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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

Three vie for three in City

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The following group of city council members likely will win additional four-year terms in the Tuesday, Nov. 3, election.

No one's challenging them to retain office.

Council members serve four-year terms. They're volunteers. They don't get paid.

The candidates are, in alphabetical order:

Donald Parthum Jr.

The first time Donald Parthum Jr. ran for council he tied and won on a coin flip.

The second time, he won without competition.

This time, he looks forward to more of the same.

Parthum, an attorney, attributes his uncontested stand-

ing to customer satisfaction.

"The general feeling is we are doing a good job and to keep it up," he said. "We haven't had to raise taxes and pretty much maintained our level of services throughout the entire (economic) downturn. We've become a smaller, more efficient government."

He served during

revitalization of the

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A tight field at the starting line spreads out when Peter Polasek's Pearson Van jumps to an early lead to victory during the Grosse Pointe Boat Club's Wednesday, Aug. 5, race off Neff Park. At left, Tom Cassleman reads his sailboat for racing.

PHOTOS BY
BRAD LINDBERG

Woods officers earn honors

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Three members of the Department of Public Safety were recognized Monday, Aug. 3 for their outstanding work by the city council and department Director Bruce

Smith.

Detective Kevin Bonk was awarded a department Commendation for his work on a series of home invasions that plagued the Woods in fall 2014. Smith noted that once the suspects were apprehended, the home invasions

stopped. According to the official commendation, Bonk was recognized "because of your tireless efforts in solving these crimes, the community we serve is a safer place to live and work."

Sgt. Matthew

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Paddle power

The setting sun brought Elanore Walker, Cailey Paull and Amelia Walker, all residents of the City of Grosse Pointe, to come into the dock at the Neff Park marina after more than an hour of paddle boarding. The girls said it's a lot of fun, good exercise and a way to cool off in the lake.

Racing with and against the wind

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Tim Bledsoe, at the tiller of his 28-foot sloop, began the latest race off Neff Park the way he finished two consecutive campaigns for state representative, in first place.

The pulpit of his S2 8.5, named Paradigm, angled inshore on a starboard reach in the windward position.

Two competing boats leeward charted parallel courses within feet of his port beam.

The trio set the pace, just barely, of a bunched-up fleet of 13 boats beating into a steady wind to the first mark three miles away, the No. 7 navigation buoy marking the western edge of the freighter channel in the middle of Lake St. Clair.

"It was a little too exciting for me," said Bledsoe, of the City of Grosse Pointe. "I told my crew before the race that we wanted to hang back a little and stay away from the craziness. But, we timed the start so well, we were right in the middle of it."

Crossing the starting line, crews of the three leading boats hauled in sheets and bore closer windward on starboard tacks.

Bledsoe, a Democrat gerilymandered out of a third term in the Michigan House in 2012 by Republicans reapportioning the Grosse Pointes into two districts dominated by Detroit, soon lagged the outermost boat to port, a surging Pearson Van skippered by Peter Polasek.

A wake of dead water

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Bettejean Ahee

Home: Grosse Pointe Shores
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Receives national honor for her
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Officer at FOP helm

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer
CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A Grosse Pointe beat officer was a shoe-in for statewide office.

Joe Adams, the City's back-to-back Officer of the Year, won an uncontested election last weekend for a one-year term as president of the Michigan Fraternal Order of Police.

"The state president dropped out, so I wasn't running against anyone," Adams said.

Voting capped a FOP conference the weekend of June 19-21 in Bay City.

"The Fraternal Order of Police is involved in community outreach, giving back to children and families," Adams said. "My goal is to bring back to the community what we're about — not

just driving around writing tickets and looking for bad guys, but protecting our communities."

He campaigned as one of the organization's board members and president of Lodge 102, representing 270 members, including 100 retirees, of Grosse Pointe departments.

Statewide membership nears 10,000.

"Joe's a hard-working guy," said John Hutchins, Farms deputy director of public safety. "He cares a lot about this job."

The FOP is a national fraternal organization.

"It takes care of its own and makes sure members are treated fairly," Hutchins said. "It's a brotherhood about overseeing the business of police work."

Adams represented his department in Lansing the weekend of May 30-31 at ceremonies prior to the Special Olympics 2015 Summer Games last week at Central Michigan University.

"I was honored by lighting the torch on the Capitol steps that began the 70-mile run to Mount Pleasant," Adams said.

City acquires plot

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — One person's loss is the city's gain in a subdivision near a park behind city hall.

The city is acquiring a parcel on Michaux Court, behind Grosse Pointe Shores headquarters at the corner of Lakeshore and Vernier.

"It's available from a tax sale," said Mark Wollenweber, city manager.

The property is buildable, he added.

"Wayne County insists that if we were to sell that parcel beyond certain expenses we have to give the money back to them," Wollenweber said.

Fat chance.

Wollenweber said the city plans to hold the parcel "for some period of time."

— Brad Lindberg



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Robot Garage in the Park

Robot Garage is open at 15201 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park. Summer hours are 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Celebrating recent ribbon cutting ceremonies with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce were members of the Grosse Pointe Park City Council and the David and Sherry Cotton family, Mayor Greg Theokas, owners Sarah Jacobs and Jonathan Jacobs, chamber President Jenny Boettcher and members of the chamber board of directors. For more information, call (313) 924-3310.

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Beaumont program earns accreditation

Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe has received full accreditation as a Comprehensive Center for Bariatric Surgery through the American College of Surgeons Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program, in partnership with the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery.

This designation recognizes a demonstrated commitment to high-quality care that meets elevated patient safety standards resulting in part from an onsite review.

"We are gratified to be acknowledged as a center that provides a top-

level experience, focused on safety, quality and multidisciplinary, patient-centered care," said Dr. Abelkader Hawasli. "Our program is part of an elite group of MBSAQIP-accredited centers throughout the country."

Medical director of Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe's Bariatric Surgery Program, Hawasli has performed thousands of bariatric procedures and published several articles on advancements in bariatric procedures.

Established in 2009, the program team guides patients through the entire bariatric surgery process, beginning at the Beaumont medical

weight-loss program in St. Clair Shores.

Under the umbrella of the new, three-year accreditation, surgical patients will recover in dedicated, private rooms with medical professionals trained to care for the specific needs of bariatric patients in the operating room and after surgery.

The program also is featured on facs.org/quality-programs/mbsaqip.

Patients are followed post-operatively for up to five years as part of the program, which helps support a continued, successful weight loss.

Regular reporting is required to demonstrate ongoing MBSAQIP standards compliance.

Beaumont Health System offers a comprehensive, multidisciplinary bariatric medicine program that includes free, introductory seminars at its Weight Control Center, a fitness center and a bariatric monthly support group that focuses on behavioral and nutritional weight management topics. Call (888) 899-4600 for more information.

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It's a Woods thing

Grosse Pointe Woods held its annual city picnic at Lake Front Park Saturday, Aug. 1. A lunch of hot dogs, chips and lemonade was served and children took part in face painting, pool games, chalk art and swimming. Above, Andy Kelly watches his twin brother try to put the whole hot dog in his mouth. Above right, Chloe Hill relaxes on a beach ball in the pool. At right, Meghan Bidigare lines up her shot to hit the green in a large water hazard during the pool games. Below right, drawing near the chalk art sign, Grace Martin starts work on a dolphin. Below, it's tradition for Sarah Westrick to have her dad, Greg, toss her in the air on the day of the city picnic.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Woods resident faces charges

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — A 60-year-old Hampton resident has been bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court where he will face felonious assault charges related to an incident in his backyard 1 p.m. Sunday, May 24.

According to the official police report, David Linder pointed a loaded shotgun at James Brian, 55, a landscape worker who had been clearing grass clippings with a leaf blower from Linder's driveway after cutting the grass next door to Linder's.

During the preliminary examination held in Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Court Wednesday, Aug. 5, Brian testified he was using a backpack-style blower and was wearing a polo shirt that identified his company when he turned around and saw Linder, "rack a 12-gauge pump shotgun" and hold it about a foot from his face.

In describing the incident, Brian said he had been cutting grass at the house next door, which belongs to his mother-in-law, for 28 years and has been routinely walks up Linder's driveway to blow debris off after cutting.

"I started to turn and caught the guy out of the corner of my eye and I thought he was coming over to thank me for

clearing off his driveway," Brian testified.

Linder's attorney, Todd Flood, asked Brian how he knew the shotgun was loaded.

He replied he was licensed to carry a gun and was a hunter and personally owned rifles and shotguns.

"I wasn't going to take a chance," Brian said, after describing how, when he saw the gun, he grabbed the barrel and pointed it upward.

"I didn't want to take a chance at getting my head shot off," he said.

Brian said he then ran to his truck and called police.

Flood, in his closing argument, asked the charges be dismissed, telling the court the law was clear that every homeowner has the right to defend his property.

"The statute is clear. We have the absolute right to prevent an intruder," Flood said. "We have the right to stand our ground."

Municipal Court Judge Ted Metry, while acknowledging Flood presented "interesting arguments," found enough evidence to send the case to circuit court.

He also ordered a continuation of Linder's routinely walks up \$10,000 personal bond and ordered Linder to have no contact with the victim or firearms.

Linder's next court appearance is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 19, at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, AUG. 17

◆ Fox Sports Detroit Pistons commentator Greg Kelser will speak at the luncheon meeting of Rotary of Grosse Pointe at noon Monday, Aug. 17, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Kelser, whose skills on the court as a student athlete at Michigan State University earned him the nickname "Special K," was drafted in 1979 by the Detroit Pistons. Besides commentating, Kelser also runs a basketball camp for youth. Cost for the luncheon is \$20 and the public is welcome to attend.

Judge unchallenged this fall

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — As an elected judge, Russell Ethridge rides a narrow bench between executing justice and courting voters.

He's done it since he was first elected 17 years ago. He'll likely do it four more years as an uncontested incumbent in the Tuesday, Nov. 3, election.

"Even though I have to

mete out some unpleasant results for people, I'm still in the service business," said Ethridge, municipal judge in the City of Grosse Pointe since 1988. "That means being responsive to citizens and the people I work for."

This is his second consecutive uncontested race.

"The fact it's uncontested is probably testimony to the fact we run a good, quiet and efficient

court meeting the needs of the community, so there hasn't been a compelling need for somebody to find change," Ethridge said.

He often says how most people don't like going to court.

Yet, a statewide poll earlier this year of courtroom efficiency and fairness rated the City in the upper 90th percentile.

"In many respects, the uncontested election is a

testimony to us trying to be balanced, fair and efficient," Ethridge said.

Being a judge includes administering court operations, including the budget.

"The last seven or eight years have been difficult financially for the city," Ethridge said. "I've worked closely with city administration to keep our costs in line. I have to balance that with the interests of the public."

New boss same as old boss

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Detroit's bankruptcy has no impact on the City of Grosse Pointe's contract to buy drinking water from Grosse Pointe Farms, and no practical impact on its contract for Detroit to pur-

rify wastewater.

Yet, with the creation of the Great Lakes Water Authority to lease bankrupt Detroit's water and sewer infrastructure, City officials this month agreed to reassign their municipal sewage contract from the Detroit Water and Sewerage

Department to the water authority.

There was no option. "Under the city's agreement with Detroit for wastewater services, the city must grant consent for the assignment of its contract with Detroit to the authority," said Peter Dame, City manager.

The difference is nil.

"All terms, conditions and covenants of the contract shall remain in full force and effect, and the Great Lakes Water Authority shall fulfill all such terms, conditions and covenants," according to the agreement.

—Brad Lindberg

Assessments available in the Shores

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The city council gave full support last month to a formal policy granting public inspection of property assessment records.

Terms comply with

state law letting records be inspected at no cost.

"However, a reasonable charge may be made for copies of public records," according to the municipal policy adopted Tuesday, July 21.

"This brings us into compliance," said Mark Wollenweber, manager of

Grosse Pointe Shores. "They cited us for not having a specific policy provided on our Web site."

Terms are:

◆ assessment records are available for inspection and copying from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays,

◆ mailed or faxed copies of records are available upon request at city hall in person, by telephone, fax or e-mail and

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—Brad Lindberg

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Ahee’s work nationally recognized

Bettejean Ahee, matriarch of the Grosse Pointe Woods landmark Edmund T. AHEE Jewelers, received the American Academy of Hospitality Sciences International Star Diamond Award for her work beside her husband in creating the venerable jewelry business and the family who still runs it. The award recognizes excellence in service, performance, attitude and hospitality on a global level. Ahee is one of very few women ever to win the prestigious “Families Monarch” recognition.

“Bettejean Ahee perfectly exemplifies everything we want to reflect in our Five Star Diamond recognition,” said Joseph Cinque, president of the American Academy of Hospitality Sciences. “She was an active partner with her husband, Edmund, since the very beginning in 1947 while at the same time raising seven children, all of



whom have become participants in the business themselves. It’s an incredible success story.”

Seventeen Ahee family members are actively engaged in the business today.

“My mother’s stamp is on this business just as much as my dad’s,” said Peter Ahee, president. “While she was raising the family, he would consult her on everything that was happening in the business. That’s what we talked about every night at the dinner table

— how to make the business better. She helped Dad in creating our company’s long-time guiding principle, ‘Always give the customers more than they expect,’ and she instilled that idea in each of us as kids. I think she’d still put us over her knee if she ever thought we were forgetting it.”

AHEE prides itself in creating “special moments” for special occasions in its customers’ lives. One very early special moment was when Ahee allowed her



then-young husband to sell her engagement ring to help pay the bills. She considers the company’s longtime success and her close involvement in it a privilege.

