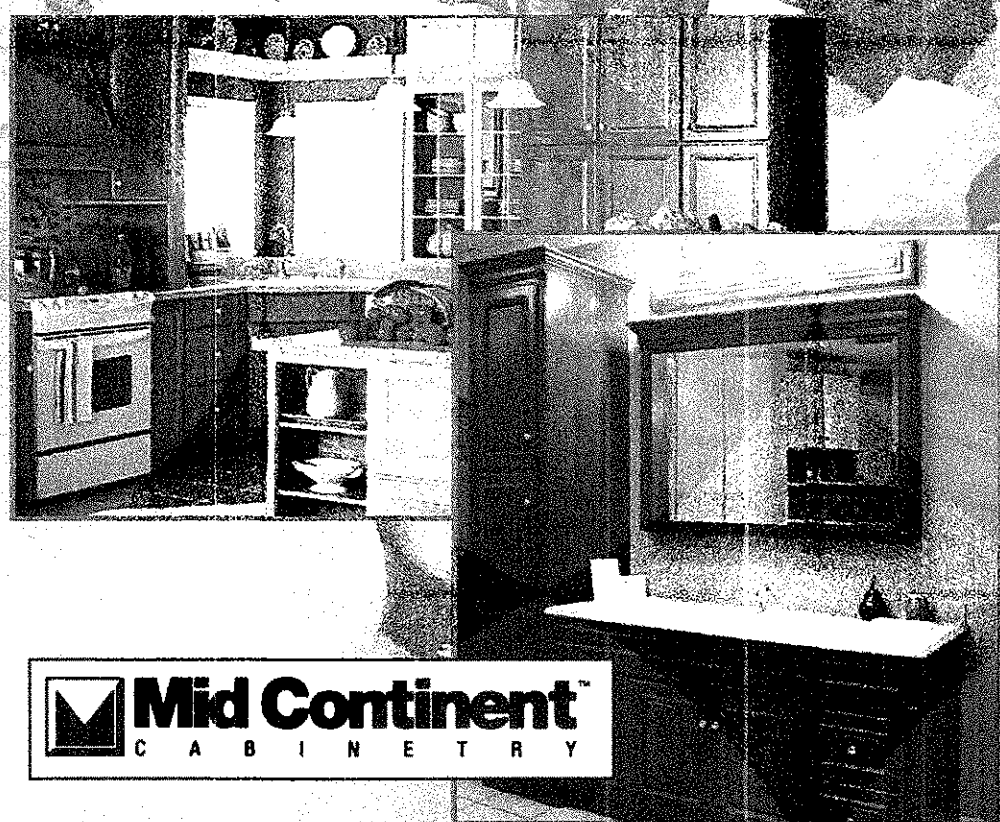


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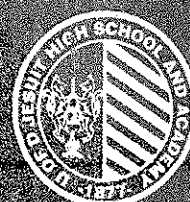
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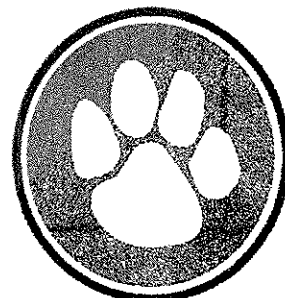
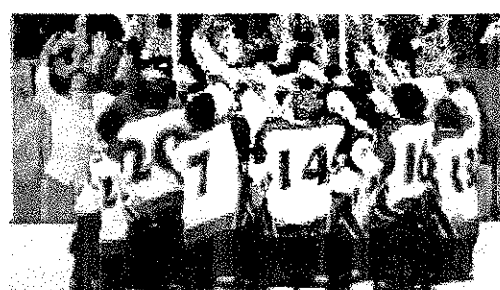


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One administrator approved, another discussed

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Highlighting the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education's monthly meeting were the appointment of Cathryn Armstrong and discussion of a potential contractual agreement with Larry Lobert.

Armstrong, who also contended for the Grosse Pointe South principal vacancy, replaces Parcels Middle School Principal Mark Mulholland, who plans to retire at the end of December.

While Lobert, the district's assistant superintendent of human resources and labor relations from July 2002 to June 2007, possibly returns to his former position as a third-party contracted employee when current human resources administrator, Tom Harwood, takes over as su-

perintendent.

Armstrong earned her Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Music degrees from The Ohio State University, and her education specialist degree and Ph.D in educational leadership from Oakland University. She spent the last five years as assistant principal at O.E. Dunckel Middle School in Farmington and 18 months as assistant principal at Farmington Hills Harrison High School.

"She has a lot of background and a great deal of expertise in the area of working with diverse learners, students with different needs, and also to advance the academic opportunities for students in the district of Farmington," Harwood said of Armstrong.

"And we're very excited to be able to have her come on

board as the upcoming principal at Parcels Middle School."

While Armstrong's appointment was approved during Monday's meeting, Lobert's contract approval will be discussed further in the November meeting.

According to Harwood, Lobert's contract would run from Jan. 1, 2012 to June 2013, and include a 60-day termination clause should the district find a full-time replacement.

The end of Lobert's proposed contract uncoincidentally coincides with the end of the current collective bargaining agreements for all groups. This affords the district to have on board an individual with a clear understanding of labor relations, contractual language requirements, legal restrictions and interpretation of the index salary compensa-

tion formula.

"Mr. Lobert has a previous history with the district," Harwood said.

"(He) is very knowledgeable of the contracts that we've established with our bargaining groups over the last few years, is well aware and trained in the new school reform and teacher tenure laws that are now put in place and some of the major legislative actions that have occurred recently."

During a brief information and discussion session, several board members, including trustee Fred Minturn and treasurer Brendan Walsh, disapproved of the temporary solution rather than seeking a permanent replacement, however qualified Lobert might be.

"From everything that I've spent a lot of time doing in understanding the economic

influence effecting public education funding today, I'm convinced that the single largest problem plaguing public schools is the retirement costs," Walsh said.

"There are many reasons why the situation is getting worse and worse, but probably the primary reason why is there are not enough employees contributing to that system. Every year they get less and less, the retirees get more and more."

"By engaging in these kinds of contracts, we're contributing to these kinds of problems. Albeit, on a very small scale, but I just don't think this is the right thing ... We need to get on with whomever will be our permanent solution."

Board briefs

• In the superintendent's report, the board recognized

North's and South's National Merit Award semifinalists and commended students. It also honored South's girls golf team for winning the Division 1 state championship, and Harwood for completing his doctoral degree.

• The board approved Roland Smith's novel, "Peak," for next year's sixth-grade classes.

• In November, the board recognizes its employees, who donate services beyond their usual requirements. Nominations are due in the superintendent's office by Monday, Oct. 31. Forms are available through board members, the superintendent's office and any building administrator's office.

• Current district enrollment is 8,410 students, 66 more than projected and six more than the spring count.

Teacher of the week

For her patient, step-by-step approach to teaching and the entertaining way she uses visual aids, particularly the collection of aprons she wears to coordinate with each subject's theme, Ferry Elementary School third-grader Meena Pandrangi nominated Jane Ellis as teacher of the week.

"I want to nominate Mrs. Ellis because she is an awesome teacher," Pandrangi said.

"She shows me and my class step by step with any subject — math, reading, science, social studies, writing; any subject.

"I also like her because she is really nice and funny because she has a lot of aprons."

Years at the Grosse Pointe Woods school: I have been a part of the Ferry community for 23 years.

Why did you become a teacher: My parents, Jack and Janet Ford, valued education and encouraged me to pursue my life-long dream of becoming an educator. I was inspired by my dad, who was a teacher and counselor at Grosse Pointe North.

Encouraging me every day is my husband, Dale — we met in third grade at Mason Elementary School.

Teaching in Grosse Pointe just seemed like the perfect fit.

What do you enjoy most about teaching: The energy children have. It's a pleasure

to teach children. I enjoy when my students become excited about their learning. It's contagious.

How do you feel about being nominated: I'm thrilled. It's rewarding when students express their appreciation for their teacher.

— A.J. Hakim

Nominations needed:

Students,

If you have a favorite teacher, who inspires you or makes each day fun and exciting, nominate that teacher for teacher of the week.

To do so, contact A.J. Hakim at (313) 343-5592, ext. 592, or via e-mail at ajhakim@grossepointenews.com.



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Ferry Elementary School third-grade teacher Jane Ellis, with Meena Pandrangi, the student who nominated her.

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Students make a difference

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

As sixth-grader Karina Minanov's community service slogan suggests, Grosse Pointe Academy students, honoring last week's national Make A Difference Day, were "working together for the better."

Throughout the day, students in grades 1 through 8 completed community service projects benefiting Services for Older Citizens, the autism center at Henry Ford Medical Center — Cottage & Pierson Clinic of Grosse Pointe and school maintenance employees.

First-graders designed birthday cards, second-graders Halloween cards and eighth-graders raked leaves, all for the elderly at SOC.

For display in the reception area at the autism center, third-graders created pinecone turkeys, fifth-graders typed Halloween-themed poems and fit them into Halloween picture frames and sixth-graders wrote limericks.

Fourth-graders also serviced the medical center, making fleece blankets for emergency room patients in need of warm items during the winter.

And while other grades' projects benefited those outside the school, seventh-graders assisted maintenance employees with raking leaves on and around the school tennis courts.

"It's important for children to



PHOTO BY A.J. HAKIM

During national Make A Difference Day, Grosse Pointe Academy seventh-graders assisted maintenance employees by raking leaves on and around the school tennis courts.

learn, even the small things like making a birthday card or Halloween card, makes a large impact on someone's life," said Academy Community Service Coordinator Sasha Murphy, who started the program last year.

"And what you do in your school is also considered your

community." Murphy engages students in at least one community service project per trimester, providing each grade with different opportunities such as bagging lunches, adopt-a-family and relay for life, among others. School participation in Make A Difference Day, the largest na-

tional day of helping others started and sponsored by USA WEEKEND Magazine, represents its first service project this year.

"I think the kids have really gotten a kick out of doing different projects throughout the year," Murphy said.

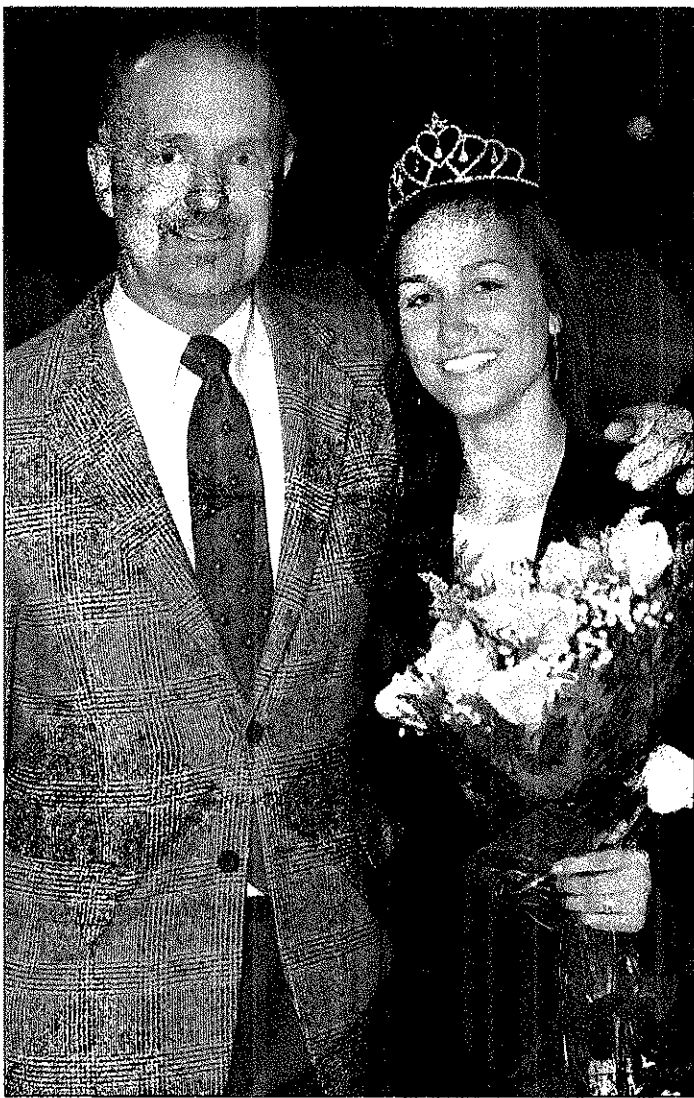


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South queen

During halftime of Grosse Pointe South's homecoming game against Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse, senior, Christine Naber, was nominated homecoming queen. Pictured, Naber with her father, Michael.