“It’s a privilege to work with someone you love every day and to be part of so many special moments in so many people’s lives,” she said. “When you see your customers’ smiles, it really does make all the hard work feel worthwhile.”

The Ahee family now includes 21 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren and besides showering them all with love, Ahee continues to instill her core values in each of them: Appreciate the importance of old-fashioned hard work, treat everyone like family and never take privilege for granted.

In 2013, AHEE jewelers became the first and only retailer ever to receive the Five Star Diamond Award. The company was named Michigan Retailer of the Year in 2001 and America’s Best Jeweler by The Wall Street



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Top right, from left, Joseph Cinque, president of the America Academy of Hospitality Sciences, Bettejean Ahee, award recipient; her son, John Ahee; and Karen Dixon, general manager of American Academy of Hospitality Sciences. Top left, Father Larry Webber, a Capuchin monk, talks with Ahee and Marlene Boll. Above, John Ahee with John Boll.

THREE:

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Village, including new zoning to encourage investment; updating the master plan, implementing the Mack Avenue streetscape and creation of a hospital district for Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

Next comes the Fisher Road streetscape. “Overall, people are happy,” Parthum said. “From that stance, there’s no point trying to

change anything.” Voter support last year of the supplemental road millage is showing itself in smoother rides at less cost than expected.

“We technically don’t collect that money until the summer tax bill,” Parthum said. “But, we were proactive. We had road work piggybacked on sewer work to get a better deal.”

John Stempfle

Given all the things accomplished in the city during recent years, it’s hard to pinpoint a reason why this year’s election is uncontested, according to Councilman John Stempfle, running for another term.

“But, clearly, the city’s in good shape finan-

cially,” said Stempfle, in his second consecutive uncontested campaign. “The neighborhoods are in good shape. The city is becoming a destination place. New restaurants are exciting.”

The downtown Village district is vibrant day and night.

“Sometimes I go to the Village at night and grumble that I can’t get a parking space, which is a great problem,” said Stempfle, an attorney.

He supported last year’s supplemental, 15-year millage to fund road repairs.

“I’m one of the last people to agree to a tax increase, but we had no choice with the roads,” Stempfle said. “They were crumbling. They’re being improved.”

Upcoming goals include replacing retiring administrators in the public works department.

“Grosse Pointe is known for quality services,” Stempfle said. “We have to continue that.”

Andrew Turnbull

Andrew Turnbull, the only candidate for an open seat during the last council election four years ago, is running uncontested.

He wasn’t reached for comment before deadline.

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Public Safety Director Bruce Smith presented departmental honors to three members of his staff, Detective Kevin Bonk, Sgt. Matthew Muzia and Public Safety Officer Kyle Seidel.

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Muzia received a department citation for work as platoon commander April 29, 2015, at a four-alarm fire at a house on Roslyn. Smith noted in addition to problems gaining entry to the house, public safety offi-

cers had to deal with a broken water main. Muzia’s citation states, “Your leadership skills were invaluable in the midst of difficult circumstances.”

Public Safety Officer Kyle Seidel received a department citation for his actions assisting with a traffic stop April 15. Seidel observed an occupant of the back seat

reaching for something and when he opened the door, a loaded 9 mm semi-automatic pistol fell to the ground. Seidel stood on the gun while alerting fellow officers. According to his official citation, his actions “may have possibly saved the lives of the other two officers at the scene and prevented what may have turned into a dangerous situation.”

Mayor Robert Novitke said he was speaking for the council and residents when he commended the officers for their work and thanked all public safety officers for their efforts.

“We are always grateful for the dedication and professionalism shown by all our officers,” he said, “and we all appreciate what they do for our city.”

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Grosse Pointe Shores

Mellow yellow

A Shelby Township woman, 31, claiming she was driving home from a luau, was arrested in the 500 block of southbound Lakeshore at 4:13 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, for being drunk behind the wheel of a white 2011 Range Rover.

Her blood alcohol level measured .149 percent, according to a patrolman.

The arresting officer pulled her over for stopping at a flashing yellow traffic light on Lakeshore near city hall.

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Been drinking

A 32-year-old female motorist from Detroit didn't hold back when a patrolman asked her during a traffic stop last weekend if she'd been drinking alcohol.

"(Expletive) yeah, I've been drinking," she reportedly affirmed.

Her blood alcohol level measured .303 percent, almost four times the legal limit to operate a motor vehicle in Michigan, the patrolman reported.

He arrested her for drunken driving.

The officer pulled her over at 2:19 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, for weaving a 2004 Ford Explorer up to 48 mph on eastbound Jefferson from Lakeland until caught at the foot of Newberry Place in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"(She) stated she just got out of the hospital," said the officer. "(She said she) got her head bashed in" and received staples to close the wound.

She failed a field sobriety test requiring her to count backwards from 89 to 61.

"No one could do that," she reportedly protested.

Officers found a pint of rum in the car, they said.

Passengers consisted of her daughter, 13, and a Detroit man, 41.

They arranged for the passengers to be picked up by the woman's sister.

Scavenged

A report of someone trying to break into an unoccupied house in the 800 block of Cadieux came too late for public safety officers to monitor the property and try to prevent the subsequent theft of the hot water heater.

"[A real estate agent] said she found the lock box damaged on July 20 from someone attempting to pry it open, but did not report it," said a patrolman.

Police learned of the incident two weeks later in response to the stolen heater, reported by a nephew of the deceased former owner the afternoon of Tuesday, Aug. 4.

"Today, he found the lock box on the front door handle broken and cut off with bolt cutters," said the officer. "The box and house keys were taken. The front door was ajar. It appeared the water lines on top had been cut with bolt cutters."

The thieves also shut off the water and natural

Public Safety Reports

gas leads, police said.

More damage

A man living in the 1000 block of Cadieux continues having trouble parking his vehicles on Cranford Lane.

Overnight Thursday, July 30, someone scratched both sides of his black 2015 Subaru Outback parked on the lane because of a parking ban on Cadieux.

"(He) has had other vehicles he owns damaged when parked on Cranford," said a public safety officer.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Washed up

Two Detroit men face rough legal waters for allegedly drinking on a boat in Lake St. Clair.

Deputies from the Wayne County Sheriff's marine patrol division dropped off the first suspect, 29, at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park shortly before 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8.

A public safety officer put him in custody.

"The suspect staggered as he walked and swayed as he stood," said the patrolman. "He had a strong odor of intoxicants about his person that became even stronger as he spoke."

The man registered a .16 percent blood alcohol level, rating a citation for operating a boat while under the influence of alcohol.

The second man, 24, delivered himself to headquarters at about 10:30 p.m.

He was intoxicated and looking for his shipmate, according to a dispatcher.

An officer intercepted him leaving the station behind the wheel of a 2009 Audi A4.

During a roadside investigation on Kercheval near Hillcrest Lane, the man failed a series of field sobriety tests and registered a .11 percent blood alcohol level.

"He stated he had been on a 'raft off' with his friend and had been drinking on the boat," said the officer. "(He

would answer questions that were not asked rather than the question posed to him."

Such as, "When asked when he started drinking, he would answer when he quit drinking (5 p.m.)," said the officer. "When questioned about how much he had to drink, he would answer when he had been drinking (starting at 10 a.m.)."

Intervention

All Farms patrol officers responded last week to a third-party report of a man threatening murder-suicide.

The report came from a dental hygienist in Southfield regarding a Farms man, 66, saying, "He was going to purchase a gun, shoot his wife then kill himself," said one of many officers converging on the couple's house in the 200 block of Merriweather at 1:41 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6.

The couple is getting divorced and the man wasn't home, police said they learned.

"(His wife) stated (he) was depressed," said an officer. "(I) advised (her) to seek temporary housing away from (him)."

She reportedly agreed.

Officers searching the house confiscated a handgun and ammunition owned by the couple's son, serving the U.S. military in Asia.

Checked out

Someone during the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 4, entered a white 2014 Chevrolet Cruze parked in the Pier Park lot near the tennis courts and stole three checks totaling \$1,275.

The checks were in an envelope the Cruze's owner, a Grosse Pointe Woods man, stored above a sun visor.

He told police he collected the checks that day during a Rotary Club meeting at the park, stored them in his Cruze at 6:10 p.m. and left the vehicle unattended.

Upon returning at 8:30 p.m., they were gone.

"(He) believes he left his vehicle unlocked after placing the envelope in the visor," said a public safety officer.

The checks are for \$175, \$500 and \$600.

Smokin'

A few minutes before 2 a.m. Monday, Aug. 3, a 27-year-old Detroit man entered the BP station lobby on Mack at Moross, milled around and asked to buy an .84-cent cigar displayed within the enclosed cashier stand.

"When (the cashier) put the cigar on the tray underneath the bullet-proof glass, (the man) grabbed the cigar and attempted to walk out," said a public safety officer, citing the employee.

The suspect didn't get away.

"(The cashier) locked the door and called police to assist," said the officer. "(The man) needed multiple officers to cuff him."

Police confiscated his pocket knife and arrested him for retail fraud and giving a fake name to law enforcement representatives.

He's also wanted on an outstanding \$1,213 warrant from the Wayne County Friend of the Court, police said.

He's a wanderer

A peripatetic man claiming to have a criminal record of burglary was detained Sunday, Aug. 2, for wandering the Farms.

A patrolman first saw him at 3:30 a.m. on southbound Moross at Mack, then at 3:45 p.m. on the grounds of St. Paul Catholic Church in the 100 block of Lakeshore.

The man, 42, said he slept the prior night lake-side.

"(He) stated he had been walking for approximately a week and started from Troy," said Officer Tim Harris, handler of K-9 Duke. "(He) said his mother kicked him out from her house in Troy because she didn't want him to kill himself in her home."

Records outlined his mental history and named him on a non-extradition warrant in Florida.

"(He) said he was on probation," said Harris, buying him a sandwich,

bag of potato chips and bottle of Powerade.

Fingerprint evidence tied him to the break-in of Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, in the 200 block of Moross, reported at 1:46 p.m., according to police.

"Nothing seemed out of place or missing," Harris said at the time.

Family trouble

Two brothers in their mid teens called police shortly before 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, about their allegedly suicidal mother, 48.

"They stated their mother claimed they were the reason she wanted to kill herself," said an officer.

Patrolmen questioned her after she drove home to the 400 block of Fisher.

Tallying her blood alcohol level at .18 percent — twice the legal limit — an officer put her in custody for drunken driving.

"(When she) was advised she was under arrest, she yelled 'No,'

and attempted to leave," said the arresting officer.

A second officer helped restrain her.

"She continued to pull away and thrashed," said the first officer. "All parties landed on the front lawn."

At headquarters, a search of her purse revealed a straw lined with a residue testing as cocaine, according to police, adding a charge of possession of narcotics paraphernalia.

The sons said she'd been arguing with them, according to police.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Say cheese

A Fleetwood resident snapped pictures of two youths taking a bike from a neighbor's garage at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, and police used those pictures to nab the two 15-year-olds, along with

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OUR VIEW

Library power issues continue into third month

We’re continuing to look into problems with the power at the Grosse Pointe Public Library’s Central Branch. The library has been operating on a generator since June 27, when a 52-year-old cable quit working. DTE brought a temporary generator to the library and then took it back July 28, telling the library to get its own, Library Director Vickey Bloom told Jody McVeigh of the Grosse Pointe News. The library looked at options on July 31, and brought in another company to test the cable Aug. 4. “When they tested it, they said it was all bad and couldn’t be repaired,” Bloom said. The next step for the library is to bid out cable replacement. If the library shuts down the generator, all three branches will lose Internet service, Bloom said. “It’s just unreal,” she continued. Depending on the cost of the upgrade, the library may delay parts of its redesign project, planned to get underway in the coming months. We’ll get more information and share what we find in next week’s issue.

Date change

The Family Center, with partners including Services for Older Citizens, Training & Treatment Innovations Inc. and the Grosse Pointe News, will offer a free Mental Health First Aid training this fall. Sessions are scheduled from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 29 and Oct. 6, at SOC, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. More information is available in this week’s Community section, or call (313) 432-3832.

Racing For Kids

We also will have more information the next couple weeks about Racing For Kids to The Hill, an annual fundraiser in Grosse Pointe Farms. The day has plenty of activities for families, car and racing enthusiasts. A charity auction and entertainment wrap up the evening. Businesses featured for that event include The Hill Seafood & Chop House, Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, Jumps, Luxe Bar and Grill, Bella Cafe, Cafe Nini and Fresh Farms Market. Ticket information will follow in the Grosse Pointe News and more information is available at racingforkids.org.

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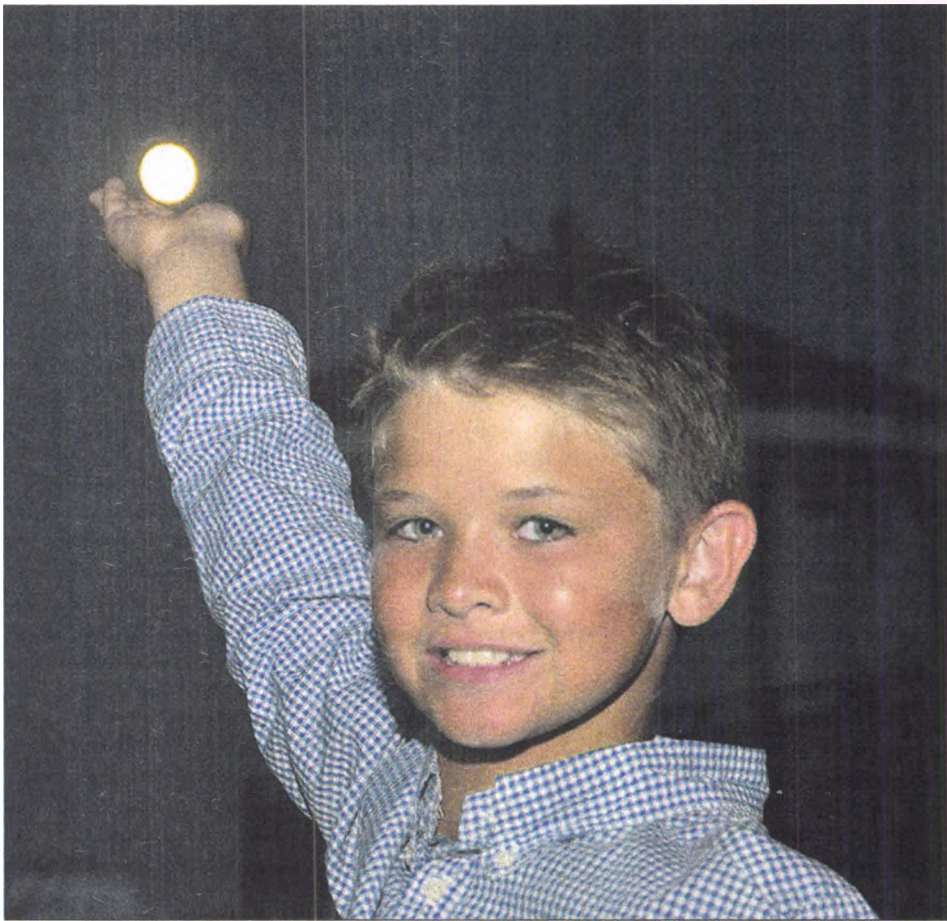


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Pure GP

Andrew Stalker of Grosse Pointe Farms “holds” the moon during the recent fundraiser at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club to benefit Save Our Children’s Future of Michigan. The July 30 event raised money and awareness, while honoring the memories of Christina Samuel and Andrew’s sister, Paige Stalker. Christina and Paige were murdered in separate incidents last December. The families have joined efforts to make the east side safer through education and teamwork.

LETTERS

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

Real leaders

So, the man who currently leads the

Presidential polls of Registered Republicans is a misogynistic, homophobic, xenophobic, throw-back blowhard named

Donald J. [“Jackass”] Trump. And Tea Party, Conservative Christian Rightists/Hypocrites State Representatives Todd Courser and Cyndi Gamrat have disgraced themselves by abusing their offices in a spectacular scandal so tawdry a fiction writer couldn’t invent it. Time to hit the GOP Reset Button for new candidates like Bill Milliken or Howard Baker or, yes, for the sake of nostalgia, George Herbert Walker Bush, party leaders who actually distinguished them-

selves by having moral and intellectual governors.
JOHN P. JACOBS
Grosse Pointe Farms

No to wall

‘RE’ your Grosse Pointe News article: I agree with the resident saying it doesn’t make GPP look good in others’ sight. We (I live in this area) are still not being inclusive and the “wall of pots” reflects that division.
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Grosse Pointe

GUEST OPINION By Jan Hagan

Many made the tour a success

Great job, everyone. Another successful year for the Grosse Pointe Garden Tour, held June 26 and 27, despite the pouring all-day rain Saturday. This was due to the dedicated homeowners who spent many hours keeping their gardens neat and tidy. We had a newcomer this year from the Grosse Pointe News, Jody McVeigh, who went to all of the gardens and took wonderful pictures along with writing a nice article. Mil Hurley was another great advertiser for the tour. She featured two of the houses on her TV program on Grosse Pointe Channel 5 called “Pointes of Horticulture.” The Public Safety Departments of the City of Grosse Pointe, Farms, Park, Shores and Woods were also available to ensure the safety of the public at this event. Robert Fionda once again donated a fabulous watercolor of the sun dial in the area of the Trial Gardens. This was part of our raffle as well as other donated items such as a Waterford crystal biscuit barrel and crystal-footed bowl, Gabrielle’s basket of gifts, vintage gold-tone clip-on earrings donated by Samira’s Upscale Consignment Boutique, Cabbage Patch Cafe gift certificate, gift card for a

haircut by Catherine at Friends Hair and Nails and a gift card from Small Favors Gift Gallery. It takes a whole lot of help from many volunteers to keep everything on track. The local businesses who sold the tickets, the sponsors and donors for their financial support, the artists and master gardeners available to answer questions and the cashiers who met patrons as they entered the gardens and checked off their tickets. A special thanks to Shirley Martin, who spent several hours putting together more than 20 beautiful floral arrangements in an assort-

ed amount of containers, cement pots and bowls, as well as herbs and ground covers. The year 2016 will be very special to the Grosse Pointe Garden Center, as we will celebrate our 25th silver anniversary. We have already started looking at homes for next year. If you or anyone you know would like to be on the tour or if you know someone who had their home on tour 25 years ago, please let us know at (313) 881-7511, Ext. 205. We hope to see you again next year. Have a great summer.
Jan Hagan is a tour committee member.

I SAY By Joe Warner

Boring must mean awesome

The Grosse Pointes are used to making all kinds of lists. It’s a great place to work, live, raise a family, go to school – the list goes on and on. So when Grosse Pointe Woods was named one of the most boring cities in Michigan, it caught my eye. The list, on RoadSnacks.net, is meant to be fun. It shouldn’t be taken all that seriously. The first thought is, what makes a city boring? The author included the explanation: population density, lots of old people, lots of REALLY old people, lots of married people and lost of people with young children. The second thought is why did Grosse Pointe Woods make the list, but no other Pointes? The author explains the rankings were based on cities with at least 10,000 resi-

dents. “Frankly, it’s the only way we could think to avoid having THREE Grosse Pointe municipalities on the list of the top 10. In order, the top 10 boring are listed as Beverly Hills, Troy, Norton Shores, Rochester Hills, Livonia, Grosse Pointe Woods, Trenton, Farmington Hills, Grand Haven and New Baltimore. The list has rankled some. Many disagreed, but some agreed. The author listed statistics with the listing for the Woods: Population over age 35 is 59.89 percent; homes with residents over 65 at 43.85 percent; married households at 58.61 percent, average resident age at 44.5 and households with children at 32.79 percent. His comments included, “You knew this was coming, right?” Grosse Pointe is the Detroit area’s classic poster child for being old, rich and dull. Like I said earlier, if the population requirement for this list wasn’t set at 10,000 residents, the rest of the Pointes would be on this list, too. FACT “Grosse Pointe Woods has the second highest average age of cities that qualified for our list, along with the second highest percentage of households with residents over 65. Again, nothing makes a city seem boring quite like having old folks living there.” I’m always surprised to see how defensive people get. But this isn’t all bad. An older population yet a high number of married couples and families? The services, the parks and the schools are easy reasons to see why people move here. And reasons

why people stay here. Other than the horrible Michigan winters, why would you want to leave? And other cities on this list are not slouches. They’re desirable for their own reasons. I’m sure Grand Havenians are asking why they’re on the list. So when I read it over the weekend, I questioned it. But thinking about it for a few minutes I came to the conclusion that boring isn’t all that bad. We’re in a beautiful, safe community with amenities others wish they had. Maybe boring is good. And maybe the thrill of the lake, the festivals, the action at the parks and in our business districts are a well-kept secret. Lucky us. What do you think?
Joe Warner is general manager and editor of the Grosse Pointe News.

RACING:

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trailed the Van as it bested competitors by an expanding number of boat lengths.

The fleet began to spread out on the first leg of a 6.4-nautical mile, clockwise course in the Wednesday, Aug. 5, installment of weekly races sponsored by the City-based Grosse Pointe Boat Club.

It was a quick outing fueled by the outset and ended by 12- to 14-knot winds that put bones in the teeth of boats beating windward.

Polasek finished first in a corrected time of 1:33:14.

Don Healy, in a Cal 25 designed for lively California breezes, showed 2 minutes, 8 seconds later.

Third came George Young in a Capri 25.

Although part of the opening kerfuffle, Dale Scrace in his 40-year-old Cal 27-2, Saucy, dropped to seventh.

"We always finish about the middle," he said.

Watching from the Neff Park breakwall, boats at the start seemed to maneuver within inches of each other, sometimes accurately.

"That was intense, one of the closer starts we've had," Scrace said. "We had fun."

Bledsoe ended tenth. "I made tweaks on the boat I thought would make it perform better in that air," he said. "It turned out those adjustments were ill-advised. It was not a particularly glorious night for us."

"At the start, it seemed everyone had about the same plan: start on starboard, be a bit high of the pin and reach down the



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

This year's racing series has two more August dates.

line to harden up at the gun," said Jay Kaiser, chairman of the race committee and nicknamed "The Professor" for his analytical race summaries. "It is a very dynamic situation and can be very intense and exciting — we love it."

Headly stuff

In dock before the race, Tom Cassleman, a veteran sailor, attached a jib and loosened ties of a main sail furled atop the boom of his Captiva 24, Persephanie.

He wore a red and blue breaker, white tilley hat and squinted against a head-on wind he knew as his nemesis.

The night's race would be one of zig-zagging out on alternate tacks and running straight back.

"Getting out is going to be a long race," Cassleman said.

Different weather conditions favor different boats.

Cassleman's sloop has a flip-up centerboard.

The board lets him adjust to shoaling water, but lacks bite against narrow points of sail, close and beam reaches, letting the boat slip side-

ways.

A sailboat's splendid sweep and silent motion prove man-made grace can join nature's majesty to transform elemental force into measured progress.

Yet, accounting for this partnership is hidden in the cold calculus of infinite and unstable variables: wind speed and direction, sail area and setting, hull shape and displacement, on and ever.

In the poet Tennyson's mind, those who go down to the sea in ships are "pilots of the purple twilight" and, in another work, "strong in will to strive, to see, to find, and not to yield."

The mathematician calculating a sailboat velocity prediction program is less enamoring.

"A sailing yacht may be considered as a physical system which is located in the interface of two fluids and solely relies on fluid forces for its propulsion," according to Christoph Bohm, in his 2014 Ph.D. thesis at the Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands.

A key part of the equa-

tion, Bohm stated, is "hydrodynamic coefficients of a yacht are derived using linear wing theory with empirical corrections for non-linearities."

Or, a weeknight racer can always raise a wet finger in the air and fly off the cuff.

Love of the game

From the start of the race, Cassleman's boat fell off sideways with the wind.

"He'll not point as high as the other guys," Bledsoe said. "Once around the mark, he'll fly, but probably will be too far behind by then."

Cassleman, his son as crew, finished 12 in 1:57.

The club's racing series dates to the Bicentennial, but wasn't codified until 1977.

"I was in the first race," said Scrace, now a six-term mayor, remembering 1976. "Somebody came up with the idea of having a sailboat race on the Fourth of July. The next year, we started the series."

Remaining races in the series are 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19 and 26.

Rodeoers reely like fishing

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND CITY —

Fish that got away from this year's rodeo at Pier Park must swim in schools that teach survival skills.

A record crowd of 1,237 attended the 67th Grosse Pointe Farms-City Family Fishing Rodeo, Saturday morning, Aug. 8.

Attendance topped last year's record by 32, according to Richard Graves, main organizer and son of the event's late founder.

Boys and girls aged 17 and younger from the Farms and City of Grosse Pointe were eligible to compete.

"Boy, there were a lot of people," Graves said.

Everyone got a prize, a free breakfast and lunch.

Contestants lined Lake St. Clair breakwalls facing the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and

Canada.

"They had a blast," Graves said.

First

Leading the way with the first fish caught per city were:

◆ Farms, Allison Drouillard, 11, 11.5-inch green bass and

◆ City, David McLaughlin, 8, 12-inch bass.

Game

Catching the largest game fish were:

◆ Farms, Bob Doherty, 10, 17-inch pike and

◆ City, Natalie Whittaker, 5, 13.5-inch bass.

Any type

Catching the largest fish of any type were:

◆ Farms, Kennedy Hasting, 7, 19-inch sheephead and

◆ City, Alec Ells, 11, 17-inch sheephead.

Graves figured rain would dampen participation by about 200.

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the bike, at Lochmoor and Harper.

Gun found under seat

A routine traffic stop at 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, turned into anything but when police discovered a handgun under the passenger seat causing the occupants to flee on foot. The car, with four passengers, had been stopped at Mack and Anita after a Woods officer saw what he believed to be some kind of a chase between two cars and he was able to pull over one of the cars involved. The car was being impounded due to an invalid plate and during a search, a handgun was found under the passenger seat, which caused the driver and two passengers to flee. The driver was quickly apprehended; the other two were not. In addition to the gun, officers found \$1,000 cash and an iPad.

— Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Suspicious vehicle

When an officer attempted to investigate a 1999 Dodge Minivan parked illegally in the 1100 block of Wayburn

at 5 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, the vehicle accelerated. The two occupants jumped out of the moving vehicle and the vehicle kept moving until it struck a parked car. The two occupants fled on foot. The minivan had been reported stolen out of Harper Woods.

A little too early, a little too loud?

Sometime between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, while a landscaping crew was cutting the grass at a house in the 900 block of Bedford, the tires on their

trailer were slashed and wires cut on two of their lawnmowers.

Tires taken

Four tires were removed sometime over night Tuesday, Aug. 4, from a 2016 Ford Explorer parked in a driveway in the 1300 block of Whittier.

Purse taken

It was a costly pizza run for one late night diner Tuesday, Aug. 4, when her purse was taken from her unlocked car with all the windows

rolled down while she was in a pizza store on Jefferson.

Fire

Contact with power lines is being given as the cause of a fire at 11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, in the 1300 block of Cadieux. A wooden fence and a detached garage sustained "limited damage."