Alum returns to direct show



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Surrounding T.J. Corbett, middle, is the "Moon Over Buffalo" cast and crew. From left, Janine Puleo, Susan Stefani, Alex Holmes, Madeline Mair, Alec Josaitis, Zoe Hu, Joey El-Gothamy and Stella Gatzke.

Following a summer performing in a local stage production, University Liggett School 2004 alum T.J. Corbett returns to his alma mater for his directoral debut with Ken Ludwig's, "Moon Over Buffalo."

One of the Liggett Players' two shows in their fall repertory program, "Moon Over Buffalo" is a situational, slapstick comedy about traveling actors George and Charlotte

Hay and their confusion-riddled, plot-twisting quest toward Hollywood stardom.

In directing the show, Corbett, a University of Michigan — Flint graduate fresh off a stint in Mitch Albom's play, "Ernie," works alongside mentor and Liggett's chair of the department of creative and performing arts, Phillip Moss.

Moss helped stage the players' second production,

Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun."

The Liggett Players are a student-centered, student-run theater production group.

Their two-show play is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 10 and Friday, Nov. 11, and 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 12 and Sunday, Nov. 13.

Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$8 for reserved seating and are available at seatyourself.biz.

School briefs

South's fall follies

Grosse Pointe South's Fall Follies is an annual event showcasing the school's performance choir and jazz band.

Held each autumn, the variety show incorporates singing, dancing and theater, with this year's theme grounded in music from Green Day's, "American Idiot," Neil Diamond, Broadway, the big band era, swing dancing and more.

The show is 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Nov. 4 and 5, and 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 6, at Grosse Pointe North's Performing Arts Center.

Tickets are \$15 for floor seats and \$10 for the balcony and available at Posterity: A Gallery or gpsouthchoir.org.

Regina hosts auction

Warren Regina High School is hosting its seventh Annual Dinner and Auction, the school's signature yearly

event.

The event is from 5 to 11 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 12. Proceeds benefit the school's scholarship fund, which ensures tuition assistance for students in financial need.

As in previous years, the event features an hors d'oeuvre and cocktail hour, dinner, an auction and entertainment by Detroit-native and illusionist, Michael Mode.

For more information, or to make a reservation, contact the advancement office at (586) 585-0500, ext. 285.

St. Paul holds procession of saints

For the first time, St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School is holding a "Procession of the Saints" at the beginning of Mass for kindergarten through fifth grade.

Mass is 10 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 1, in the school gymnasium. All children dress as their favorite saint.

Academy lecture series focus on cyberbullying

For its annual McMillan Lecture series, Grosse Pointe Academy hosts Parry Aftab, a lawyer specializing in Internet privacy and security law.

Considered one of the founders in the field of cyberbullying, Aftab is executive director of WiredSafety, an Internet safety and help group, and stopcyberbullying.org, a WiredSafety companion website.

Her lecture, scheduled for 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the Tracy Fieldhouse at Grosse Pointe Academy, focuses on Internet safety and cyberbullying. She offers her perspective on risks of Internet use among teens and tweens, as well as advice to parents with school-aged children.

The lecture is free and a question and answer session follows. For more information, call (313) 886-1221 or visit gpacademy.org.

NOTICE OF GENERAL CITY ELECTION AND REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION To be held TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011 IN THE CITIES OF GROSSE POINTE PARK, GROSSE POINTE, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, AND VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY-WAYNE COUNTY

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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.

Michael J. Allor

St. Clair Shores resident Michael J. Allor, 50, died peacefully Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011, at University Hospital in Ann Arbor after a long battle with leukemia. He was born Aug. 14, 1961, in Grosse Pointe to Richard and Barbara (nee Beaupre) Allor, raised in Grosse Pointe Woods and graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School.

Mr. Allor owned Detroit Custom Framing & Gallery on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods. The business was started by his father and has been family owned and operated for more than 50 years.

Mr. Allor was devoted to his family and his business. His family said he had a warm and welcoming personality that drew people to him, creating hundreds of friendships. His love for his wife, daughters, grandchildren, family and friends was the rock in his struggle the last few months.

Mr. Allor was a sports fanatic who enjoyed watching hockey, a sport he played in his youth. He was a perfectionist and was meticulous about his yard and maintaining clean cars.

Mr. Allor is survived by his loving wife, Sherry; daughters, Nicole (Brent) O'Hara and Mandy (Chris) Ritter; grandchildren, Olivia, Sophie and Teague O'Hara and Alex and Matthew Ritter; his siblings, Deborah (Michael) Fish, Richard (Angela), Jeff (Tina), Cindy (Jeff) Stolarz and Beth (Warren) Hyde; his father, Richard; seven nieces; eight nephews; father-in-law, Raymond Gillespie; and brother-in-law, Dan (Terri) Gillespie.

He was predeceased by his mother, Barbara; his mother-in-law, Mary Lou Gillespie; and one nephew.

A funeral service was held Oct. 22 at Bethel Lutheran Church in St. Clair Shores.

Donations may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Association, 12650 Riverside Dr., Suite 206, North Hollywood, CA 91607 or the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Donor Services, P.O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202.

Cyril A. Grobbel Jr.

Cyril A. Grobbel Jr., 85, died Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011.

He was the loving father of eight children, Cyril III (the late Mary Ann Mac), Melea, Marita (Dennis Andrus), Christopher (Karen Oliver), Regan (Joseph) Stolarz, Jason (Renee Brown), Cassandra (Bob) Budzik, Anastasia (Scott) Minor; beloved brother of Patricia (Bill) Kemp; and devoted grandfather of 22.

Mr. Grobbel grew up in Grosse Pointe where he attended Grosse Pointe High School. As a teenager, he played saxophone in his band called the Sultans of Syncopation. In high school, he took a class in avionics and later enjoyed piloting small planes. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in economics and business administration from the University of Detroit in 1948. As a child, he had a love of the water and boating and later taught his family about enjoying and navigating the water ways of the Great Lakes.

He married in 1950 and raised his eight children in Grosse Pointe. He was the third generation owner of E.W. Grobbel Sons, founded in 1883. Located in Detroit's Eastern Market, the company is the oldest independently owned corned beef company in the United States. When he retired, he moved to Port Huron and became the proud owner of Blue Water Boarding Kennels for the next 20 years.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 22 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Anne Fletcher Haughton

Anne Fletcher Haughton, 85, passed away Sunday, Oct. 2, 2011, in Palm Harbor, Fla.

Born May 18, 1926, in Detroit to Cara Van Campen and Charles Henry Fletcher, she was a great-granddaughter of Col. and Mrs. Henry Hecker whose grand homestead still sits on Woodward Avenue in Detroit. Known as "Beezie" by her childhood friends, she lived most of her life in Grosse Pointe Farms and graduated from Grosse Pointe Country Day School and Briarcliff Manor.

In 1952, she married Ronald W. Haughton, who predeceased her in 2005. She was an active volunteer and held offices and was a member of many organizations including Christ Church Grosse Pointe, Junior League of Detroit, Planned Parenthood, Country Club of Detroit and was a 72-year member of the Sigma Gamma Association of Detroit.

Mrs. Haughton worked beside her husband, typing most of his 4,000-plus arbitration cases and moved with him to Washington, D.C. when he was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to serve as one of the first board members, and later chairman, of the Federal Labor Relations Board.

Mrs. Haughton loved tennis and golf which she played into her 70s. A talented athlete, she was the 14 and under Michigan girls tennis champion and made two holes-in-one within a one-month period.

She lived her retirement years in Stuart and Palm Harbor, Fla., and treasured more than 40 summers at her home in Martha's Vineyard.

Mrs. Haughton is survived by her daughters, Jan (Tom) Tracy, Patty Haughton and Leslie (Howard) Zemsky; son, John (Jennifer); 13 grandchildren and her sister, Louise Pierce.

Her brother, Charles "Chuck" Fletcher Jr., predeceased her by 46 hours.

A memorial service was held in Clearwater, Fla. A celebration of her life will be held next summer in Martha's Vineyard.

Delima "Della" Peterson

Delima Goulet Peterson, 91, died Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, at Bickford Cottages in Kalamazoo.

Known as Della to family and friends, she was born in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, worked on the family farm and attended school there. At age 13, she left the farm to work in the Montreal area, living with friends of the family.

In 1942, she married Joseph Sproder. Mr. Sproder died in 1963, leaving her with three daughters.

In 1964, she married John Theuerkorn, to whom she was married only seven years due to his untimely death.

In 1974, she married Alfred "Bud" Peterson Jr., to whom she was married 37 years before his death in June.

For most of her life, Mrs. Peterson dedicated herself to raising her three daughters, whom she loved dearly. Her family said she will be remembered as a vivacious person with a movie-star quality who loved to socialize with others.

Mrs. Peterson is survived by her daughters, Sheila (Carmen Brancato) Schebil of Grosse Pointe, Lana (Tom DeGroot) Ashley of Kalamazoo and Debra (Tim) Hanna of Portage; stepchildren, Gail (Ricardo Wyatt) Lauzzana of Ann Arbor; Alfred H. Peterson III, of the Dominican Republic; Eric (Beth) Peterson of Northville and Kristen Peterson of Kalamazoo; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at St. Monica Catholic Church,

4408 S. Westnedge, Kalamazoo.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation in honor of Della Peterson, 322 Eighth Ave., Seventh Floor, New York, NY 10001.

Helen Farnin-Clancy

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Helen Farnin-Clancy, 82, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald Clancy; children, Joe (Donna) Farnin, Mary Farnin, Theresa (Scott) Wilderman and Paul (Lisa) Farnin and grandchildren, Megan, Maggie, Rachel, Christopher, Max and Joe.

Born in St. Louis, Mo., she graduated from Notre Dame High School and moved to Detroit with her first husband, Joe, who predeceased her. She attended Wayne State University and Macomb Community College.

In addition to being a homemaker, she enjoyed golf and tennis. She also loved spending her winters in Florida with her husband, Gerald.

A funeral Mass was held Oct. 22 at St. Lucy Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores.

Donations may be made in her memory to Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

Suzette de Marigny Alger Howard

Suzette de Marigny Alger Howard died peacefully Monday, Oct. 17, 2011, in her home in Aiken, S.C., from complications resulting from breast cancer.

Born in Grosse Pointe, she was the daughter of the former U.S. Ambassador to Belgium and Lt. Gov. of Michigan, Frederick Moulton Alger Jr. and Suzette de Marigny Dewey Alger and granddaughter of Charles S. Dewey, assistant secretary of the treasury under President Dwight D. Eisenhower; and Suzette de Marigny Hall Dewey.

Mrs. Howard is survived by her brother, Fred Alger; children, Reese Evans Howard Jr. of Lebanon, N.J., Suzette Howard Oates of Greenwich, Conn., and Catherine Alger Howard of New York City; seven grandchildren and twin great-granddaughters.

Her family said Mrs. Howard, known for her stylish ways, signature oversized glasses and charm, was a master fundraiser, organizer and horsewoman. She was instrumental in the beginnings of the South Hampton Horse Show, Far Hills Horse Show and the Far Hills Races, each benefiting local charities. She also worked for EF Hutton specializing in public relations, which led to a significant event surrounding the Paris Air show.

Most thrilling for her was her co-ownership of Warrior, the eventing thoroughbred that won horse of the year in 1978. He was ridden and co-owned by her dear friend, Jane Holderness Rodham.

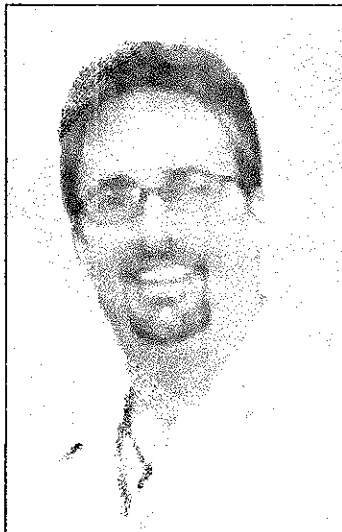
Mrs. Howard was also an avid golfer as well as horseracing, football and tennis fan.

Mrs. Howard served as the chairman of board of the Aiken Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame and Museum located in Aiken, S.C. As such, she curated several art shows introducing fine sporting painters and sculptors while raising awareness and financial support for the museum.

She was admired for her strength, grace and vigor during her 18-year battle with both throat and breast cancer. Her family is grateful to her doctors and caregivers.