— Kathy Ryan

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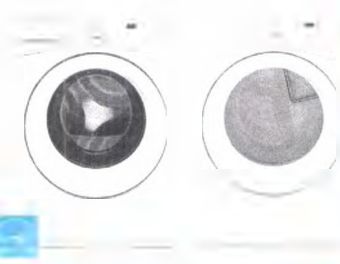
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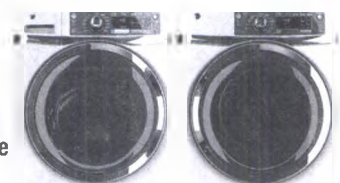
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The art of healing

Beaumont building music, art, mindfulness program

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

The Joy Committee at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe is doing its best to bring more joy to patients, staff and the community.

It has entered the first phase of a program called "The Art of Healing" by offering monthly concerts at its healing garden. Visual art, mindfulness and other pathways to healing soon will follow, planners hope.

"Healing isn't just about bones and tissue," said Suzy Berschback, manager of community affairs and advocacy at Beaumont. "It's about spirit and happiness. We want to pull it all together to raise spirits."

Ideas were generated from all eight Beaumont hospitals and were discussed for a while, Berschback said, but weren't implemented until Fr. Rich Bartoszek, director of pastoral care, offered sponsorship of the music program through Bon Secours Chapel.

"It's been a fun experience learning what everyone is doing and how we can learn together with best practices," Berschback said. "We're now piloting (a music program) at



COURTESY PHOTO

Patients, staff and guests are invited to attend the music series performances at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

Grosse Pointe with the hope we can continue our efforts."

Beaumont also is consulting with the University of Michigan and learning from its Gift of Arts program.

Berschback said there's science behind mixing art and medicine. Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak physician Asha Shajahan agreed.

Shajahan's mother was in her 60s when she was diagnosed with early-onset dementia. The disease affected her mood and her ability to cope with the diagnosis.

"I noticed when I would take her to a concert or an event with music, the

DIA ... she'd feel a lot better and act more like herself," Shajahan said. "I looked into research and it showed that integrating art into medicine can reduce negative emotions, increase dopamine and lower stress levels."

Shajahan hosted an art and healing festival called Splash last fall at her St. Clair Shores clinic. It included a color run, artists and performers, a Detroit Institute of Arts hands-on project, belly dancing, live music and more.

"It was eye-opening for the system," Shajahan said. "Now we're formalizing and creating the art and healing program

throughout the network."

The music program

takes place the second Tuesday of each month in the healing gardens during the summer and in the hospital's chapel the rest of the year.

The program kicked off in June with a performance by the a capella group Noteworthy, followed by a performance by Start String Trio in July and a Detroit Medical Orchestra concert in August.

"It's been great, exciting," Berschback said. "It's been really good for the staff. The volunteer corps, staff, patients, the chapel following and the community are enjoying the music so far."

"Our goal is to bring as many patients as we can to these events and also

to take music and art healing as far as we can into the hospital — if we can find philanthropic support," she continued. "The community is welcome. Our second-floor healing garden labyrinth is open to the public."

The next stage of the program involves visual art.

"We hope to have a mini art gallery with local artists in different areas of the hospital where we can showcase that," Berschback said. "We've been given a space in the hospital to use for that. The next step is working on a juried art exhibit."

A multimedia piece by photographer Monte

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Coming up

Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe continues its "The Art of Healing" music series with monthly performances through December.

◆ Tuesday, Oct. 13, Detroit Medical Orchestra trio performs at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel. This is a special event for breast health.

◆ Tuesday, Nov. 16, a trio from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra performs at noon in the lobby.

◆ Tuesday, Dec. 8, Noteworthy performs a Christmas concert at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel.

The hospital also houses a player piano on the second floor, "for people who want to take a quiet moment

to enjoy some music," said Suzy Berschback, manager of community affairs and advocacy for Beaumont.

In addition, Beaumont is planning a ladies' night out in the Village Thursday, Oct. 8.

"We want to incorporate arts in healing as much as possible," Berschback said, adding that art, musicians and mindfulness practice will be involved. "We're looking for as many partners as possible to help with art healing."

Beaumont is located at 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe. For more information, call (313) 473-1700.



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Mary Beth Scanlon and KeepItReal Yoga host a yoga fundraiser Sunday, Aug. 30, to benefit Kids on the Go.

Zen benefit

Yoga fundraiser helps Kids on the Go

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

The benefits of practicing yoga soon will stretch beyond the physical when KeepItReal Yoga hosts a fundraiser to benefit Kids on the Go, which offers physical, occupational and speech therapies to special-needs children during the summer months.

From 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, registered yoga teachers Tim Clark and Mary Beth Scanlon host an all-levels yoga class, followed by an afterparty at Atwater Brewery.

"We see our practice as an opportunity for positive growth, but never perfection," Scanlon said. "Yoga is about balance, but our goals reach beyond the physical. KeepItReal Yoga aims to keep the heart and the mind in harmonious alignment. That, we have found, is the real yoga."

Clark was Scanlon's yoga teacher and the two formed a friendship over the years. "We share many of the same ideals, a mutual respect and a lot of laughs," Scanlon said. "We had the idea to collaborate and co-teach a

large outdoor community class before summer's end. We wanted to bring in the aspect of Karma yoga — Karma yoga is the yoga of action with intention to serve — and immediately thought of Kristy and Kids on the Go."

Kristy Schena, executive director of Kids on the Go, said she was approached a month ago by Scanlon and was excited about the idea.

"Kids on the Go has offered a free yoga class for the past six summers and many of the parents report that their child is so relaxed following the class," Schena said. "They have also stated that they have been able to use some of these poses and breathing

techniques with their child in daily living. We are hoping to see many of the parents attend this class for themselves."

The class takes place in Grosse Pointe Park. Scanlon said she has space for 100 participants; an address will be provided for the first 100 to register. The addition of Atwater turns the event into an evening out.

"Our Grosse Pointe community has truly embraced Kids on the Go and Mary Beth Scanlon and Mark Rieth of Atwater Brewery are perfect examples of our community helping others," Schena said. "This event is a refreshing

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Neighborhood Club

The Neighborhood Club offers a special for those who wish to become members of the Recreation and Wellness Center — no enrollment fee. The membership special is effective through Tuesday, Sept. 15, for new annual members only. Annual memberships are available for youth, adults, seniors and families. Membership privileges include full use

of the fitness center, more than 50 fitness and aquatic classes to attend, use of the gymnasium during open gym time and open swim and lap swim times in the aquatic center. Family members also receive 50 percent off select youth sports leagues. Call (313) 885-4600.

BNI

Business Network International meets at 7 a.m. Friday, Aug. 14, at

Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

GPAAS

Sunrise Paws in the Park 2015 takes place 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, and Sunday, Aug. 16, at Patterson Park, located at the foot of Three Mile Drive and Essex, Grosse Pointe Park. The cost to participate is a voluntary donation to the Grosse

Pointe Animal Adoption Society. All dogs must be current on vaccinations and must remain leashed at all times. No Flexileashes are allowed. GPAAS will provide bags for waste. Call (313) 884-1551.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mentally Ill Eastside meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

Libraries

"Campfire Songs with Mr. Nick" takes place at

8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods Branch, 20680 Mack. Lawn chairs and snacks are encouraged. Call (313) 343-2072, Ext. 503.

The Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts "MetroTimes Sex Ads: A Public Health and Safety Crisis; A Graphic Presentation" from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, for ages 18 and older. Registration is required by Sunday, Aug. 16, by calling (313) 757-1491 or emailing sextrafficking@thinktank@gmail.com.

Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House hosts a barbecue on Bird Island Friday, Aug. 14, featuring a strolling dinner with craft brews and music by Detroit Pleasure Society. Space is limited and tickets must be purchased online in advance. Visit the "events" tab at fordhouse.org.

Clinic

Dr. Eric McCutcheon and Redwood Dental Group, 22646 9 Mile Road, St. Clair Shores, offers "Get Kids Fresh for School," a free event for families without insurance to get children ready for the dentist and a new school year. The program runs from 2 to 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14. Call (586) 778-4151 to reserve a time.

Woods Community Center

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center shows "The Theory of Everything" Tuesday, Aug. 18, during its Lunch and a Movie program. Lunch is served at noon, followed by the movie. Cost is \$9 for Woods residents, \$11 for non-residents, and reservations are required by Friday, Aug. 14. Call (313) 343-2408.

Lake House

The Lake House, 26701 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores, hosts an American Red Cross blood drive from 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21. Sign up for an appointment at redcrossblood.org by searching "milakehouse" or call (586) 777-7761.

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change for a fundraiser. This is an affordable night out with friends while supporting a great cause — helping Kids on the Go keep our summer programs running."

Scanlon, a Grosse Pointe Park resident and graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, has been practicing yoga for seven years and teaching for four.

"Yoga has become my passion for many reasons, one of them being the inner strength it has given me," she said. "I have learned through my practice the importance of taking good care of myself on all levels — physically, emotionally and spiritually — and how, in turn, that helps me to take better care of others; to be a better person. Yoga offers us that one hour a day to come inside and connect with our truth. We are forced to peel away the layers, the stresses of everyday life, and connect with what is inside our heart. The more we practice that connection, the more we are able to bring that love out to share with others in the world."

The cost to participate is \$10 and all proceeds benefit Kids on the Go. A portion of the proceeds from the afterparty at Atwater Brewery also will benefit the organization.

"The money will be used to provide scholarships for children to attend our summer 2016 programs," Schena said. "This past summer we provided over 250 free scholarships."

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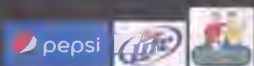
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Special-needs children and teens to take the stage

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

Campers from the Arc of Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods are excited to take the stage and are even more excited to share their super powers with members of the community when the youngsters present “Super Cool Super School” at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

With help from members of the Grosse Pointe Theatre, including Youth on Stage Director Sharron Nelson, Arc campers have been learning lines, dances and songs for the original production. Though pieced together by Nelson, the story was generated through the ideas of the special-needs children and teens involved with the camp.

“We tried to have little writers’ meetings,” Nelson said. “They gave me their ideas and I put



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Arc campers dance to the “Batman” theme song.

them on paper, so it’s their show.”

Added Arc Director Deborah Moffat, “The kids develop their own characters and what powers they’d like to have if they were a superhero.”

“Superheroes” was the theme of this year’s camp, which started meeting weekdays when school ended in June. It’s the fourth year the group has performed a play, though the Arc has offered programming for special-needs children and adults since 1954.

“We not only provide the summer program, but also an after-school

program for children with special needs,” Moffat said, “and social and recreational programs for adults in the fall, winter and spring.”

The summer session includes a variety of activities apart from play practice. Activities include field trips, entertainment, cooking programs, vocational training for older campers, swimming and more.

“And we always work on communication and social skills,” Moffat said.

The production involves all 32 campers enrolled this year, each of whom auditioned and

was assigned a part.

“We really tried to get the kids involved,” Nelson said. “We let the kids decide what super powers they’d like to have.”

Among the selected super powers are the world’s best bowler and drummer, as well as a super joke teller.

“Anybody who’s here has a part in the play,” Moffat said. “Part of our program involves being totally flexible with parents’ needs.”

The experience is like none other, the women said, for performers and audience alike.

“The first few years, there was not a dry eye in the house,” Moffat said. “For a lot of the children, it’s their only opportunity to be on stage, their only opportunity to shine. It really boosts their self-esteem.”

Added Nelson, “It just means a lot for them to get up there. This is the only time they get to do something like this in

front of an audience. It motivates them to speak better and for some of them to start singing or dancing. It’s a huge confidence booster.”

The Arc offers programming for children and adults with a variety of challenges, including intellectual impairments, autism spectrum disorder, cerebral palsy and others.

“We’re really the only program open to children

with all sorts of disabilities,” Moffat said. “We incorporate everyone who can benefit from our program.”

The summer camp meets weekdays at St. Michael Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Admission to the camp-ending production is free, but a goodwill offering is appreciated.

For more information, call (586) 457-8588.



Campers Raphael Eger, Dylan Chunn, Christian Gundalsen, Ethan Harkenrider, Olivia Grobbel and Alexander Runk give the peace sign to send love to the world.



Paint party planned

The Grosse Pointe ART Center, 17118 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, presents “The Art of the Martini,” a fundraiser painting party benefitting the center from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10. The evening includes art, cocktails and networking. Participants may enjoy a

martini while creating their own freehand or stenciled work of art. Artist Janus Benda instructs. Cost is \$45 and includes a \$25 tax-deductible donation to GPAC. Reserve a seat by calling (313) 881-3454 or emailing gpaag@grossepointeartcenter.org.

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Nagler already hangs in the Grosse Pointe hospital. The committee is looking for the right fit for future pieces.

“The music and art have to be soothing and uplifting,” Berschback said.

“People often have anxiety when they’re admitted to the hospital,” Shajahan said. “We’re trying to improve the environment and make the hospital a pleasant place to be.”

Studies show art helps with self-expression, communication, reducing anxiety and depression, increasing patient satisfaction, reducing

length of hospital stay and reducing symptoms of disease.

“Several studies show that participating in art, guided imagery, listening to music and seeing art reduced the need for pain medication,” Shajahan said. “In another study, people engaged in an art program after having a cardiac event and it decreased the length of their hospital stay.”

Shajahan said though the program targets patients, many are shy to come forward, but she sees them slip into the concerts.

“Some of them have said it’s a beautiful thing to have here,” she said, adding she gets most of her feedback from staff.

“Employees expressed that they like it. Helping improve the hospital environment is important for employee satisfaction.”

Another facet being explored is mindfulness training, honing an increased awareness of thoughts, emotions, senses and external behaviors. Mindfulness also helps people focus on what they want when they want, as well as non-reactivity.

“We’re already doing it with the staff and in schools,” Berschback said. “It’s an eight-week stress-reduction course. There’s a science behind it. In the communities I serve, one of the biggest health concerns is stress. This is a stress-manage-

ment, free tool that you have access to. It’s you making choices, being in control of you.”

Beaumont also offers dog therapy at its Grosse Pointe location, bringing trained dogs to the hospital during designated times to visit with willing patients.

“It’s about health and happiness,” Berschback said. “It’s the whole picture.”

Added Shajahan: “There’s a lot of benefit. I’m really excited about it. It’s personal to me with my mom. There’s more benefit than people give it credit for. As a physician, we’re looking for more innovative ways to promote wellness.”



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Try these Oklahoma Fried Onion Sliders

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Oklahoma-style Fried Onion Sliders

Makes 12 sliders

2 lbs. ground chuck
1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper
2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley (optional)
4 cups thinly sliced and halved sweet white

onion
2 teaspoons olive oil, plus extra if needed
12 slices American cheese
12 slider sweet rolls
dill pickle chips and yellow mustard for serving

Combine the ground chuck with the salt, pepper and parsley. Form the meat into 12 equal balls and set aside.

Toss the onions with 2 teaspoons of olive oil and season lightly with salt and pepper. Heat a large skillet slightly over medium heat. Scatter half of the onions over the hot skillet, then place six of the meat balls over the onions. Use a firm



spatula to press each of the meatballs into the onions while forming each into a patty. Try to get as many onions pressed into the meat as possible. Things may get a little messy in the skillet, but your kitchen will smell awesome.

Cook the burgers for 5 minutes or so, then carefully give them a flip. Cook to desired temperature, then top each onion-

topped burger with a slice of American cheese. A quick cover over the skillet will melt the cheese perfectly.

Place a burger on each of the bun bottoms and top with a dill pickle chip. A squirt of yellow mustard on the bun brings these tasty sliders right back to their Oklahoma roots.

Repeat the process with the remaining six meatballs and the other half of the onions.

I couldn't photograph my sliders quick enough. I dove straight into one of the juiciest and most flavorful burgers that has ever crossed my lips.

Now I'm craving a trip to Oklahoma.

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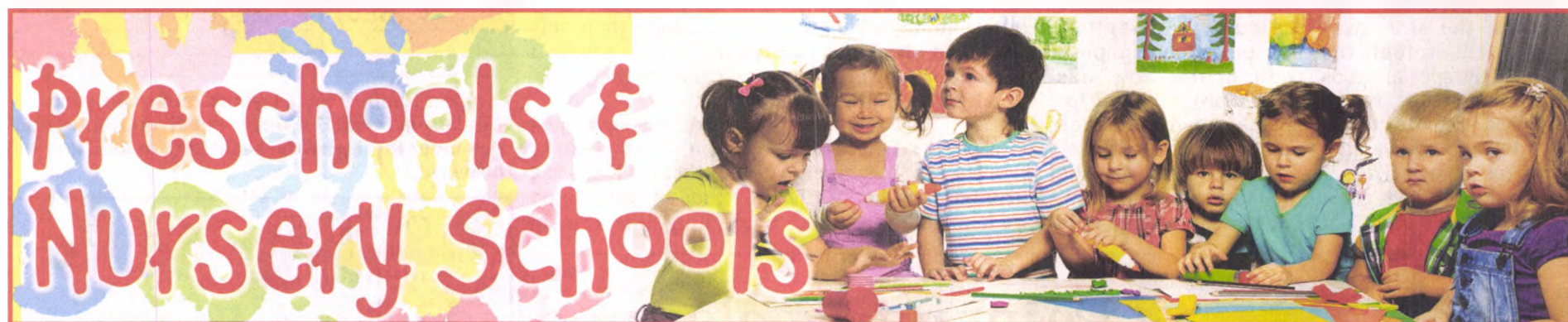
The Grosse Pointe News is working on a series about Belle Isle, the jewel of Detroit. No doubt many Grosse Pointers have cherished memories about their childhoods spent at the various amenities on the island. Do you remember Belle Isle in its heyday? What are your fondest memories? We'd love to share with our readers the joy Belle Isle has given you.

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Send your favorite Belle Isle memories to Grosse Pointe News, c/o Jody McVeigh, 21316 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236; or email jmcveigh@grossepointenews.com. Print photos that are mailed will be available for pickup after publication at the newspaper office.



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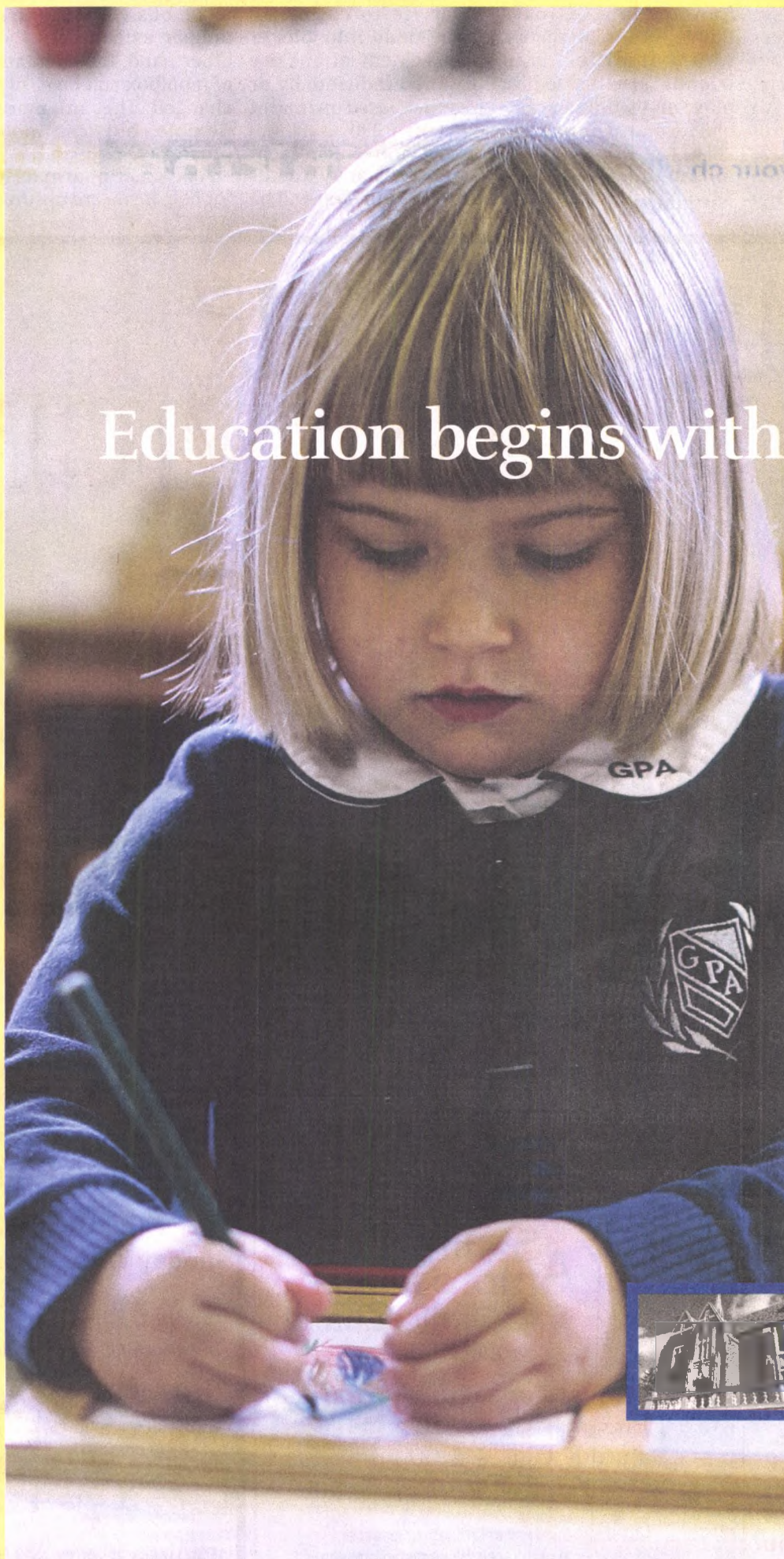
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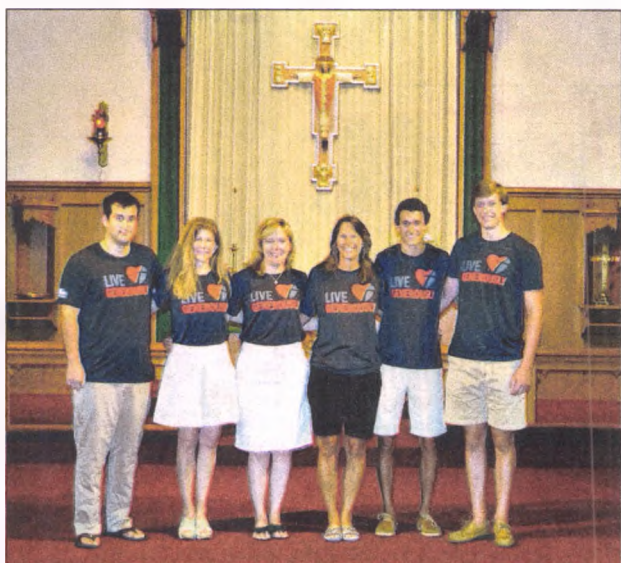
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Mary Mobley, a Habitat for Humanity International Global Village leader and member at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, led a team from Grosse Pointe to help build a house for Habitat for Humanity in Beius, Romania, the week of Aug. 3. From left are David Meza, Jennifer Callewaert, Mary Mobley, Cheryl Cusmano, Nick Cusmano and Quinn Gallant. Not pictured are Jim Meza, Jen Dunbar and Jackie Rouse.



COURTESY PHOTO

Church sends team on mission trip for Habitat

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms sent a team of nine to Beius, Romania, on a mission trip to serve with Habitat for Humanity the week of Aug. 3.

"We're blessed to share our time and talents and help people have a decent place to live," said Mary Mobley, a Habitat for Humanity International Global Village leader and St. Paul member. "Our efforts are part of a three-year initiative to build 31 new homes in rural western Romania."

Thrivent Financial contributes funding support for this Thrivent Builds Worldwide trip as part of its partner-

ship with Habitat for Humanity. The trip began and ended in Budapest, Hungary, and included partnering with a Romanian family to build a simple, decent, affordable home, as well as cultural experiences in Romania and Hungary.

Through its affiliates in Beius, Cluj, Bucharest and Comanesti, Romania, Habitat has helped more than 16,000 people have a decent place to live by either building new houses or renovating existing ones. Habitat also has helped another 20,000 people through prevention and risk response programs.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Ghada Abdallah

Mother's medications are overwhelming

Q: My brother and I are sharing the responsibilities of taking care of our elderly mother. She is on so many medications it's hard for us to keep track of what she's taken and when, especially when neither of us are with her all the time. Is there a foolproof system we could use to ensure we don't miss something?

A: Yes. Blister packs or pillboxes would work. By simply compartmentalizing your medications, you will save time/hassle and track doses more effectively. Both options help reduce the likelihood of forgetfulness, medication mix-ups and embarrassment.

Blister packs and pillboxes help answer the question: "Did I take my medication today?" As a pharmacist, I have had many patients call asking what they should do when they can't remember if they took their medication. "Would it hurt if I missed a dose or doubled up?" Your health and medications are very serious. It's important to take them exactly as prescribed. While altering the dose every once in a while may be OK for certain medications, it is not always safe. Always consult with your pharmacist.

Some pharmacies offer a service to customize your meds into blister packs. Medications are blistered individually or together based on time of day taken. This is a time-saving, convenient technique that may foster better health. You will be

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able to keep track of whether or not you took your meds. Blisters are filled monthly and can reduce your trips to the pharmacy.

Pillboxes are an alternative to blister packs and are available at most pharmacies. You are in charge of filling your medications into compartments. They are available in a variety of sizes and colors, are for every member of the family of any age, including pets, and come in daily, weekly or monthly sizes.

Several factors should be considered when choosing between the two. How many medications do you take per day and how often? What are the size of the pills? Do multiple family members assist in administering the meds? How often do you want to fill it? Will you take it with you while traveling? Does it need to be discreet or locked to keep out small children or hazards?

When caregivers are involved, I recommend a blister pack. Once sealed, most blister packs are tamper evident. On the other hand, the contents of a pillbox can be easily changed. They are more flexible, but less foolproof.

Ask your pharmacist for help if you are unsure.

Disclaimer: The information contained in this article is not intended to be medical advice. Always consult with your pharmacist or doctor regarding issues that pertain to your health.

Ghada Abdallah, RPh, has been the owner of Park Pharmacy in Grosse Pointe Park since 2006. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy from Wayne State University in 2002 and is a member of The Family Center's Association of Professionals. Park Pharmacy offers free blister packs, medication synchronization and free delivery. Call (313) 822-0100 or email info@parkpharmrx.com if you have questions.

Read more Ask the Experts articles on a variety of topics online at familycenterweb.org.

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CHURCH EVENTS

Assumption

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, celebrates the Great Vespers for the Feast of the Dormition at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14. His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas has invited His Excellency Archbishop Allen Vigneron, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Detroit,

to be the guest homilist. Call (586) 779-6111.

St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers Vacation Bible School from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m. Monday, Aug. 17, to Friday, Aug. 21. The program is for children age 4 through fourth grade. Junior and senior high

school students are needed to help. Call (313) 885-8855.