Mrs. Howard is also survived and will be missed by her two Welsh terriers, Rambler and Olivia, and her horse, Savvy.

A celebration of her life was held Oct. 22, at Palmetto Golf Club in Aiken. A private burial



Michael J. Allor



Della Peterson



Jeanne V. Suminski

service will take place Saturday, Oct. 30, in Michigan.

Donations may be made to the Hitchcock Woods Foundation, P.O. Box 1702, Aiken, SC 29802; National Museum of Racing Inc., 191 Union Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-3566 or Sloane Kettering Institute for Cancer Research in honor of Dr. Dennis Kraus, 1275 York Ave., New York, NY 10065.

Jeanne V. Suminski

Longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident Jeanne V. Suminski, nee Vandenheede, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, at Windemere Park Senior Community in Warren. She was 83.

Born July 4, 1928, in Belgium, her family said Mrs. Suminski was known for her dedication to and love of family. She spent holidays and many weekends enjoying or hosting family get-togethers to create and maintain family traditions that kept her large network of family and friends united.

With her husband, Harold, she created the Suminski-Vandenheede Family Bowling Tournament, which was held for the 49th year in April, hosted a Fourth of July party that generations of family attended for 30 years, as well as numerous golf outings and many impromptu pool parties.

A longtime employee of Wayne State University, she was proud of her role with the alumni association. She was a strong advocate of education and enjoyed extensive travel with the association and to visit her grandchildren across the United States.

Mrs. Suminski was an avid bridge and pinochle player, loved following politics and current events, served as secretary to the Lakeshore Teacher Bowling League and was a faithful parishioner of St. Ambrose Catholic Church for more than 50 years.

She cherished her neighbors and neighborhood and was an active member in her block club for many years. Known as "St. Jeanne" by her children, she will be greatly missed by all those whose lives she touched.

Mrs. Suminski is survived by her children, David (Deanna) Suminski, Jerry (Elizabeth) Suminski, Janet (Todd) Somers, Susan (George) Palms, Steven (Coleen)



Cyril A. Grobbel Jr.



Helen Farnin-Clancy



David L. Thomas

Suminski and Diane (Jeffrey) Renaud; 11 grandchildren; sisters, Sr. Mary Suzanne Vandenheede, OSM of Omaha, Neb., and Elaine Maes of St. Clair Shores, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Harold; her parents, Remi and Emma Boone Vandenheede and her brothers, Richard, Arthur, Henry and Thomas Vandenheede.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 24 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org or the Servants of Mary, 7400 Military Ave., Omaha, NE 68134.

David L. Thomas

David L. Thomas, 90, died peacefully Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, at Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe.

He was born in Tonypandy, Wales, April 27, 1921, to Aeron and Marjorie Thomas and at age 7 immigrated to the United States on The White Star Line ship. He graduated from Southeastern High School in 1939 and attended the Detroit Business Institute before enlisting in the U.S. Coast Guard in 1942.

He served his country in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater during World War II and was stationed in the Aleutian Islands for a short period before he was honorably discharged in 1946. While home on leave during the war, he married Carolyn Mihelich at Jefferson Avenue Baptist Church in 1945.

After the war, Mr. Thomas worked 17 years for Sibley Lumber as its credit manager. In 1964, he changed careers and began working for General Electric as a salesman of major appliances. He retired from G.E. in 1983.

Mr. Thomas enjoyed golf, tennis, pingpong and reading. He loved his church and the Grosse Pointe Public Library. He was a member of the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe and the Rinky-Dinks, a neighborhood social club in Grosse Pointe Woods.

His family said Mr. Thomas had a zest for life and his contagious enthusiasm was his hallmark. He loved chatting with people, was an excellent conversationalist and once he



Anne Fletcher Haughton



Suzette Alger Howard



Michael John Prigorac

met you, he knew you forever. He had a remarkable gift of friendship.

Mr. Thomas is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Carolyn "Connie"; children, Cheryl (Patrick) Quinlan, Susan (John) Gellasch and David L. Jr. (Patrice); grandchildren, Holly (Douglas, D.O.) Kubek, Patrick (Beth) Quinlan Jr., Paul Quinlan, Erin Quinlan, Michael (Lauren) Gellasch, Christopher Gellasch, Bridget Thomas, Anthony Thomas and Lewis Thomas; great-grandchildren, Douglas Kubek, Jr., Lily Kubek, Caroline Kubek, Michael Hukriede, Patrick Quinlan III, and Avery Quinlan; his brother, James and sisters-in-law, Mary Thomas and Aileen Thomas. He was predeceased by his brother, Mervyn.

A funeral service was held Oct. 24 at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods. Interment was at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

Donations may be made to First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Michael John Prigorac

Michael John Prigorac, 52, died Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011.

Born in Aliquippa, Pa., he graduated from Trenton High School in 1977 and attended Western Michigan University. He lived in Candler, N.C. and worked as a general contractor.

He was active with his church. His family said he had a heart of gold, loved life, stimulating conversations, sports and beautiful scenery. He was happiest spending time with his family and friends.

Mr. Prigorac is survived by his sons, Matthew Prigorac, of Grosse Pointe, and Brandon Palmer and sisters, Kimberly Dunn and Kellee Feifer.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at Woodhaven Freewill Baptist Church, 26191 Allen Road, Woodhaven.

Donations may be made to the American Heart Association at heart.org or to Piney Mountain United Methodist Church, 36 Piney Mountain Church Road, Candler, N.C. 28715.

It's the great pumpkin, Mason

Mason Elementary School hosted its annual pumpkin fest last weekend.

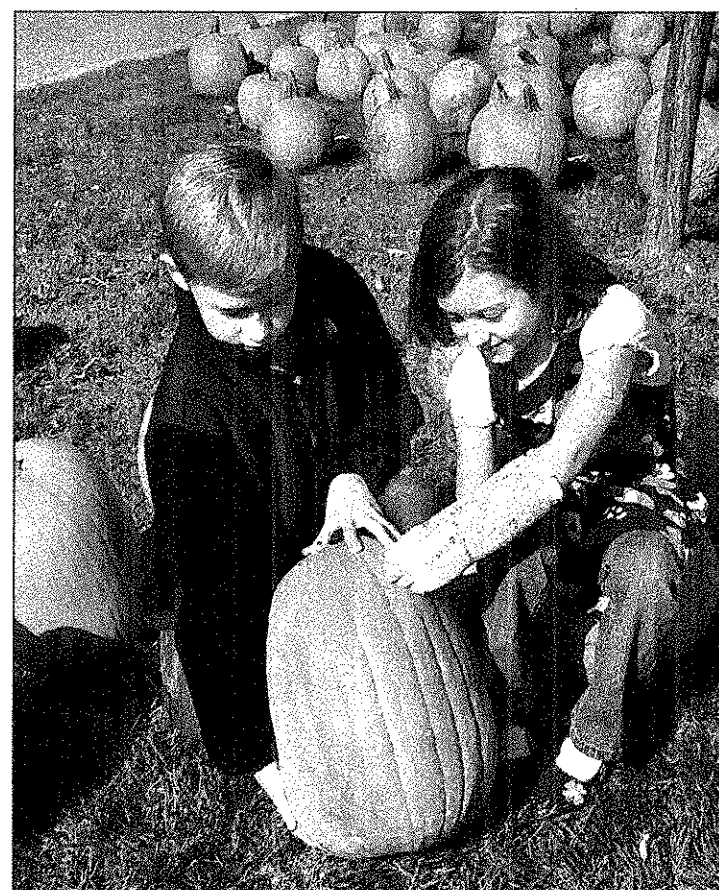
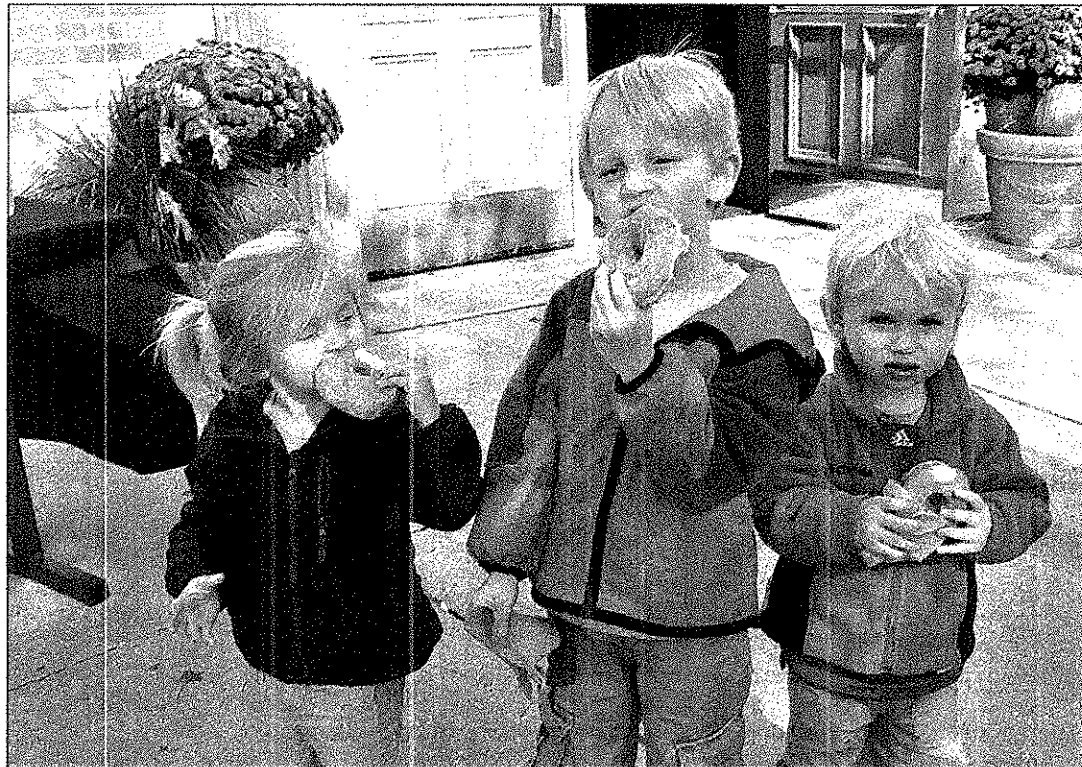
The day included games, crafts, a candy hunt, food, bounce house and, of course, a pumpkin patch.

Far right, Andrew Justice and his sister, Katherine, search for a pumpkin in the pumpkin patch.

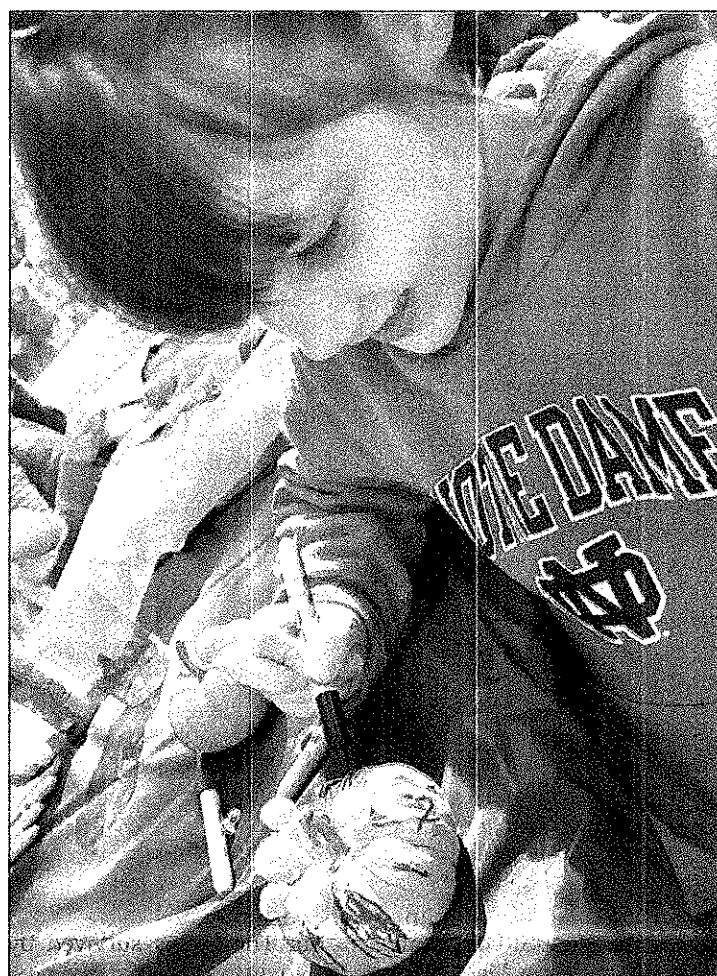
Right, from left, Ayla Grazidi, Vinnie Grazidi and Keegan Milius break from the event's festivities to enjoy cider and doughnuts.