Memorial Church

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church presents its golf outing Monday, Aug. 31, at the Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods. Members, their families and friends are invited to play an 18-hole scramble format. Dinner follows. For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

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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.

Peter C. Higbie

Peter C. Higbie, 90, died peacefully Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015, at his Grosse Pointe Farms home.

Born in 1924 in Chicago, Peter grew up in Bloomfield Hills, the third of five children. He attended the Cranbrook School and Cornell University. He left college to join the U.S. Army during World War II, where he served as a communications line-man in the 12th Armored Division. After the armistice, he attended college in Paris where he developed his lifelong interest in the French language and then returned to Cornell to finish his degree. He married Frances Tobias in 1951. The couple moved to Grosse Pointe Farms in 1963 where they raised four children. Peter began working for First of Michigan Corporation as a stockbroker in 1957, eventually becoming branch manager in Grosse Pointe. He retired on his 80th birthday.

In 2013, Peter met and fell in love with Joan Hines who, like him, had lost her longtime spouse. They were married in September 2013, honeymooned in Canada and made their home in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Peter was active in sports, social clubs and church groups until his last months. He enjoyed golf and bridge and played tennis three times a week into his 80s. He enjoyed sharing his poetry with friends and family and his warm baritone voice graced many impromptu sing-alongs.

A longtime member of Rotary International, after retirement Peter was also active in the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club. He was a member of the Detroit Unity Temple and led a weekly fellowship meeting in his home for many years. He also volunteered as a tutor with the Dominican Literacy Center in Detroit.

Peter is survived by his wife, Joan Hines; children, Evan, Bill, Katie Sofran and Toby; grand-

children, Chris, Hayley, Paige, Gavin, Charlotte and Maeve.

He was predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Frances.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

Donations may be made to the Dominican Literacy Center, 5555 Conner Ave., Suite 1414, Detroit, MI 48213 or at dlcliteracy.org.

Sharon L. Johnson

Grosse Pointe Park resident Sharon L. Johnson, 71, died Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2015.

Sharon was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was active in the communities in which she lived. In Chesterton, Ind., her home served as the focal point for the historical tour and she was a part of the historical society. In Grosse Pointe Park, she worked in the Knapsackers program and as a gate guard for more than 10 years. She also worked for the Grosse Pointe Public School System for many years.

Sharon is survived by her husband, Wayne; loving children, Laurie Skotcher (Lance), Kathleen Wiza (Timothy), Kelly Rogers (Michael), Michael (Jody), Erin Schlueter (the late Josh), Meghan Eaton (Ryan), James Johnson and Courtney Johnson; daughter-in-law, Shaneka, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her son, Christopher and daughter, Kerrie.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

Donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation, 15115 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Suzanne R. Sprague

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Suzanne R. Sprague died peacefully Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015, at home surrounded by her family. She died as a result of Parkinson's disease, which she battled more than 14 years.

She was a loving wife, mother, stepmother, grandmother and sister and is survived by her husband, Dr. Henry Hezekiah Sprague; children, Patricia Sisca (Philip), William Boydell, David Boydell (Kelly), Robert Boydell (Diane), Hal Sprague and Julian Sprague (Betsy); grandchildren, Lauren, Erin, William, Kerri, Sara, Jamie, Jack, Grant, Eliza, Sam and Emily and sister, Nancy Gee.

Suzanne was born Oct. 20, 1929, in Detroit, to Loraine and Sherwood Reekie, and lived in Grosse Pointe all her life. She attended Detroit Country Day School and Ogontz College in Philadelphia. She worked for AAA Travel Service until 1953 and married William C. Boydell that same year.

Mrs. Sprague was active in sports from her field hockey days at Detroit Country Day School to tennis, paddle tennis and golf competitions later in life. She was the ladies golf club champion at the Country Club of Detroit in 1978, 1983, 1984 and 1994. She was an avid bridge player as well, and was a member of the Grosse Pointe Garden Club, the Junior League of Detroit and the Women's District Golf Association, of which she was president from 1985 to 1986.

Her greatest enjoyment was summer visits to the Pere Marquette Rod & Gun Club in Baldwin, where she brought her family together for annual reunions. In 1977, she married Henry Sprague, with whom she enjoyed sports and travel to Europe, Hawaii and Borrego Springs, Calif.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore,



Peter C. Higbie



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In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research at michaelfox.org.

Georgia Winston Killeen

Grosse Pointe resident Georgia Winston Killeen (nee Hartwell), 97, died in her home Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015.

Georgia was born Dec. 13, 1917, in St. Paul, Minn., to George Wilbur and Martha Winston Hartwell. She was raised in a home that embraced the ideas of early 20th century reforms such as women's suffrage and temperance. Georgia was named for her father, who died before she was born. Her mother supported the family as a math teacher at Central High School in St. Paul.

In 1939, Georgia earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Hamline University, where her father had been department head and professor of mathematics. After a short career as a teacher, Georgia attended Cable's Secretarial College, where recruiters offered her a position with the FBI in Washington, D.C. During World War II, she was among the women who filled positions vacated by the men who went to war; due to her background in science, she was promoted to a position in the Documents Laboratory, where she analyzed handwritten and typewritten documents.

After World War II, Georgia transferred with the FBI to Seattle and later Anchorage, Alaska, where she met her husband, James R. Killeen, who was serving in the U.S. Army. They married Dec. 4, 1948, in Augusta, Ga. After Jim's discharge from the Army, they spent two years in Washington, D.C., and then relocated to Jim's hometown of Detroit, where he was a

federal agent with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, and later served as Wayne County Clerk from 1975 to 1992. They raised seven children on Detroit's east side and in Grosse Pointe Farms. In their later years, they enjoyed travel in Alaska, Ireland and on the Great Lakes.

Georgia had a lifelong love of poetry, literature, music, theater and dance, which she shared with her children. She loved jigsaw puzzles and word puzzles of all kinds; she worked the New York Times daily crossword in ink. She was an avid bridge player and in her later years played at Services for Older Citizens and was the first woman admitted to the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Bridge Group. She was an active member of the United Methodist Church and enjoyed singing in the choir of the various congregations to which she belonged, as well as serving on administrative boards. In addition, she was a longtime member of the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus.

Georgia donated time and resources to a wide range of organizations, especially those that provided help to people in need. She drove for Meals on Wheels, provided transportation for cancer patients, transcribed books into braille, tutored in an adult literacy program and belonged to the Grosse Pointe Knitting Ladies, a group that knit afghans for cancer patients. She supported veterans' organizations, educational and cultural institutions, environmental groups and charities that provided assistance to the poor, especially in the Detroit area.

Georgia believed to whom much is given, much is expected.

She had an adventurous spirit and a curious nature. An independent



Georgia Winston Killeen

and confident woman, she loved knowledge and lived fearlessly in the moment. She was a loving and supportive wife, mother, grandmother and community member.

Georgia is survived by her children, Michael Killeen (Therese), Katherine Killeen (Paul Berman), Sharon Lake (John), Teresa Killeen, Timothy Killeen, Moira Hartwell and Rosemary Killeen and grandchildren, John, Katherine, Mary Clare and James Killeen, Rachael and Jessie Berman and Thorean DesMontaignes.

Georgia was predeceased by her husband, James R. Killeen and sister, Lucella R. Hartwell.

Georgia's family extends its deepest thanks to her home caregivers, Audrey Bernier and Tina White; and the staff of Hospice of Michigan, particularly Kathleen McCarthy R.N. and Michelle Hudson.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at Bayview Yacht Club, 100 Clairpointe, Detroit.

Donations may be made to Habitat for Humanity Detroit at habitatdetroit.org or Gleaners Detroit at gcfb.org.

Cards and condolences may be sent to Georgia's family at 867 Washington, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

Literacy Center celebrates volunteers

Around 30 people gathered July 22 at the home of Bob and Mary Ann Bury to celebrate and learn about the work of the Dominican Literacy Center, an eastside resource for adults in need of reading and math skills. Dominican's director, Sister Janice Brown, spoke of the adult students awaiting tutors. Staff and current tutors mingled with the crowd and filled in details.

Dominican Literacy Center was formed by Sister Marie Schoenlein, O.P., more than 25 years ago. It is housed at the Samaritan Center on Conner.

"That location is right for us now," Schoenlein said. "Over 50 organizations have offices there and this enables us to col-

laborate with many groups that complement our services. All are working for the good of our city."

This year, more than 500 adult students registered at the Center, yet there are about 250 tutors.

"We have small-class instruction, GED preparation and a mentoring program along with the one-to-one tutoring,"

Schoenlein said. "For individuals who would like to work one-to-one with an adult student, we have about 50 students who are waiting for that kind of pairing."

Dominican offers tutor orientation, training and learning resources for tutors and students. More information may be found at dlcliteracy.org or by calling (313) 267-1000.



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Veteran reflects on military service

By Monica Sabella
Editorial Intern

"There are three things I believe in," said Ray Mabarak, a veteran of World War II, as he sat in his study, albums and mementos of the war scattered about his desk. "God, country and family. That is my motto."

Mabarak was born Jan. 25, 1922, and lived in Detroit for much of his early life. During his late teens, he worked two years for Briggs Manufacturing, located at Mack and Conner, where he built B-17 wings and bomb bay doors. However, Mabarak said he wanted to do more to help his country.

"I decided that my place was not there building airplanes, but in the war with all of my friends," so at age 20, Mabarak enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

Mabarak was sworn in Nov. 2, 1942, during a Red Wings game at Olympia Stadium. Soon afterward, he was sent to Miami for basic training.



PHOTO BY MONICA SABELLA

Ray Mabarak is proud of his World War II experience.

"They never tell you where you're going. I never dreamed of going to Florida."

However, that was not the furthest from home he would go.

In March 1944, Mabarak received an involuntary transfer to the 97th Division, where he worked as a machine gunner, building, repairing and familiarizing himself with the various weapons constructed. "Our company commander insisted that we all could fire every gun we had," Mabarak said.

"And there were a whole lot of them."

In December 1944, the Battle of the Bulge occurred and the 97th Division was sent to Germany to assist its European brothers in arms.

They landed in France and traveled through to Germany, continuing on reconnaissance to Czechoslovakia, now the Czech Republic. Afterward, the division returned to the states, landing in New York June 16, 1945. However, they weren't stationed there long before the war in Japan called them across the sea once again.

Due to bombings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the troop was detained in the Philippines for a time. Recalling his travels while crossing the Pacific Ocean, Mabarak said, it was no wonder they called it the Pacific, because it was so calm and peaceful. However, on reaching Tokyo, Japan, the state of the city couldn't be more opposite.

"There's a lot of publicity about V.E. Day, but not as much on V.J. Day (Victory in Japan) and not many people have gone through both of them," said Mabarak.

Following the atomic bombs, incendiary bombs rained on the cit-

ies in a constant flow. It took seven to 10 days before the Japanese surrendered. The 97th Division returned home and on Feb. 16, 1946, Mabarak was discharged.

In 1954, he married Delores and in 1970, he and his family moved to a larger house in the City of Grosse Pointe. Mabarak said life as a soldier taught him about people, how to live among different personalities and cultures, as well as what it means to wear a uniform and the responsibilities that

come with it.

"I talk quite a bit to young people," he said. "Anyone who joins the military joins a select group of comrades Once you wear a uniform, no matter what outfit, whether it's the Navy, Army, Marines or Coast Guard, he becomes a brother in arms, all with the same mission in mind: to defend their country."

"There were 16 million people involved in World War II," Mabarak added. "Every person has a different story. And this is my story."



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Mabarak was awarded the Bronze Star in May 1951.



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Mabarak, center, with fellow soldiers during World War II.

I remember when ...

Reminiscing back to the days when bumpy cakes were made with real whipped cream. Walking up to the Village for lunch when Sanders had good sandwiches before that bumpy cake. Sitting on those stools meant sitting across from a neighbor, as everybody knew everybody in the whole intersection. People used to sit on their porches speaking to

all passersby. Neighbors even coordinated the color of their flowers so walking the whole block was lovely. One thing has stayed the same and that is Grosse Pointe has always had a strong sense of community.

My two closest friends left for "greener grass," but both come back for that intrinsic reward.

—Marianne Ruffini
City of Grosse Pointe

From the Aug. 11, 1960, Grosse Pointe News:

◆ The park council on Monday, August 7, approved a resolution authorizing its mayor and city attorney to contact Detroit officials regarding permission to purchase filled-in land south of Alter road, in Detroit. The desired property is about 60 feet wide and extends about 800 feet into the lake, it is adjacent to the Park's waterfront park and forms the bank for Fox Creek.

◆ Five of 36 checks stolen from Jerry Laughlin of 788 Lake Shore turned up bearing his forged sig-

nature, it was disclosed by Shores Police Chief Fred Duemling. The checks, cashed in Detroit and East Detroit, were drawn on the Farms branch of the National Bank of Detroit, and were for various amounts, the chief said.

◆ Indications are that Mr. Stork is either on tranquilizers or still on the "slow down" he started in Michigan in 1958. According to provisional figures released by the Michigan Department of Health, the stork delivered 1,405 fewer bundles to Michigan doorsteps during the first three months of this year than he did last year during

the same period on his Michigan route. There were 42,463 babies born the first quarter compared to 43,868 in 1959.

◆ Four orphaned little squirrels, their eyes not yet opened, were rescued from a tree near Cottage Hospital on Friday, August 5, by Farms firemen. Farms patrolmen Otto Glanert and John Farley were dispatched to the scene when a call came into the station disclosing that a tiny squirrel was hanging precariously on a small limb in the tree, 20 feet up. The officers, unable to climb the tree, put in a call to the fire department for aid. Firemen

James McNeft and Don Leggett responded with a ladder. The rescuing fireman picked up the baby squirrel in his hand, and was about to come down, when he noticed a nest with three more of the little rodents, and "all babies were recovered, kicking" as the report stated. A nurse at the hospital revealed that the mother of the tiny creatures was killed by a passing car and her offspring had been alone since. The four babies were rushed to the fire station, where firemen, after purchasing four dolly milk bottles and rubber nipples, fed the orphaned animals all the milk they could hold.

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LIGGETT

Grads ready for next challenge

Wujek off to Boston

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett graduate Olivia Wujek is ready to take her education to the next level.

The 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident enjoyed a fruitful career in the classroom, finishing with a 3.7 grade point average, as well as on the athletic courts, earning an all-state spot in lacrosse last summer.

Wujek was a member of the Brine National Lacrosse Classic and finished her high school lacrosse career in the spring competing for head coach Jen Calver.

"I changed positions, going from forward to defense, so my goals scored dropped, but it was all about stopping the other team," Wujek said. "I felt I played pretty well, especially when I got the hang of the new position on the field."

Wujek helped the Knights finish with a better record than the year before.

"Liv is one of the most competitive and hard-working athletes I have ever coached," Calver said. "No matter who the opponent is or what position Liv is playing, she sets the tone for her teammates and inspires others to give their best effort and have confidence to challenge every ball."

She also played volleyball and was a hitter for head coach Joe LaMagna.

Wujek didn't play her senior year, but during her junior season, she elevated her game to a level which helped the Knights win a district title and make a regional championship game.

"I liked volleyball and I've played it since the third grade," Wujek said. "It was a great experience, as was playing lacrosse. These are great memories."

Wujek attended Parcels Middle School before Liggett. Her parents were thinking about sending her to either Birmingham Marian or Farmington Hills Mercy before settling on Liggett.

Wujek tried ice hockey for one season, but chose to stick with volleyball



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRISTINE WUJEK

Olivia Wujek, a 2015 Liggett graduate, is headed to Boston University for her college education.

and lacrosse until graduating from ULS.

With high school in her rearview mirror, Wujek is focusing on her next four years of school, Boston University.

BU was established in 1839 in historic Boston and has more than 33,000 students. It is across the street from another historic building, Fenway Park, home of the Boston Red Sox.

"I'm so excited to go to BU and spend my time in Boston," she said.

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Minwalla set at U-M

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett graduate Zarine Minwalla learned the valuable lesson that working hard pays dividends.

The 18-year-old is headed to the University of Michigan later this month and is ready to challenge the tough curriculum ahead.

"I spent my entire educational years at Liggett and I know I'm prepared for college," Minwalla said. "It's going to be a little different, but I will have my older sister (Armaity) in the same building with me."

Minwalla was patient, working hard each off-season to earn her spot as the Knights' starting pitcher.

She played varsity softball four years and her patience paid off as she was the staff ace her senior season.

"I feel I worked hard to be the starting pitcher

and get into coach (Ted) Alpert's starting nine," Minwalla said. "Coach Alpert makes everyone earn their starting spot and I didn't get a lot of playing time my freshman and sophomore seasons."

"I stuck to it, worked to improve my skills, and played a lot my junior and senior years."

This season, Minwalla had career-best numbers across the board.

She hit .311 with three doubles, two triples, 22 RBIs and 21 runs scored.

On the mound, she pitched 118 innings and started 21 games. Minwalla was 14-8 with 52 strikeouts and a 3.00 ERA.

She put her game into second gear in the post-season, posting wins over Royal Oak Shrine and Sterling Heights Parkway Christian in the districts, and Ottawa Lake Whiteford and Huron Valley Lutheran in the regionals.

In the state quarterfinals against Unionville-Sebewaing, Minwalla pitched the entire 8.1 innings in a tough 1-0 loss.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHERNAZ MINWALLA

Liggett graduate Zarine Minwalla is ready to start her college career at the University of Michigan.

"That was a tough loss, but I know we gave everything we had on the field against a very good team," Minwalla said. "Our defense was outstanding and we gave it our best shot. I really wanted to win that game."

"I am very satisfied with my final high school season of softball and now I'm ready for college."

"Zarine Minwalla, pound for pound, might be the toughest kid we

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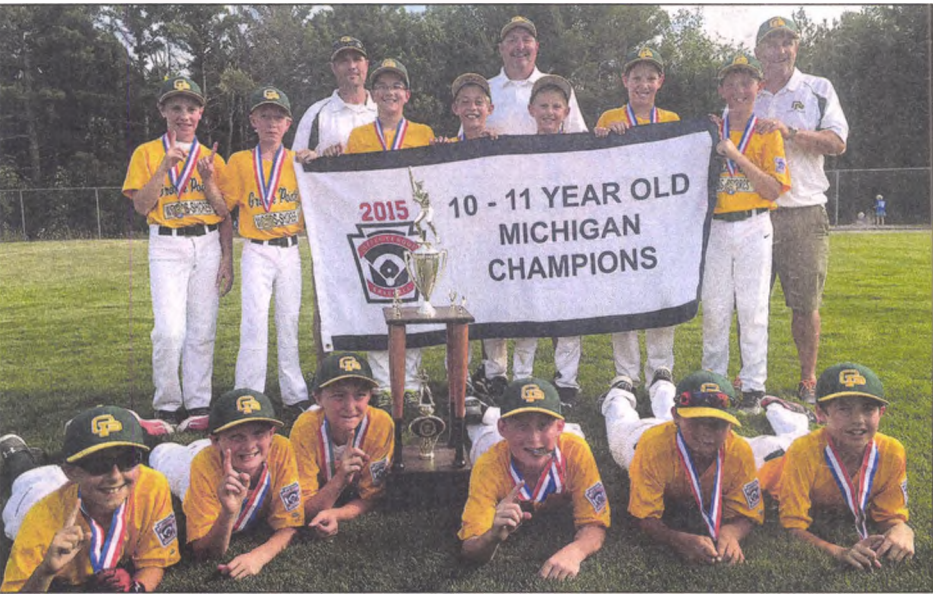


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State champs

The Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores 11U baseball team won a state championship, beating Western Grand Rapids 6-2 in Petoskey. It's the boys' first state title. In pool play, they lost to Birmingham, but came back to beat Traverse City and Petoskey. In bracket play, they defeated Tecumseh before taking the title with the win over the Grand Rapids squad. Pictured above are players Luke Babcock, Kurt Barr, Cameron Braithwaite, Bryan Carney, Will Cooksey, Luke Deskins, Alex George, Chris Marshall, James MacAuley, Parker O'Neill, Michael Paluzzi, Jake Tadesco, Daniel Vogler, manager Bill Babcock, coach Les Deskins and coach Marty O'Neill.

Playoff title

The Bulls' Little League team, right, recently beat the Rivercats 8-6 to capture the Grosse Pointe Farms-City AAA playoff championship. They also won the regular season title. Team members are Peter Weglarz, Andrew Jackson, Bobby Jelly, Cliff Grabowski Jr., Benji Paolucci, Buck Rham, Evan Kargula, Mac Katz, Emmet O'Keefe, Ryan Bernard, Leo Mueller, coach Chris Bernard and coach Cliff Grabowski.



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Twice the fun

The Grosse Pointe Farms-City 10U baseball team recently won a district and tournament championship in the Commerce Classic. Team members are Evan Brown, Brady Kennedy, Jack Hurst, Quinten Dennis and Ryan Bernard; and back row from left, Britt Gordon, Campbell Marchal, Tommy Maccagnone, Max Frost, Cliff Grabowski Jr., coach Cliff Grabowski, coach Jeff Maccagnone and coach Jeff Frost.



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Register for basketball camp

The Grosse Pointe Lakers hosts its annual "Back to School" Basketball Camp Aug. 17 to 20 at the Grosse Pointe Academy, 171 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The camp is for boys and girls who last year were in kindergarten through sixth grade.

It is \$129 per camper; checks are made payable to The Grosse Pointe Lakers. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and player drop-off begins at 8:30 a.m.

There will be several hydration breaks during the daily schedule. With a four-hour camp, a 20-minute snack break is sometime after 11 a.m.

Shorts, t-shirt, athletic shoes and socks is the attire for each player and a GP Lakers shirt will be handed out during the camp.

Water bottle, snacks or money for the concession stand is also on the list of things to bring for each player.

The daily schedule includes ball handling, two-ball dribbling, partner passing, basket work and a 3-on-3 session.

Camp directors Kevin Richards, Grosse Pointe South girls varsity basketball head coach, and Steve Benard, owner of Midwest Athletics, lead the way.

They specialize in teaching basketball fundamentals to younger players.

If a parent feels the four-hour camp is too long, let Richards and Benard know so they can alter the player's daily schedule.

Register by filling out the form found at gplakers.com and mail it to GP Lakers, 1145 Berkshire, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

For more information, contact Richards at (313) 244-1523 or Benard at (313) 580-0351.

MINWALLA: Ann Arbor up next

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had," Alpert said. "She pitched this team to the quarterfinals two years in a row and when she was in the circle, there was no doubt that she gave us everything she had every game.

"At tournaments, whenever I asked her if she had another game/inning in her, she would always reply, 'I can go as long as you need me.' That defines what kind of

player she was."

Minwalla is headed to the University of Michigan where she plans on majoring in kinesiology and science movement.

"I fell in love with the School of Kinesiology and I figure I can go into sports medicine or be a physician's assistant," she said. "I definitely want to go into medicine, but not sure which field. I have plenty of time to think about it."

Minwalla's other college choices were Michigan State University, Butler, Kalamazoo College, Ohio Wesleyan, Grand Valley State, Loyola of Chicago and the College of Wooster.

One reason she decided on U-M was how close she is with her older sister. They have a tight bond and to go to college with her for a couple of years was a huge bonus.

"We will really have a lot of time to spend together and that is something I will enjoy," she said.

Minwalla also played four years of volleyball for Dan Sullivan and Joe LaMagno. She didn't play a winter sport.

She finished high school with a 4.0 grade point average and she enjoyed many of her classes at Liggett.

"I loved Liggett, the small class sizes and my teachers," Minwalla said. "My teachers took the extra time with me if I needed it and I was able to thoroughly enjoy my entire schooling at Liggett."

Now, her biggest challenge in her mind is handling the immense size of the U-M campus and student body.

Once she finishes her undergraduate studies, Minwalla might apply for medical school at Wayne State University or PA school.

She is the daughter of Shernaz and Jamshid Minwalla of Macomb Township.

WUJEK: College is next

From page 1C

"Boston is a great city and I love the BU campus. There is so much for me to do when I'm not studying.

"This is a great opportunity for me. I was looking to attend a city school for college and BU is the place for me."

She also considered Fordham University in the Bronx, New York, Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo and Northeastern University in Boston, but chose BU.

She reports to school Aug. 22 and had a chance to meet and talk to her roommate.

"I have a great roommate and this should be a great experience for me," Wujek said. "I'm going to miss playing sports, but I will find plenty of things to do sports-wise while in Boston."

"School is going to be tough, but I'm ready for the studies."

Wujek is majoring in nutrition and health and is leading the way among her siblings since she is the oldest.

Her brothers are Harrison, a senior at Liggett; Jackson, a sophomore at Liggett; and Miles, an eighth grader at Liggett.

Wujek is working during the summer and getting ready to leave for BU.

Congratulations
to the Winners of the July Grosse Pointe News Ticket Contests!

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Teachers head to Bammys

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

It would be a feat for two teachers in one state each to be named one of five finalists in a national competition. It is even more remarkable if both of them teach in the same town.

Gary Abud of Grosse Pointe North High School and Nicholas Provenzano of Grosse Pointe South High School each were named finalists for the 2015 Bammy Awards in the high school teacher category. North Principal Kate Murray was nominated in the high school principal category and received the 2015 Educators' Voice Award.

The Bammys are presented by the Academy of Education Arts and Sciences to acknowledge the extraordinary work being done across the education field every day in a variety of disciplines. There are a total of 24 categories.

"The students of the Grosse Pointe Public School System are fortunate to have outstanding, creative and innovative teachers like Gary Abud and Nick Provenzano," said Jon Dean, deputy superintendent for the Grosse Pointe Public School System. "Both Nick and Gary exemplify the dedication and professionalism that all of the teachers in our district demonstrate on a daily basis."

Provenzano, now a three-peat finalist, attended the inaugural

event two years ago.

"I was surrounded by friends and peers I worked with around the country at conferences and workshops. We got all dressed up in tuxedos and gowns. We joked it was like prom. As teachers, we don't get to dress up much."

It all began when he created his blog, the nerdyteacher.com, and a Twitter account by the same name.

"I started to write about things I was doing and reflect on things I was teaching to get feedback. People started to follow me and — flash forward to five years later," Provenzano currently has 49,000 Twitter followers.

A 12-year veteran with GPPSS, Provenzano teaches English at South and works part-time as a technology curriculum specialist, helping teachers around the district integrate technology into their classrooms. The response to his blog resulted in invitations to speak at national conferences to share his experiences regarding the value of technology integration in education. He has consulted with technology companies and was invited to interview Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. In 2013, he was named Technology Teacher of the Year as well as International Society of Technology in Education Teacher of the Year. A featured blogger for the George Lucas Educational Foundation,



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South teacher Nick Provenzano, a three-time Bammy Award finalist, met with Melinda Gates from the Gates Foundation to discuss educational technology.

Edutopia, Provenzano writes twice a month on emerging topics in educational technology.