Below, preschooler Beatrice Guibord uses Sharpie pens to decorate her pumpkin at the crafts station.

Bottom, Jacob Kostrzewa, left, cheers on Jack Jones, while he pumps enough air into the balloon to pop it in the game Boom Blaster Balloon.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



NOTICE OF ABSENT VOTER'S BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE CITIES OF:

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Registered qualified electors in the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Woods and Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City, Wayne County & Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City - Macomb County, Michigan who expect to be absent from the city or who are confined to home or hospital by illness or disability or are 60 years of age or more, may now apply for absent voter's ballots. NO SUCH REGULAR APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER 2:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2011. Applications can be made prior to such time at the Municipal Offices.

The offices of the City Clerks of Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Woods and Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City-Wayne County & Macomb County, will be open during normal business hours Monday thru Friday of each week. All offices will be open on Saturday, November 5, 2011 from 8:30 until 2:00 p.m. for absent voter's ballot.

HOWEVER, ANYONE WISHING TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT MAY DO SO IN THEIR CITY OFFICES ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2011 UNTIL 4:00 P.M.

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AUTOS By Jenny King

Mazda2: Small can be stylish



An early impression of the subcompact Mazda2: It looks tiny, but appears fully capable of transporting four or five people and goods, do it economically — and with a certain élan.

There are safety belts for five, but three abreast make a very crowded rear seat. However, the person in the middle gets the best headroom, which compensates for the lack of space. Outboard rear seat passengers may find the headliner intruding.

The automaker feels it has, with the Mazda2, an efficient body size that passes crash tests, fuel economy challenges and driving demands while



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The 2011 Mazda2 subcompact designers strove to give it a sense of motion, even when parked.

keeping it a subcompact.

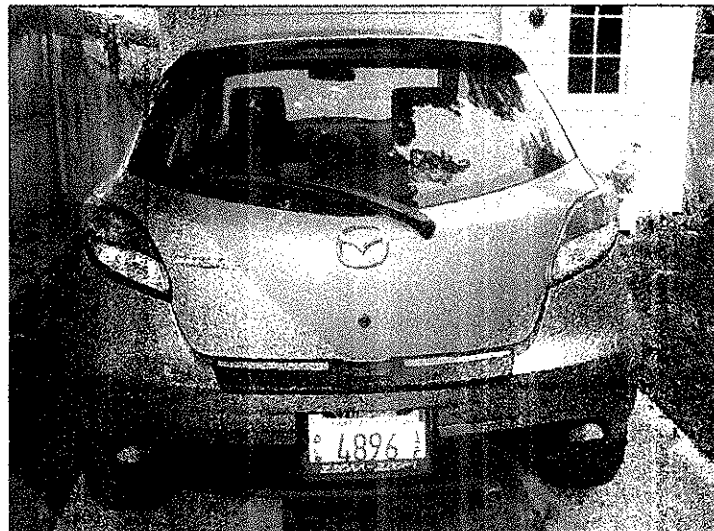
Shopping made easy

The 2011 Mazda2 comes in two trim levels: Sport and Touring. They share a 100-

horsepower 1.5-liter four. There are two transmissions: a five-speed manual or four-speed automatic.

Standard Sport features include power mirrors, air condi-

tioning, power windows and door locks, AM/FM/CD/MP3 stereo with four speakers, audio auxiliary jack, tilt steering wheel, remote keyless entry, rear window wiper/washer and



The liftgate and rear window of the Mazda2 are generous in size.

60/40 split fold-down rear seats.

Touring models feature upgraded cloth seat fabric, 15-inch alloy wheels, fog lights, rear roof spoiler, chrome exhaust tip, leather-wrapped steering wheel and steering wheel-mounted audio and cruise controls, trip computer and a six-speaker AM/FM/CD/MP3 stereo system.

The Mazda2 weighs in at a little more than 2,300 pounds.

Accessories available include a rear bumper guard, wheel locks (Touring only), all-weather floor mats, cargo net, center console with armrest and auto-dimming rearview mirror with compass and orange backlit buttons.

Standard safety and handling equipment comprises antilock brakes, dynamic stability control with traction control, electric power-assist steering, crushable brake and accelerator pedal assembly, front seat side air bags, side air curtains and a tire pressure monitoring system. The front brakes are discs, the rear brakes are drums.

Mazda says the Mazda2 is the first Mazda vehicle

launched in North America with the company's brake override system. If the brake and accelerator pedals are pressed simultaneously, this system prioritizes the brake over the accelerator to bring the car to a safe stop.

Our Mazda2 Touring with five-speed manual was rated at 29 miles per gallon city and 35 highway. The overall average is pegged at 32 mpg. It was fun to drive and parking is a breeze.

Its price, with prep and delivery, was \$16,680. The Touring model with manual transmission is \$15,635.

On the outside

Mazda says its exterior includes shortened body overhangs and trimmed corners to present a sporty compact that conveys stability.

The interior is functional and comfortable, but the hard surfaces and panels are hardly luxurious. For vehicles in this price range — a Sport five-door hatchback is a bit more than \$14,000 — one doesn't expect upscale. Visibility is good for driver and passengers.

Jenny King is an automotive writer who lives in the City of Grosse Pointe.

2012 Green Car of the Year finalists

Green Car Journal recently announced its five finalists for the 2012 Green Car of the Year award.

For the seventh consecutive year, the Green Car of the Year honors environmental leadership in the automotive field, with the winner being announced during a press conference at the Los Angeles Auto Show Press Days Thursday, Nov. 17.

This year's five finalists include the 2012 Ford Focus Electric, 2012 Honda Civic Natural Gas, 2012 Mitsubishi i, 2012 Toyota Prius V and 2012 Volkswagen Passat TDI.

The award recognizes vehicles that become available by Jan. 1 of the award year.

These five finalists are also honored as Green Car Journal's Top 5 Green Cars for 2012 for rising to the top of a field replete with increasingly more environmentally conscious and exciting models.

This year's nominees interpreted different takes on what makes a car "green."

◆ Honda's Civic Natural Gas promotes an alternative fuel that burns cleanly and is abundant in the United States.

◆ The Volkswagen Passat TDI continues VW's expansion of new clean diesel products that produce significantly lower emissions while achieving a high miles per gallon rating.

◆ The Prius V is a larger variant of Toyota's popular hybrid

model and marks an expansion of Prius into its own family of vehicles.

◆ Ford's Focus Electric and Mitsubishi's i continue the march toward greater choices of zero-emission all-electric vehicles on American highways.

"This year's Green Car of the Year finalists underscore there is no single solution to our transportation challenges," said Ron Cogan, editor and publisher of Green Car Journal and editor of GreenCar.com. "Here we have five exceptional answers to the question of how we're going to increase efficiencies, reduce tailpipe and CO2 emissions and decrease petroleum use.

"These nominees deserve to

be recognized for their unique approaches in providing consumers diverse choices as cars intelligently evolve toward a more environmentally-compatible motoring future."

Dozens of models are considered for the award that feature improved environmental impact and increased efficiencies. Vehicles running on all fuels and technologies weigh in, including high-efficiency gasoline and diesel models along with ones that run on gaseous fuels, electricity and other alternative fuels. Along with quantifiable environmental achievement, market significance and "newness" are but a few of many criteria considered as the field is narrowed to a final five.

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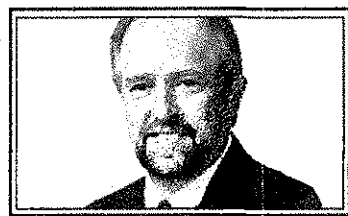
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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

2011 Toyota Venza AWD V6



We recently drove Toyota's 2011 Venza AWD 5-door, a popular crossover/wagon that competes in a growing, albeit overcrowded, segment — base price: \$29,900; price as tested: \$38,360.

With commuting and multi-passenger transportation needs on the rise, crossovers continue to pop up in all shapes and sizes from manufacturers all over the world. Venza, meanwhile, sits well positioned with its EPA classified SUV, offering numerous Venza model choices and an entry point of \$27,125 for the base 2WD 4-cylinder.

Although our test Venza this year came with the 268 horsepower V6, a close look at the EPA fuel mileage estimates show there's not much of a difference between the engines. The 4-cylinder we tested last December delivered 21 city/27 highway in 2WD form, while an AWD 4-cylinder generates 20/25. This is close to the V6's output of 19/26 for the 2WD and 18/25 for the AWD. The real advantages of the V6 show up in the transportation of five adults or handling some light duty hauling.

As with most Toyota's these days, a standard 6-speed automatic transmission with overdrive plays a major factor in the great highway fuel mileage and peppy acceleration. When coupled to the 3.5 liter 24-valve V6, the aforementioned 25 miles per gallon highway is an excellent number, considering the power at

hand and 246 pound-feet of torque available.

Our Venza's AWD system features an active torque control unit, which means it can work automatically. The AWD unites with a 4-wheel MacPherson strut independent suspension tuned for comfort and good handling. Thanks to standard 20-inch tires attached to beautiful alloy wheels, our Venza performed well in all driving tasks and was easy to park, even though this is not a compact car by any means. Be it city driving or highway cruising, Venza is "just the right size," in my opinion.

On the turnpikes, Venza drives like a family sedan, and is related to its cousin, Camry. Both are constructed alongside in Georgetown, Ky., by skilled technicians. Venza also touts a 5-Star National Highway Traffic Safety Administration government crash safety ratings for driver and passengers in frontal crash and 5-Star for front and rear seat side impact and four and two in frontal crash for driver and passenger, respectively. The two stars passenger frontal crash rating is disconcerting, although the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety gave the car a "good" rating in frontal crash tests.

All air bags are in place, including side curtain, along with other safety features such as vehicle stability with traction control, 4-wheel disc ABS brakes and electronic brake force distribution.

As for standard features, the list is long and includes dual zone air, cruise, driver and front passenger power seats with lumbar, numerous cupholders, 6-speaker stereo CD, 60/40 split reclining second row, all the powers, keyless entry and more.

Owners can utilize from 30.7 cubic feet of cargo space that expands to 70.1 with second row seats down. I like the power rear hatch with jam protection, as it opens and closes with the press of a button. This item is part of an \$860 convenience package that also includes a "smart key" push button start.

Other options on our tester include a \$2,100 comfort package that adds leather, passenger power seat with lumbar, heated seats, satin mahogany wood trim, heated outside mirrors and a windshield washer deicer. A high-tech navigation package costs \$2,580, and includes a 13-speaker JBL Synthesis Surround Sound stereo with 4 CD in dash capability. XM Satellite, XM Nav Traffic, MP3/WMA, USB, Bluetooth and iPod are all part of the option. A tow prep package adds another \$220, while a Panorama glass roof with tilt/slide adds \$1,050 to the price. The final options include floor and cargo mats for \$269, cargo net for \$51, backup safety camera for \$570 which, with \$720 destination, brought the final retail to \$38,360.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 109.3 inches, 4,045-pound curb weight, 8.1-inch ground clearance, 39.1 turning circle, 3,000-pound tow capacity with tow package and a 17.7-gallon fuel tank. Toyota is currently offering leftover incentives — the 2011 Venza is identical to the 2012, sans some model badges.



2011 Toyota Venza

Likes: Economy, V6 power, interior room, 6-speed auto build quality.

Dislikes: Pricey options, conflicting passenger frontal crash safety ratings between

NHTSA and IIHS.
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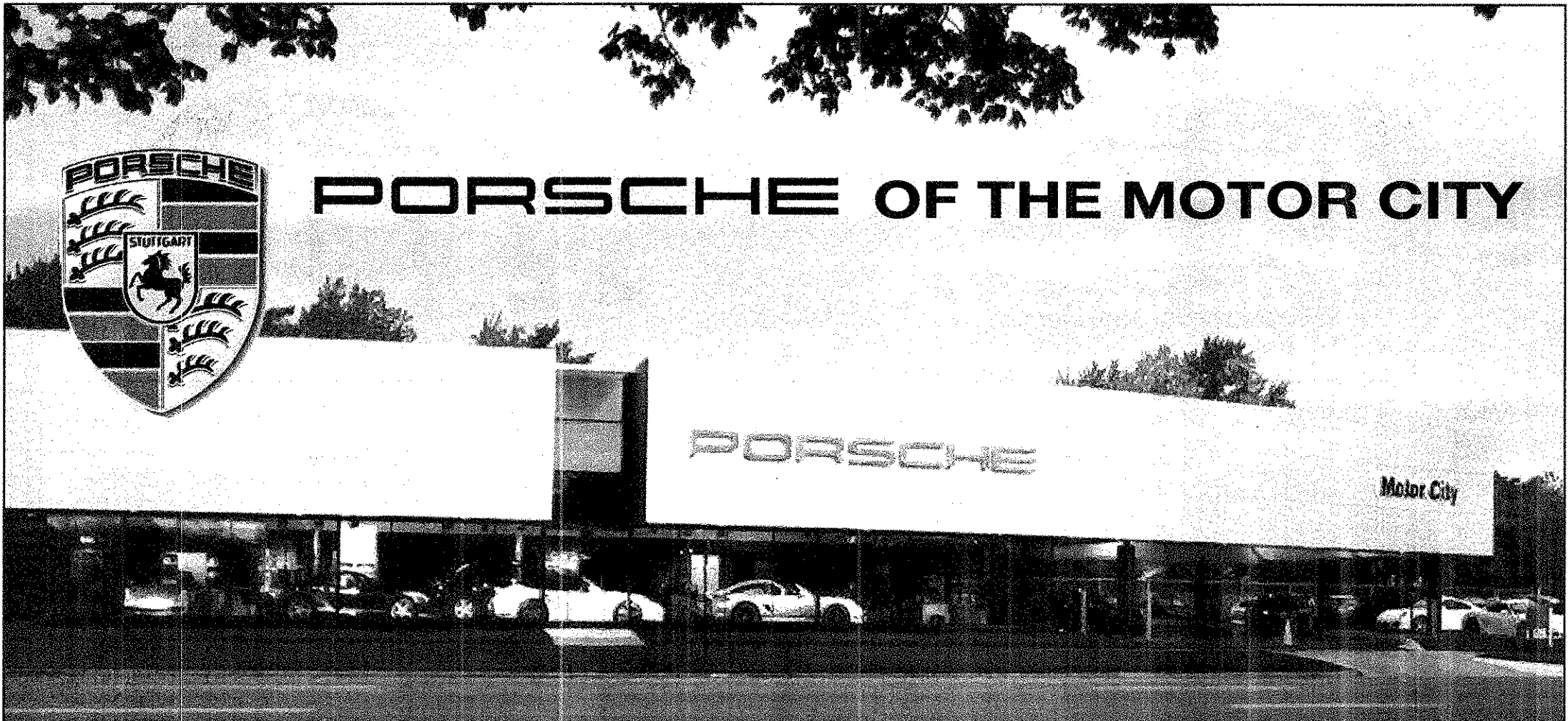
The 2012 GMC Savana 2500 Cargo Van with 6.6L Duramax 6600 turbodiesel. The 2500 Cargo Van is offered with a V-8 engine, rear wheel drive, 6-speed automatic transmission, 31-gallon diesel fuel tank and 270.4 cubic feet of cargo space. The manufacturer suggested retail price starts at \$38,435.



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2013 Malibu ECO

The 2013 Chevrolet Malibu ECO with eAssist was featured during a media "Ride and Drive" Thursday, Sept. 15, at the General Motors Proving Ground, Milford. The Malibu ECO is Chevrolet's most fuel-efficient midsize sedan with a GM-estimated fuel economy of 26 city and 38 highway. The eAssist technology includes a light weight lithium-ion battery to store energy during braking and an advanced inductive motor that provides an electric assist in certain driving situations — such as passing on the highway or climbing a grade. The 2013 Chevrolet Malibu ECO is available in the United States next year.



2012 Cayenne Hybrid



2011 911 GTS



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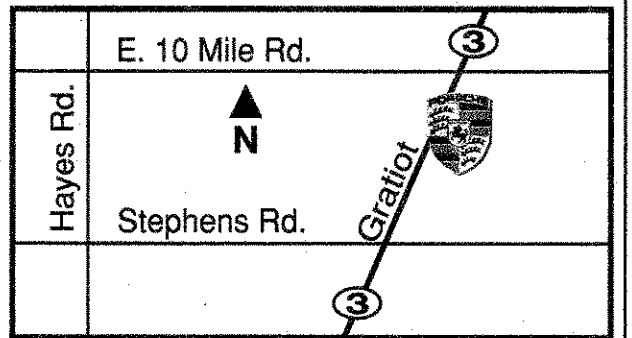
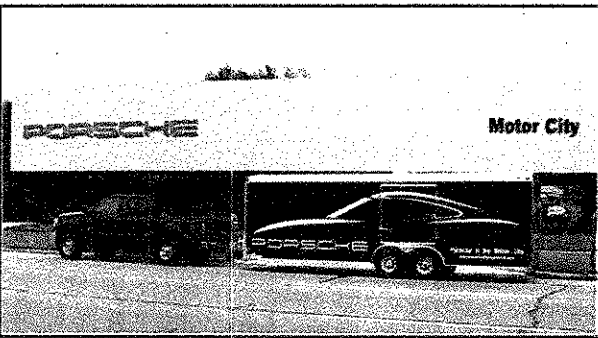
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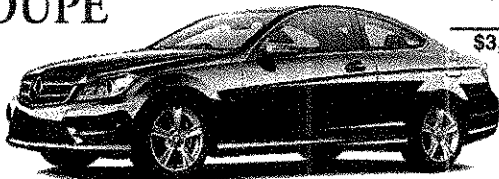
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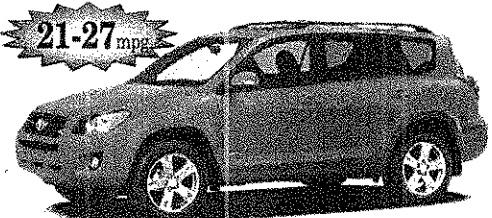
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The 2011 Nissan Leaf is a taste of the future of pure electric cars. With driving ranges of around 90 miles per charge, trips have to be planned and drivers have to know where to find charging stations.

Leaf is the first mass market, all-electric

The Nissan Leaf is the first completely normal, mass market, all-electric vehicle. It's dramatically styled outside, pleasant to drive and ride in and equipped with all the accessories required — satellite radio, USB, climate control, power accessories, navigation and more.

The Leaf looks like a regular car, but it's especially rounded and organic. There's generous rear seat legroom and with those seats folded, an upright bass instrument fits, thanks to a convenient hatchback. There's enough room to handle materials for weekend projects.

Range is a consideration with a pure electric car, but the Leaf fit my needs well. Nissan feels the same way. They claim the car goes about 90 miles before a recharge, although the EPA says 73 miles. Most people don't drive more than that in a day.

I have a 44-mile round trip commute and the Leaf took me to work and back, gas free, with about one-third of the full charge remaining when I rolled, silently, into my driveway.

Charging is slow if you use a 110-volt trickle charger. It took about 14 hours to completely top off my tester. But if I owned the car, I would install an in-garage 220-volt charger to do the job in five hours.

The driving experience is serene, almost unbelievable. You sit in the soft, yet supportive chair and press the On button. The key remains in your pocket. On the gently curved dash, the icon of a Leaf with a two-headed arrow below appears and you're ready to go. Push the slim shifter into drive and take off.

It's like flying, really. With generous sound insulation, you hear virtually nothing. There is no engine sound, just an occasional very slight, high-pitched whine from the motor during heavy acceleration. It felt like riding on a magic carpet and I was very happy about my minimal use of energy. The light gray, sculpted cabin coddles you and the audio system entertains with no distractions.

If you put the car into drive a second time, it takes the ECO setting. It then generates more electricity with regenerative braking and accelerates a bit more leisurely, but you'll get several miles more range. When I was close to home and

had plenty of charge left, I moved the lever into the normal drive setting and the car leaped forward like I'd given it a shot of caffeine.

Electric cars, like the more familiar hybrid vehicles, encourage driver participation. An icon on the instrument panel lets you "earn" trees from your efficient driving. The old way of interacting with cars was through shifting and accelerating. The new way is to see how far you can go on a charge, which means careful driving.

An iPhone app remotely lets you stay aware of the car's charge status. I consulted it

from work when the car was at home. The app also tells you where to find the nearest charging station.

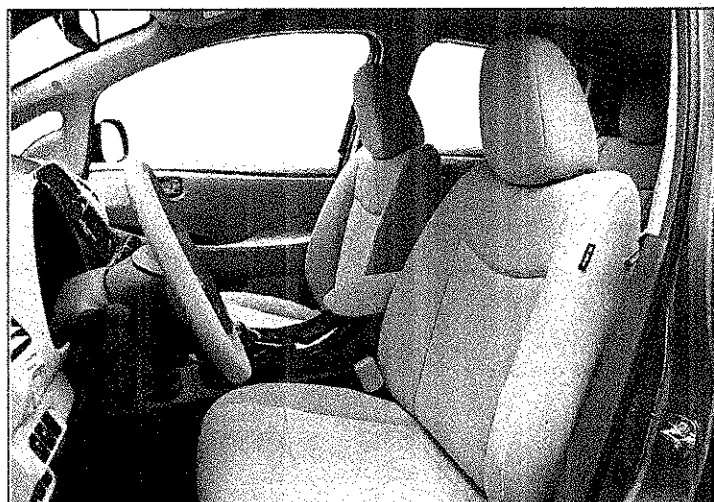
The base price is \$33,720, but numerous rebates and offers are available. My tester, with custom color, a few extra trim items and delivery, came to \$35,430.

I earned 4.3 miles per kilowatt hour — the 44-mile commute cost me about \$1.40 in electricity. The new window sticker read the car gets 99 miles per gallon equivalent to 106 city, 92 highway.

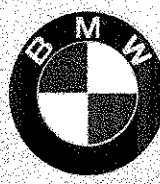
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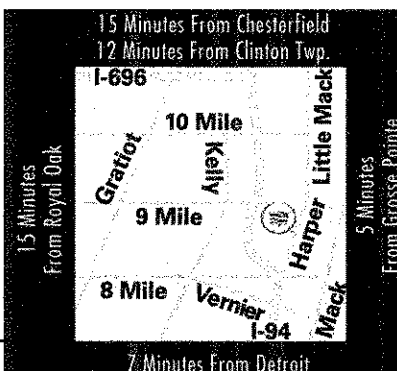
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By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Have witches been given a bad rap? We cling to images of women of an unknown age, with wild, stringy hair and warts on their noses, bony fingers, clad in black, tattered robes standing around a steaming cauldron chanting, "Double, double toil and trouble fire burn and cauldron bubble" ("Macbeth," Act 4, Scene 1). Yet, ailing folk sought out the women and men who knew which herb to brew for teas and elixirs, inhalants and salves learned from a craft steeped in thousands of years of documentation.

Babylonians recorded their remedies on clay tablets in 3,000 B.C. Herbs are mentioned in the Bible. Written records of herbal use have been found in China, Assyria, Egypt and India dating back 1,000 years. Classic Greek and Roman writings of 512 A.D. describe 600 healing plants. Native Americans used more than 600 native plants in food, medicine and for decoration, according to "The Herb Society of America Encyclopedia of Herbs and Their Uses" and "The Complete Book of Herbs, A Practical Guide to Growing and Using Herbs," by Lesley Bremness.

These early doctors knew each leaf, stem, flower, root, bark, wood and resin had specific use in specific amounts to generate a cure.

In the 21st century, gardens are filled with herbs to be used as aromatics, in cooking and for health purposes.

Michigan soil and weather is conducive to growing a variety of herbs.

According to Ed Blondin of Hortulus Gardens & Landscapes in Lathrup Village, "Every plant available in Michigan and our zone is linked to a Wiccan spiritual definition. It's simply a matter of defining the goals for the garden and selecting the plants that fit your design aesthetic (fragrance vs. color vs. texture etc.)."

Once you've started the garden, you will find that magic automatically follows." Blondin recently spoke to Herb Society of Grosse Pointe members, discussing witches — of which there are 50,000 practicing in the United States — and herbs.

"What we call 'witches' today started simply as knowledgeable men and women who combined their understanding of the physical world with a belief in a supernatural world in order to achieve a desired change," he said. "As well as being instrumental in the formation of religious protocol, ancient witches were instrumental in building the foundations for scientific inquiry in countless disciplines, such as medicine, astronomy and psychology. For thousands of years, witchcraft was respected and admired and its practitioners miraculous and wonderful."