"My lifelong dream of writing for George Lucas has come true," Provenzano joked.

A dream of being a published author also will soon come true. Provenzano's first book, "The Classroom in the Clouds," about using Cloud technologies in the classroom, will be released by Corwin Publishing in November 2015.

In his remaining free time, Provenzano has organized EdCamp Detroit, an "unconference" to bring educators together to share their passion and ideas for better learning in an open

format; brought one of only a few high school co-organized TEDx events in the country to South; served as one of Evernote's first ambassadors in the United States; and created and hosted #NerdyCast, a YouTube channel dedicated to discussing education and technology through the experiences of people he meets.

Needless to say, Provenzano's "summers are busy." This summer, he attended the Family and Education Summit hosted by YouTube in Los Angeles, working with content creators on educational videos and engaging in discussions on how to better use videos in the classroom; met with Melinda Gates from

the Gates Foundation in Seattle to discuss educational technology; and consulted with a variety of different companies on ideas for creating better products for classrooms and teachers.

"All of these things I am so blessed to be able to do because I started a silly blog five years ago," Provenzano said.

For Abud, the Bammy nomination is his first. "This is all very new to me," he said.

Named 2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year, Abud looks forward to returning to the classroom at North, where he teaches physics, chemistry and computer apps.

"I learned so much from connecting with other teachers around

the country and attending training that I feel could be beneficial to student learning," he said. "I look forward to sharing what I learned through the Teacher of the Year program with other teachers in the district."

The Teacher of the Year program afforded him the opportunity to travel to more than five dozen schools in Michigan as well as Washington, D.C., where he met President Obama. Like Provenzano, Abud met with Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and members of his staff, working with them in an advisory capacity on developing future educational policy for a project called "Future Ready Schools."

According to Abud, all the state Teacher of the Year award recipients go through a leadership program at the national level and work with national policy developers who help them become ambassadors for their state.

"Part of the national program is to bring the teacher voice to the policy level discussions at the national and state level," Abud said. For example, Abud worked with members of the house education committee on teacher evaluations, as well as served as a teacher advisor to the state board of education.

While Teacher of the Year, Abud served as state coordinator with

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Tower students excel

Journalism students at Grosse Pointe South High School sharpened their skills this summer at workshops in and out of state, several of them returning home with awards. These skills will be put to use when they begin work this fall on The Tower, South's weekly student newspaper, and The Tower Pulse, the high school's official student-run online news source.

The Ball State Journalism Workshop took place Sunday, July 12, to Sunday, July 19, on Ball State's campus in Muncie, Ind. Mackenzie Harrell, assistant busi-



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Pictured with Tower advisor Rod Satterthwaite (third from right) are MIPA award winners, from left, Brennan Zihlman, Shannon McGlone, Erykah Benson, Gabi deCoster, Liz Bigham, Sydney Simoncini, Lauren Pankin, Lauren Thom and Jennifer Maiorana.

ness manager for Tower, and Claire Yeaman, Tower page editor, won the Classroom Excellence Award in their Beginning InDesign course.

Tower Pulse Sports Social Media Coordinator Emma Andreasen won the top award in her multimedia class at the Indiana University Summer Journalism Institute.

In addition, 15 Tower students attended the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association's summer journalism workshop on the campus of Michigan State University from Sunday, July 26, to Thursday, July 30. Nine students won awards.

Classroom Excellence awards, given to students

whose work was among the top three in the class, went to staff writers Brennan Zihlman and Lauren Thom, copy editors Shannon McGlone and Erykah Benson, supervising editors Gabi deCoster, Lauren Pankin and Sydney Simoncini and editor-in-chief Jennifer Maiorana. Page editor Liz Bigham won the Sparty Award, given to the best student in her InDesign for Newspaper class. Rising freshman Kathleen Carroll won an Excellence Award in feature coverage.

Tower advisor Rod Satterthwaite taught a staff planning class at Ball State and a sports coverage class at MIPA and Ball State.

Pictured with Ball State Journalism Workshop instructor Ryan Gunterman are, from left, Claire Yeaman and Mackenzie Harrell.



Summer Select Choirs 2015

The Grosse Pointe Public School System's music department presents "Summer Select Choirs 2015" Friday, Aug. 14, at 6 and 8 p.m. at the Brownell Middle School auditorium, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. The concerts, which offer dedicated choir students an opportunity to prepare and perform challenging repertoire with peers throughout the district, are the culmination of the district's 23rd annual summer Select Choir workshop.

The guest conductor for the high school choir is Kristina MacMullen, with Christopher Pratt assisting and

Carolyn Gross and Glenn Hipple serving as workshop coordinators. Choreography is taught by Melissa Peters, former Grosse Pointe South High School choir student. Directors are Mary Anne Magill and Victoria Pascoe (4/5 choir); Hipple and James Pecar (6th grade choir); and Ben Henri and Nick Kuhl (7/8 choir). Accompanists are Kemmer Weinhaus, Richard Wolf and Cheryl Faba.

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Grosse Pointe News

GreekFest returns

By Courtney Veneri
Editorial Intern

GreekFest returns Thursday, Aug. 20, through Sunday, Aug. 23, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. Admission is \$2; however, children age 12 and younger are admitted free.

Hours are:
◆ 4 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20
◆ 3 to 11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21
◆ 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22
◆ 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23

"GreekFest is a celebration of community," said Joan DeRonne, church administrator. "It's a gathering to offer our hospitality and extend Greek culture to all ages."

The grand opening ceremony takes place at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, with singers and dancers. From there, the activities keep coming.

Various dancers and singers entertain throughout the weekend and cultural exhibits and lectures, most notably oral Greek immigrant stories from people who immigrated to America, are planned.

"We are going to have surprise guests throughout the weekend," DeRonne said. "We partnered with the Detroit Parade Company, so there will be some surprise guests for the kids as well."

One guest who isn't a surprise is Charlie Langton from Fox 2 News. He will attend GreekFest at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, to meet people. For kids, Detroit Tigers

mascot PAWS will be available in the kids' tent.

A raffle takes place at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23. Tickets may be bought throughout the weekend. The grand prize is the two-year, pre-paid lease of a 2015 Jeep Cherokee Latitude along with a \$1,000 cash prize.

One of the highlights of GreekFest is the amazing food. During GreekFest, people also may order carryout by calling (586) 596-6326 or (586) 779-8071.

"The food is a real highlight for everyone," DeRonne said. "This year we added lamb dinners and a baklava sundae, as well as other Greek food and desserts."

All of the food is home-made by women in the church, making it even more authentic for people wanting to learn about Greek culture.

"The women in the church have a day and all get together to make all the spinach pies and cheese pies, the baklava and prep all of the pastries," DeRonne said. "They folded over 5,000 grape leaves."

Aside from all the food and cultural activities, GreekFest is a way to reconnect or learn about the Greek culture, as well as connect with the local community in Grosse Pointe and St. Clair Shores.

"The gathering of community is so important," DeRonne said. "It's great seeing so many familiar faces we don't always get to visit — neighbors and friends. It's fun to enjoy the event with them."

For more information, call (586) 779-6111, Ext. 3, or visit assumptionfestival.com.

Mental health help offered

The Family Center, in partnership with Services for Older Citizens, Training & Treatment Innovations Inc. and the Grosse Pointe News, offers free Mental Health First Aid training this fall.

Participants will learn skills to understand the signs of mental illness and substance abuse. Upon completion of training, participants earn a three-year certification.

Sessions are scheduled from

5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 29 and Oct. 6, at SOC, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. Registrants may choose either the adult- or youth-focused training sessions.

◆ Mental Health First Aid Training: Focus on Adults is limited to 30 attendees. Two four-hour training sessions are dedicated to providing adult participants with basic tools to assist others in case of a devel-

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◆ Mental Health First Aid Training: Focus on Youth also is limited to 30 attendees. Two four-hour sessions are specifically tailored to provide basic tools for adults working to assist youth with a developing mental illness or mental health crisis situation.

For more information, call (313) 432-3832.

Full appreciation

Full Circle recently accepted a donation from Mahindra Rise, which the foundation used to build a shed near its community garden in Detroit. The group celebrated by hosting a party for supporters in July.



Full Circle students hold a check the foundation received that enabled it to purchase a new shed.



Mary Allemon, Full Circle garden coordinator, speaks about the garden and the new shed. Allemon thanked supporters for their efforts and talked about her love of gardening.



From left are Mary Allemon, Full Circle garden coordinator; Sue Banner, Full Circle administrative coordinator; Mary Fodell, Full Circle founder; and Rich Ansell, vice president of marketing for Mahindra Rise, the company that donated the \$5,000 check.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Gary Abud, the 2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year, returns to classroom teaching at North this fall.

BAMMYS:

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Modeling Instruction in Michigan, a training program for middle and high school science teachers. Designed to improve science teaching in Michigan and funded by the Department of Education, the program provides 15-day intensive training for teachers over the summer.

Another project of note was a collaborative effort launched by Abud and the Maryland and Minnesota Teachers of the Year. Called #LoveTeaching, the social media campaign, planned around Valentine's Day, encourages teachers from around the world to share their love for teaching. The campaign

reached more than 21 million people, educators and non-educators alike, including First Lady Michelle Obama.

"It was a testimony to the project that the First Lady participated," Abud said. "The goal of the project was to overcome the challenges going on in education by the fact that we as educators love teaching. It was a very positive social media campaign (with the) noble mission to elevate the great stories about education."

Abud credits his many awards, honors and research and presentation experiences to the support he has received from administrators and fellow teachers in the district, including Provenzano.

"Nick has been a role model for my work and he has had a lot of outreach in education," Abud said. "I don't think either of us could be as successful as we have without the support of staff, other teachers and administration to allow us to do the things we do and take on a leadership role. That is the No. 1 thing that has led to this award."

Abud cited the Galileo Teacher Leadership Academy in Auburn Hills, which he attended from 2013 to 2015, as an example of how the district invests in its teachers.

"I cannot say how much I feel I have been supported to be the best educator I can be for my students and my colleagues," Abud said. "Being in Grosse Pointe as a teacher is like being

on the Olympic team for your sport. It makes you want to work hard and do your best. I'm humbled to be considered among so many educators (who are) doing great things."

Provenzano shares this sentiment. "I am honored my friends nominated me. I look at the teachers who mentored me over the years. They deserve this more than I do. I'm

'The Bammys is about recognizing people doing great things you want to see emulated across the nation.'

AMBER TEAMANN,
Texas principal

surrounded by the best teachers. It is humbling to be recognized by this kind of award. It's amazing just to be considered to be good at your job. Awards offer the opportunity to meet people and do good things for my students. If that's what comes out of it, that's the best thing."

Amber Teamann, a principal in Texas, is one of those friends who nominated Provenzano.

"The Bammys is about recognizing people doing great things you want to see emulated across the nation," Teamann said. In her view, Provenzano is one of those people. "He's creative, he thinks outside the box, he focuses on the whole child and he never lets anything negative get in his way." Having connected with Provenzano on Twitter, she has since met him face-to-face enough times to consider him an "actual" friend.

Starr Sackstein, a teacher in New Jersey and fellow Bammy Award

finalist, agreed. "Nick is an extremely distinguished educator who always puts the needs of students first. He takes risks to increase engagement in the classroom and he works tirelessly to improve student learning in his classes."

Abud has had a similar impact on colleagues near and far. Don Pata, chairman of the science department at North,

cannot say enough good things about him. He first knew him when he was a senior in his physics class in 2002 and is proud to take credit for bringing him back to North as a teacher in 2010.

"I convinced the principal at the time," Pata said. "I said, you really have to look at this kid. He's an up and comer and has a lot to offer."

While Abud had many offers, Pata promised to fully support him if he returned to North.

"Little did I know it would be revolutionary for my own teaching," Pata said. "This is not hyperbole. He has transformed the way we teach science at Grosse Pointe North High School. Single-handedly."

The fourth annual Bammy Awards will be presented Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Arena Stage in Washington, D.C. Finalists were selected because they are world-class collaborators, made significant contributions to the field or have modeled a valued quality of a 21st-century educator, according to the Bammy Awards website.

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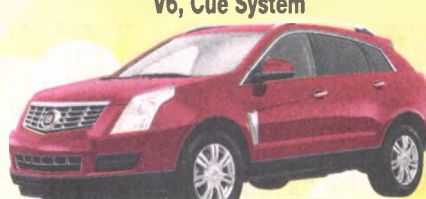
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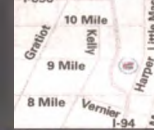


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Detroit Farm and Garden, a feed, landscape and garden store in Southwest Detroit, will host its second annual TomatoFest from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at 1759 21st Street, Detroit.

“Last year’s event was terrific,” store manager and local TV personality Brian Allnutt said. “We had hundreds of adults and children enjoying the food, taking carriage rides, playing games, listening to music and generally enjoying themselves.”

This event is part of Detroit Farm and Garden’s general mission to promote farming and gardening in Detroit and bring a bit of the country to the city.

“We have great resources here,” store owner Jeff Klein said. “Making the connection between growers, food businesses and families is part of our effort to create a healthier and more beautiful community.”

Last year many of those attending the event came from Southwest Detroit, but there were people from all over Detroit and the suburbs.

“For people coming from the suburbs, this is a great chance to spend a day in the city,” Allnutt said. “For people from the neighborhood, it’s a chance to experience things that normally they would have to travel out of town for.”

The presence of two large Belgian draft horses helps give this event its uniqueness. They are owned by a neighborhood friend who hires them out to plow local farms and gardens.

For more information, contact Detroit Farm and Garden at (313) 655-2344 or detroitfarmandgarden@gmail.com, or visit detroitfarmandgarden.com.

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