"Our modern stereotype of a witch as 'a satan worshipping old hag with a pointy hat, meeting in covens around a large bubbling cauldron waving a magic wand' has roots in many different cultures. Time has grossly redrawn these truisms. "Witchcraft has come along way due to the popularity of Harry Potter and (interest in) vampires," he said.

"As a nation, we are more tolerant. We understand being a witch doesn't mean killing people." In fact, witches follow the Rede Rule.

Blondin provided the rule from "The Wiccan Rules" (Rede): "The Wiccan Rede is the rule of conduct that all witches must follow while practicing witchcraft. It states

ing themselves. Witchcraft is ruled by the Threefold Law, which is the belief that any action taken by any witch that affects another person will come back to the witch threefold, whether it be harm or good." The number three is repeated again in the three basic components to witchcraft: the first is spells, actions or prayers; the second is a charm

or amulet; and the third an herbal potion, whether it's an elixir, salve, infusion or concoction. For each of these there needs to be a garden. "The witch's garden," Blondin said in an e-mail, "is much like the medieval monastic gardens such as the Brewers Garden, Herber Garden or Strewing Garden. An herb is simply an herb garden and a strewing garden was used for the fragrant herbs that would be strewn throughout castles and manor houses to sweeten the home. Healing gardens tend to focus on the emo-

tional and spiritual aspects of nature." There are staples in a witches garden, he said, but what fills the garden depends on a person's preferences and the ultimate goal of the garden. Basic plants generally found

in a witch's garden include: larkspur, lavender, basil (aka witches herb), marigold, mint, rosemary, lilac, lily, lily of the valley, angelica and apple. Blondin explained how these and other herbs can be used. They can combined into con-

coctions, a mixture of ingredients cooked together, i.e. beef bourguignon; a potion, a mixture of liquids generally containing alcohol, i.e. Chanel No. 5; an elixir, a sweetened potion, i.e. Tylenol Elixir cold remedy; an infusion, steeping or soak-

ing without boiling, i.e. garlic olive oil; a salve, an ointment for soothing and healing, i.e. Neosporin.

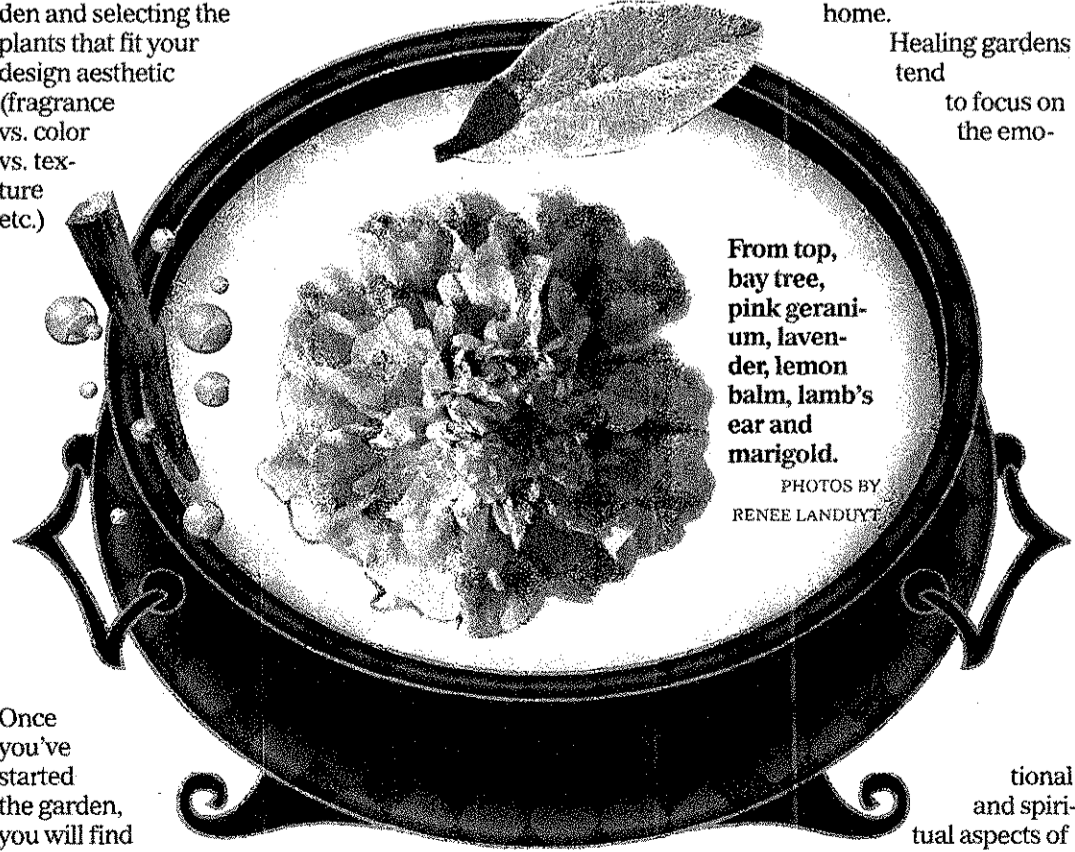
"We can thank witchcraft for the myriad of cold remedies

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Herbal remedies

- Bay — relieves aching limbs, treats sprains and rheumatic joints.
- Calendula — antiseptic and antifungal; internally used to treat stomach pain and stimulate the liver.
- Dill — seeds aid in indigestion; as an abdominal infusion, reduces flatulence, hiccups, stomach pain and insomnia.
- Geranium — protects against bad health energy, calms and refreshes the body and psyche.
- Golden thyme — an external use to treat depression and respiratory problems.
- Lavender — an aromatic and insect repellent; used in potpourri and as a skin toner.
- Lemon balm — an aromatic; a cooling herb lowering fever and improving digestion.
- Marigold — a stimulant; reduces fever, lowers blood pressure and improves digestion.
- Oregano — stimulates the uterus, induces perspiration, improves digestion and is an expectorant.
- Rosemary — fresh boughs cool room air; stimulates circulation; aids fat digestion; used as an antiseptic gargle and mouthwash.
- Sage — aids in digestion and used as an antiseptic, antifungal and contains estrogen; combats diarrhea and soothes coughs and colds.
- Thyme — used as a household disinfectant, stimulates circulation, can be made into a tonic for hangovers and is a diuretic and expectorant.

— From "Herbs" by Lesley Bremness; "The Herb Society of America Encyclopedia of Herbs and Their Uses" and "The Complete Book of Herbs A Practical Guide to Growing and Using Herbs" by Lesley Bremness
Editor's note: Herb uses follow detailed recipes. Some herbs are toxic when taken in more than recommended quantities.

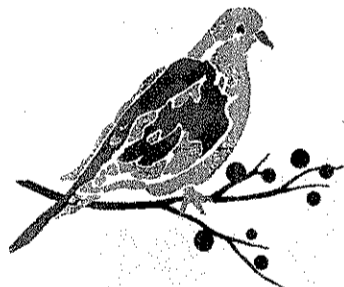


From top, bay tree, pink geranium, lavender, lemon balm, lamb's ear and marigold.
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AREA ACTIVITIES

The Family Center

The first Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods-sponsored Holiday Ornament Artists Challenge gets under way this month. Categories include four for school-age children and one for families. The entry fee is \$10. Christmas ornaments may range in size from 4- to 10- inches and be of any shape or style. Each must come with a hanger for displaying on a Christmas tree. Ornaments cannot be made from a kit.

All entries must be preregistered and post marked by Friday, Oct. 28, or drop off between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, Friday, Nov. 4, and Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Village Toy Company, 17112 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

Judging is by a team of artists from the Grosse Pointe Artists Association and takes place Sunday, Nov. 6. A reception to announce the winners is from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13.

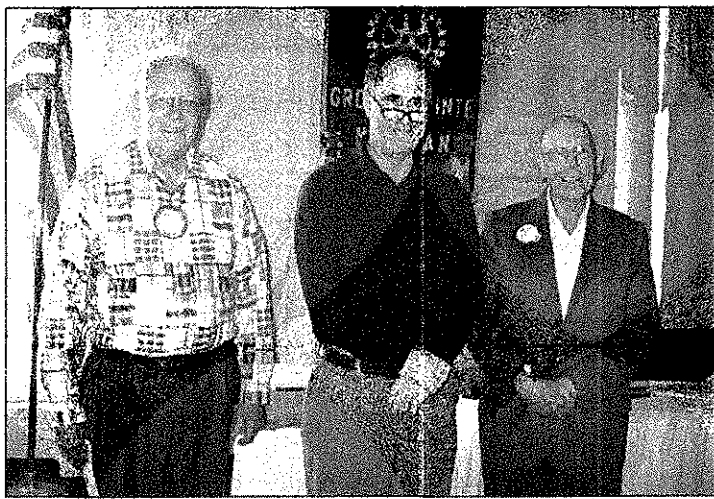
For more information, call The Family Center at (313) 432-3832 or visit familycencenterweb.org.

Historical society

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society sponsors the premier of "Legends of le Detroit" from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, at the Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Rain date is Saturday, Oct. 29.

Fundraiser

A Halloween fundraiser for Harper Woods resident Raoul VanHecke is from 8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Oct. 29, at 19520 Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are \$50. The event includes a haunted trail, music, a raffle, bake



Dan Carmody, president of Eastern Market Corporation, spoke to the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe Oct. 17 about the continuing development of the market and efforts made to encourage locally grown produce in Detroit. From left are Rotarian Marv Asmus, Carmody and Rotarian Ron Vitale.

sale, adult beverages and light hors d'oeuvres.

Proceeds benefit the remodeling of VanHecke's house. He is unable to walk due to a 2010 accident.

Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets at noon Monday, Oct. 31, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

John Bacon, author of "Three and Out," discusses the University of Michigan football coach Rich Rodriguez.

The cost is \$13. For more information, visit grossepointerotary.org.

Garden Club

The Grosse Pointe Shores Garden Club meets at 11:30 a.m., Friday, Nov. 4, with hostess Ruth Ellen Mayhall and co-hostesses are Mayhall and Shirley Hartert.

Richard Thomas discusses "Soulscapes Part II." For reservations, call Hartert at (313) 882-6107.

Women of Wayne

The Women of Wayne spon-



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Holiday wreath sale

The second annual Festival of Wreaths fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Alger House at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. In 2010, more than 50 wreaths were created by area designers, florists, artists, decorators and friends of the Junior League of Detroit, the event sponsor. The wreaths include holiday décor, themes for all seasons, children and baby décor, family vacations, photo and country kitchens. Materials include traditional evergreens and ornaments, metal tubing, stained glass, boiled wool, painted canvas and dog biscuits. They can be purchased via a silent auction held during an evening cocktail party. Funds from the event and the May league's Designers' Show House support the league's childhood literacy program. Outside of the Junior League of Detroit's offices are president-elect Theresa Bellamey, of Detroit; president Ann Turnbull, of Grosse Pointe Park; and past president Sherry McRill, of Grosse Pointe Park.

sor a tour of the Detroit Institute of Arts exhibit, "Rembrandt and the Face of Jesus," at 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3. The cost is \$20 and includes a headset for the one-hour tour and dessert and beverages in the Kresge Court. The organization's scholarship fund receives \$5 from each ticket.

For DIA members, the cost is \$10.

To register, send a check payable to "Women of Wayne" to Amy Roberge, membership services manager, Alumni House, 441 Ferry Mall, Detroit, MI 48202 by Nov. 28.

Include phone number and names of guests.

Reservations are limited. DIA members are required to

show their card at the John R Entrance where the tour begins.

Spirit of Community award

Tuesday, Nov. 1, is the submission deadline for 2011 Spirit of Community nominees. Categories include: a 14- to 20-year-old female role model; a female community hero aged 21 and up; and a female clinical professional health care hero.

Send nominations to spiritofwomen.org/awards/awards_nominationform.

Winners are announced at the Spirit of Giving event Wednesday, Nov. 16.

War Memorial

A Mom-to-Mom sale is from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Early admission from 9 to 10 a.m. is \$2; regular admission is \$1.

♦ The United States Naval Academy Men's Glee Club performs Friday, Nov. 11, at the War Memorial.

Doors open at 7:30 a.m. and breakfast is served at 8 a.m.

Veterans receive a free ticket, which includes breakfast and the concert. General admission tickets cost \$1 and can be acquired at the War Memorial's registration desk.

♦ Dinner is served at the War Memorial at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Nov. 10 and 17, Fridays Nov. 11 and 18, and Saturdays, Nov. 12 and 19.

Reservations are required by noon of the date requested. The cost is \$17.95; \$8.95 for children and includes tax and tip.

For reservations, call (313) 881-7511.

Judson Center

The Judson Center hosts its 28th annual fundraiser, "A Night to Embrace," at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Troy Marriott.

The event includes hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and silent and live auctions.

Tickets range from \$150 to \$250. For more information, visit judsoncenter.org or call (248) 549-4339.

Spirit of Giving

The second annual Spirit of Giving event is at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, at Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Dozens of local nonprofit groups answer questions about volunteer opportunities.

The event is sponsored by SERVE, The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, Beaumont, Grosse Pointe Community Health Coalition and Beaumont Health System.

Ski club

The Grosse Pointe Ski Club is taking reservations for the Easter break ski week, April 7-14, to Snowmass and Aspen. The cost is \$859.

For more information, attend the ski club's meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms or e-mail carls2@comcast.net.

Regina fundraiser

The seventh annual dinner and auction benefiting the Regina High School scholarship fund is from 5 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at 13900 Masonic, Warren.

For reservations, call (586) 585-0500, ext. 285.

NEW ARRIVALS

Dylan Khalidi Augspurger

Luke and Lana (Khalidi) Augspurger, of the City of Grosse Pointe, are the parents of a son, Dylan Khalidi Augspurger, born March 16, 2011.

Martha and Mazen Khalidi, of Grosse Pointe Farms, are the maternal grandparents.

Paternal grandparents are Richard Augspurger and

Rosamond McDonel, of Wilmette, Ill., and the late Joanne Augspurger.

George Emerson Kime

Jon and Sarah Kime, of Traverse City, are the parents of a son, George Emerson Kime, born June 30, 2011.

Richard Dell'Acqua, of Olympia, Wash., is the maternal grandfather.

Paternal grandparents are Curt and Sue Kime, of Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Kirkin' of the Tartans

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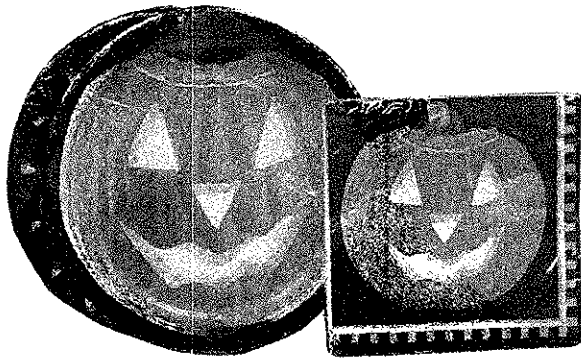
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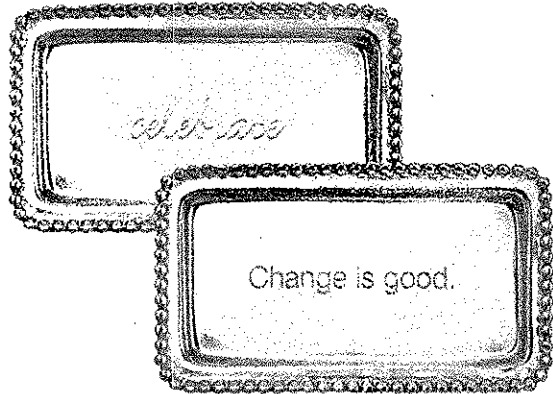
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PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Jim Rizer

People of principle

Do you ever feel like not going to work? Do you generally go anyway? The answer to both is yes, but the second question begs another. Why? We may say people are counting on us and we don't want to disappoint. We may consider, for the most part, we enjoy our work greater than our initial morning lethargy. We may go to work because we like or need the money. However, you may say this question isn't as important as the reality it represents.

These three questions reveal we chose to be people of principle. There is some principle or ideal that shapes who we are and what we do, over and above how we feel.

In our modern world, we struggle with how to handle our feelings. Not long ago I talked with a man who discussed doing things far outside his desired character, justifying it all with, "But you know how angry I can get."

Our feelings are real. Our feelings are strong. An initial flash of anger comes on strong, but what we do with it is vitally important. We have the choice to feed our anger and ensure it remains enflamed or we can remember the principles by which we live. Some count to 10.

Others seek to apply Ephesians 4:26 and deal with the anger so it doesn't persist. Although our feelings are real and powerful, they are not the most important or operative reality. If they were, our world

would look completely different.

Imagine acting on every feeling. In a moment of insecurity we may write off good friends, having misinterpreted a laugh. In a flash of fear, we can unreasonably restrain ourselves from reasonable risk and the blessings of an opportunity. The folks at Sprite encourage us to "Obey your thirst." While our thirst is important, we process it through a principled and relational reality to act on it appropriately.

There is a constant temptation to get swept away with our emotions. We see so many others do this it is helpful to be reminded we choose to be people of principle. On June 2, 2010, Armando Galarra of the Detroit Tigers was pitching a perfect game. In the 9th inning, a ball was hit, fielded by the first baseman and flipped to Galarra covering first, clearly getting the out. The umpire inexplicably called the runner safe. Fans booed, other players argued, but Galarra expressed a flash of surprise, then smiled and walked to the mound to complete a one hitter.

A once in a lifetime opportunity for a perfect game derailed by a bad call wasn't enough to derail this man of character. May we be intentional about the principles by which we live, have a healthy approach to our feelings, be prepared for those moments when emotions swell and be people of character.

Rizer is the minister at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church.

CHURCH EVENTS

Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast begins at 6:45 a.m., Friday Oct. 28, with coffee at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

A buffet breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. followed at 7:45 a.m. by the speaker, the Rev. Michael Zerkich, of The Relational Church. The event ends at 8:15 a.m.

For more information, call Bruce Vick at (313) 881-9661.

St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church hosts a Party for the Pipes at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, at the Greek Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

Tickets cost \$50 and include an open bar, appetizers, dinner, dessert, entertainment and a live and silent auction. For more information, call (313) 886-8750 or (313) 884-4820.

Proceeds benefit the restoration of the church's Skinner organ, opus 705.

The public is invited.

Presbyterian church

Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, holds the Kirkin' of the Tartans at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 30.

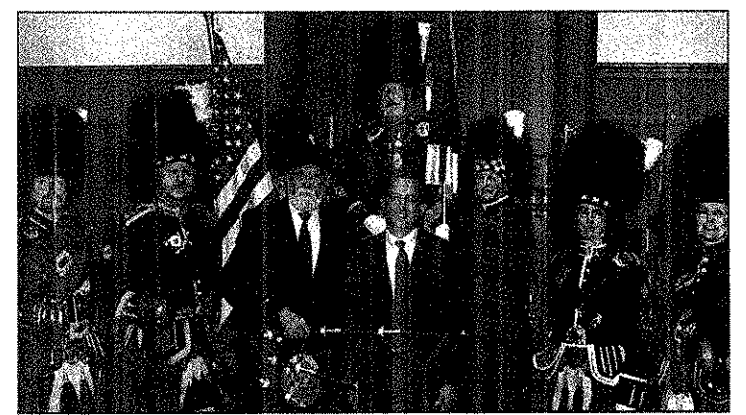
The day includes a bagpipe and the Scottish Honor guard. A potluck dinner begins at noon.

Dig Deeper

Dig Deeper meets from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, at First Christian Reform Church, 1444 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park. Facilitator is the Rev. Ben VanArragon.

The group explores emotion-

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Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church hosts Kirkin' of the Tartans at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 30.



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Rummage sale

The Grosse Pointe Congregational Church Women's Fellowship holds a fall rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at the church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. Pictured are, front, Allison Novak; second row from left, Ann Standish and Katherine Baetz; third row, Cathy and John Leverenz; back row, Giacomo Mazza and Kevin Hogan. Proceeds benefit local and national charities.

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WEDDINGS

DiVirgil -
Copp

Caroline Eldredge DiVirgil, of Birmingham, daughter of Bill and Kathe DiVirgil, of Grosse Pointe Farms, married William Hayes Copp, of Birmingham, son of Denise Copp, of Atlanta, and the late David Copp, Aug. 6, 2011, in the Grosse Pointe Academy Chapel.

Monsignor Peter Lentine officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The bride wore a Pronovias strapless, silk taffeta dress with a beaded sash. She carried a bouquet of white roses, white hydrangeas, hypericum berries and freesia.

Jessica DiVirgil, of Birmingham, served as maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were the groom's sister, Sarah Copp, of Birmingham; the bride's cousin, Lauren Eldredge, of Bloomfield Township; and the bride's friend, Melissa Kading,

of Chicago.

Attendants wore knee-length, navy silk shantung dresses and carried bouquets of blue hydrangeas, hypericum berries and blue thistle.

The groom's friend, Rob Porter, of Atlanta, served as best man.

Ushers and groomsmen were the groom's cousins, Jeff LeDuc, of Royal Oak, and Steve LeDuc, of Ann Arbor; and Brian Ginnebaugh, of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The bride's mother wore a floor-length aquamarine dupioni silk dress. She carried a nosegay of white roses with hypericum berries.

The groom's mother wore a knee-length melon-colored satin dress and carried white roses with hypericum berries in a nosegay.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education from the University of Michigan and is employed with the Birmingham Public Schools.

The groom earned a



Mr. and Mrs. William Hayes Copp

Bachelor of Arts degree in telecommunications from Michigan State University. He is employed with Apple.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and live in Birmingham.

Chau -
Powers

Thu Thi Chau, of Grosse Pointe Farms, married William H. Powers, of Grosse Pointe Farms, Sept. 16, 2011, in the gazebo at Grosse Pointe



Mr. and Mrs. William H. Powers

Farms' Pier Park.

The Rev. Gene McCornack officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at Shogun Restaurant.

The bride wore a black and red traditional Vietnamese Ao Dai.

Ai Xuan Chau Nyguyen, of Grosse Pointe Farms, formerly of Da Nang, Vietnam, served as her mother's maid of honor.

The groom's sister, Nancy Powers, of Boynton Beach, Fla., was the bridesmaid.

Aleksander Powers, of Grosse Pointe Woods, served as his grandfather's best man. Groomsman was Emery Szmrecsanyi, of Grosse Pointe Farms, a family friend.

The bride is a tour guide and the groom is Detroit Zoological



Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Rocky Morin

Society docent. The couple live in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Jennings -
Morin

Kelly Alexandra Jennings, of Los Angeles, daughter of Wilhelmina and Paul Giblin and Tyrone Jennings, of the City of Grosse Pointe, married Nicholas Rocky Morin, of Los Angeles, son of Karen Morin, of Los Angeles, and the late Michael Morin, Aug. 6, 2011, at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.

Rabbi James Kaufman officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the same location as the ceremony.

Danielle Jennings, of the City of Grosse Pointe, served as her sister's maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Kate Giblin, formerly of the City of Grosse Pointe and the bride's stepsister; the groom's sister, Marissa Morin, of Los Angeles; and the bride's friend, Sarah Domschke, of Yuma, Ariz.

Casey Morin, of Los Angeles, was his brother's best man.

Ushers and groomsmen were the groom's friends, Curtis Johanssen, of Dublin, Ohio; and Andy Nicholas, of Hillsborough, N.J.

The bride graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2004. She studied health education and Spanish at the University of Arizona and attends the University of Southern California where she is in the master of physician assistant practice program.

The groom graduated from James Monroe High School in Los Angeles in 2003. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and public administration from U A. He is in commercial and residential real estate with Douglas Emmett in Encino, Calif.

The couple honeymooned in Punta de Mita and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico and reside in Valley Village, Calif.

ENGAGEMENTS

Sciarrino -
Salvaggio

Leo and Katina Salvaggio, of Grosse Pointe Farms, have announced the engagement of their son, Leo Vincenzo Salvaggio, to Marisa Rose Sciarrino, daughter of Salvatore and Barbara Sciarrino, of Macomb. A September wedding is planned.

Salvaggio is a 1998 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School. He is a 2002 Albion College graduate, earning a major in communications and minors in anthropology and sociology with a concentration in computer science. He is in specialty sales with Shire Pharmaceuticals.

Sciarrino graduated from Oakland University with a marketing/business degree and is an account executive at pushtwentytwo, an advertising and marketing firm in the Metro Detroit area.

Horne -
Perry

Roseanne Horne, of Grosse Pointe Woods, and Michael Horne, of Houston, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Horne, of Baltimore, to Edward Perry, son of Patricia and Edward Perry, of Grosse Pointe Woods. A November wedding is planned.



Marisa Rose Sciarrino and Leo Vincenzo Salvaggio

Horne graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2005 and earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from the University of Michigan in 2009. She earned a Master of Science degree in clinical psychology from



Edward Perry and Margaret Horne

Loyola University Maryland in 2010 and is a doctorate student in clinical psychology at Loyola University Maryland.

Perry graduated from North in 2005 and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from U of M in 2009. He is a project management consultant with Suntiva Management Consulting.



Robert Michael Atwood and Emma Katherine Perry

Perry -
Atwood

David and Bethany Perry, of Grosse Pointe Woods, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Emma Katherine Perry, to Robert Michael Atwood, son of Scott

and Anne Atwood, of Pinckney. A March wedding is planned.

Perry is a 2004 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School. She is a 2008 summa cum laude graduate of Kalamazoo College with majors in English and classical studies and minor in theater. She is in her fourth year of a Ph.D. program in early modern English literature at Boston College. She teaches English at Boston College and Framingham State University.

Atwood is a 2003 Pinckney High School graduate where he was a record-setting athlete. He double majored in psychology and economics at Kalamazoo College, graduating in 2007. He played football and was an assistant coach at Kalamazoo College. He earned a master of social work degree from Boston College and is employed with Hospice of the Good Shepherd.

EVENTS: Fundraiser, craft show

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al and spiritual issues related to job transition.

21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. The cost is \$1.

Assumption

A Christmas Arts & Crafts Bazaar is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Assumption Cultural Center,

Christ Church

The Christ Church Spirituality Center, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a men's retreat

from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 12.

Retreat leader is Eugene Blair, the district superintendent of Crossroads District of the United Methodist Church's Detroit annual conference.

Attendees should bring a Bible, pen and journal.

The day's topic is, "What Kind of Man is Joseph, and What Kind of Man Are You: A Bible Study for Men on Matthew 1 and 2."

The workshop costs \$45 and includes lunch.

Registration deadline is Monday, Nov. 7. To register, call the office at (313) 885-4841, ext. 113.

Grace Community

Grace Community Church, 21001 Moross, Detroit, presents, "Married Life Live: Celebrating Differences," from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct.

28, with Wayne and Tonja Stapleton.

The free event includes refreshments.

For more information, visit gracewired.com/Adults/Couples/Pages/Items/Date-Night.aspx.

Memorial Church

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a discussion, "What it is Like to be in Foster Care," at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 3.

The Eastside Faith Communities Coalition on Foster Care presents stories, hopes and dreams of several youth aging out of the foster care system. Saba Gebrail, of the Park West Foundation, and Nicole Wood, a foster care alumna and a research associate with the River Rouge Promise Neighborhood

Initiative, share their foster care experiences.

For more information, contact the Rev. Matt Parker-Wrzeszcz, at pastormatt@gpmchurch.org.

First English

The Rev. and Mrs. Walter A. Schmidt lead a tour to Ireland and Scotland May 2 — 15, which begins in Dublin.

Included are visits to Trinity College and St. Patrick's Cathedral.

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YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES



FROM THE OCT. 23, 1986, ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1986: Revolution!

Computer revolution, that is. These first-graders at St. Paul School are introduced to computers right away, and after less than a month, some of them can do simple programming. Christina Rashid and Elizabeth Moran, both 6, work together.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Dorothy Heitjan, Kristen DeVooght and Deb Kraft

Transitioning preschoolers into kindergarten



Q. How can parents help preschoolers transition into kindergarten?

A. It is vital in the preschool years to provide your child with experiences that build the foundation for later success in school. Parents should provide:

- ◆ A variety of hands-on experiences — dig in the dirt, cook, build, paint, and sculpt. These activities foster curiosity and vocabulary development.

- ◆ Make reading part of daily life to build your child's vocabulary and word recognition.

- ◆ Unstructured time to play, jump, swing, run. These activities promote body awareness needed for understanding right vs. left and prepositional concepts.

- ◆ Use toys that encourage imagination or thinking — blocks, old clothes for dressing up.

- ◆ Attend preschool, library story hour, or church so your child can learn and practice common social courtesies, such as turn taking, listening and responding to a question.

- ◆ Recite and recognize upper and lower case alphabet letters.

- ◆ Count to 20 orally. Count number of objects to 10. Identify numerals to 12.

- ◆ Write name. Hold pencil correctly in two-finger pinch grip. Use upper and lower case

Save The Date

Kindergarten: Get Ready! presented by The Family Center
6:30-9 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 17

Barnes Early Childhood Center
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Grosse Pointe Public School System
presenters: Deb Kraft, kindergarten teacher, Kristen and Dorothy Heitjan, Early Childhood Program teacher and speech-language pathologist
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letters.

- ◆ Limit screen time — TV, computer, hand-held devices. This means more time engaging in life interactions which

teach a multitude of skills.

- ◆ Establish a routine — healthy meals and snacks, set bedtimes.

In kindergarten, children move from dependence and working one-on-one with parents and preschool staff to independence and working with peers in small and large groups with one teacher. Kindergarten addresses social and emotional as well as academic needs and gives children time to play and learn in structured and unstructured situations.

First-grade skills are now the standard for kindergarten. Common Core State Standards include reading and writing, sight word knowledge and emergent spelling skills. Knowing what a word and sentence looks like as well as reading and writing their own

words and thoughts are expectations. There are also new Common Core Standards for math. Others are in the works for social studies and science.

Students should recognize characteristics and patterns, know numerals to 100, count by twos and fives to 30, understand 10s and ones and express story equations with drawings and numbers. They must be able to use mathematical data, understand its use in everyday life and express it in mathematical form.

All these expectations require readiness to learn in a school environment. The child's ability to listen to explanations and use the information is vital for success. The world has become very competitive and activities provided for your child now affect your

child's future.

By enrolling children now, you are placed on the public school mailing list and will receive important information by mail.

The Family Center serves as the community's hub for information, resources and referral for both families and professionals. The non-profit organization was founded to promote a deeper understanding of the role of parents and others in supporting youth to become competent, caring and responsible community members.

To volunteer or contribute, visit familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432.3832.

E-mail questions to info@familycenterweb.org or write: The Family Center, 20090 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Reflections

At right, LaJuana Fuller, manager East Region Mammography Services, reads a reflective poem

during a cancer survivor gathering at the Van Elslander Cancer Center, in conjunction with the Robert and Victoria Liggett Breast Health Center. Three cancer survivors holding hand-held labyrinths they won during the reflective ceremony are Patty Fenton, of St. Clair Shores, an 18 month survivor; Karen Langenecker, of St. Clair Shores, three year survivor; and Margaret D'Herde, of Grosse Pointe Woods, diagnosed in March and going through treatments. Winners run their fingers around the labyrinths to reduce stress.



Hero award recipient SOC offers help with Medicare enrollment

Grosse Pointer Patricia A. Ellis received Karmanos Cancer Institute's 2011 Heroes of Breast Cancer award Oct. 11.

She was recognized for helping to bring about a society encouraging people to speak out about their illness.

As director of media relations, Karmanos Cancer Institute, and volunteer media chairwoman, Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure has built relationships in the Detroit media market.

Ellis promotes stories, informs news media of the latest Karmanos work on research, breaking cancer news or stories demonstrating advancements in cancer care and the determination of the human spirit.

She also volunteers as the media chairwoman for Komen Detroit Race for the Cure.

"I am truly humbled and honored to be recognized among the Heroes of Breast Cancer," she said during the awards ceremony. "Having lost my mom to breast cancer and knowing several other loved ones who have battled this disease and other cancers, I feel that each time I share someone's story and help educate others about prevention, early detection and cancer breakthroughs, I'm honoring them."



Patricia Ellis

Medicare open enrollment is through Dec. 7 for prescription drug and Medicare Advantage plans.

Recipients can change prescription drug coverage and supplemental or Medicare Advantage plans.

For prescription drug coverage, a personalized plan helps estimate the projected costs under all plan choices based on the specific drugs. Visit medicare.gov.

Services for Older Citizens offers Michigan Medicare /Medicaid Assistance Program trained volunteers to help with the information. Call SOC at (313) 882-9600 to schedule an appointment. Assistance with costs and benefits of supplemental and Medicare Advantage Plan is offered. If newly eligible for Medicare, how the program works, costs involved, how and when to enroll and make changes can be explained.

Low-income individuals may qualify for help paying for premiums and co-pays through the "Extra Help" and Medicare Savings Programs. A SOC and a MMAP counselor can assist.

Flu shot

SOC offers a flu clinic from noon to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, at the Harper Woods Public Library.

The Medicare-covered vaccinations are available by appointment only. If an attendee is not covered by Medicare, the cost is \$25.

To schedule an appointment, call (313) 882-9600. Bring the Medicare card, driver's license or Michigan identification, along with any supplemental health insurance card.

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11:00 am Out of the Ordinary
11:30 am Senior Men's Club

12:00 pm Economic Club of Detroit
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1:30 pm Great Lakes Log
2:00 pm The John Prost Show
2:30 pm Legal Insider
3:00 pm Things to Do at the War Memorial
3:30 pm Art & Design
4:00 pm Vitality Plus (Tone)
4:30 pm Musical Storytime
5:00 pm In a Heartbeat
5:30 pm The Soc Show
6:00 pm Legal Insider
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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Ground chicken meatballs score

There's something about football and "buffalo style" that just go together. Chicken wings slathered with hot sauce comes to mind.

My friend, Dennis Frederick, doesn't care for the bones, so he likes to make buffalo chicken meatballs. Tasty little rounds made from ground chicken finished in a traditional buffalo style hot sauce are yummy.

"D" Frederick's Buffalo Chicken Meatballs

(for a crowd)

2 lbs. ground chicken (ask

your butcher)

1 cup finely diced onion
4 garlic cloves, minced
1 cup chopped fresh parsley
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 cup chicken broth
4 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup hot sauce

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Place ground chicken in a large bowl and add onion, garlic, parsley, salt and pepper. Use your hands to combine thoroughly. Shape meat into one-inch balls and place on a rimmed greased baking sheet. Pour the chicken broth over baking sheet with meatballs. (The broth creates a steam bath in the oven and keeps

meatballs from drying out). Bake meatballs for 20 minutes, until just beginning to brown.

Meanwhile, melt butter over low heat in a large no-stick skillet and add hot sauce. Just as the meatballs are coming from the oven, raise heat on the hot sauce to a simmer and add meatballs from the oven, discarding chicken broth. Cook and toss meatballs in hot sauce until most of the hot sauce has absorbed into the meat.

Transfer meatballs to a serving tray. Whip up a bit more of the butter/hot sauce for dipping.

I'm serving buffalo chicken meatballs with fresh hearts of



PHOTO BY TONY SCHERIFF

It's a team — football and a buffalo style meal.

celery and a wedge of Danish blue cheese. Blue cheese dressing (or ranch) can also be served on the side.

HERBS:
Magic or medicinal?

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and health and beauty aids that line our drug stores," he said.

As a final note on herb usage, Blondin suggested selecting four basic ingredients from the garden create a potpourri to chase away bad dreams.

Fold sprigs of thyme, rosemary, lavender and flowers from hops in a muslin cloth and say, "Let no nightmares plague my child." Tuck the cloth and

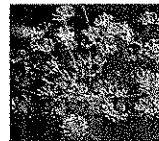


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Above, dill. Bottom, rosemary.

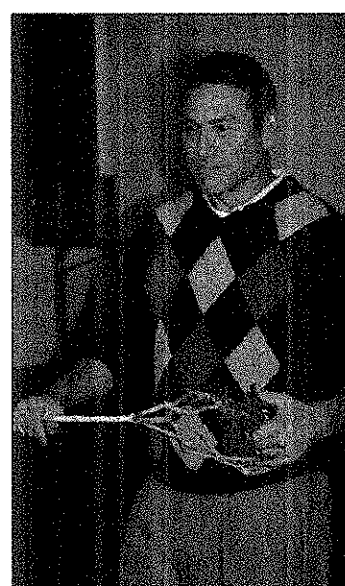
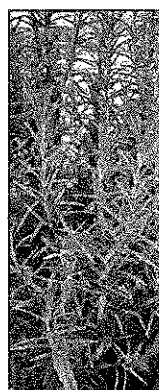


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Ed Blondin, of Lathrup Village, holds a magic wand of boxwood. Each witch had a wand made of material representing them — earth, wind or fire, or their birth signs. Wands were used as part of incantations or spells.

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