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Tompkins Center work set

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — At some point, many homeowners step back, take a look at their house and decide it's time for some remodeling work on the kitchen and bathrooms.

That's exactly what the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation did with the Tompkins Community Center at

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Cool day with mom

Grosse Pointe Woods held its annual Mother-Son Movie Day Feb. 6, at the Community Center. Moms and their sons ages 3 to 10 worked on crafts, watched a movie and made a photo frame, complete with a mother and son photo from the day. At right, Alea Mangol watches her son, Christian, choose stickers for his frame.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Soup's up; Easter's on deck

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — More than half of 12 competitors in the Winterfest on the Hill soup contest earlier this month registered within a few days of deadline.

"It was a great competition," said Kara Reynolds, of the Grosse Pointe Farms recreation department.

Two winners were judged separately by a three-member panel and the public.

Andy Backman, a Farms resident, won the people's choice for chicken and jalapeno chowder.

"It was delicious," Reynolds said.

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Above, Malcolm and Matthew Jones hold their goodie bags showing off the coloring book. Above right, Anna Yoakam and her son Frankie have fun during their picture taking moment. Right, Victor Paolucci and Logan Smith ham it up while decorating their picture frames.



Giving back

Members of Grosse Pointe North boys' and girls' ice hockey teams participated in the St. Jude's Skate for a Cure. All proceeds from ticket sales, bake sale, concession stand earnings, 50-50 raffle and other events were donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. A packed house watched the high school student-athletes play a fast-paced game. The game was played at EHS Foundation Hockey Rink. One of the leading spokespersons on the project, senior Elizabeth Gallagher, said they chose St. Jude's because it is a children's charity and the money would be well spent. For the record, the student-athletes raised more than \$2,600 for the St. Jude children.

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Mack Lube Center

Mack Lube Center is open at 18184 Mack, at the corner of Mack and Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe. Mack Lube performs oil changes, does auto repairs and rotates tires. For more information, call (313) 466-3030. At ribbon-cutting ceremonies with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce were, from left, City of Grosse Pointe Councilman John Stempfle, Mayor Dale Scrace, owner Sam Rahal and Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce President Jenny Boettcher.



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Mathnasium

Mathnasium, at 20489 Mack Ave. in Grosse Pointe Woods, features specially trained math tutors teaching students in an individual and supportive environment. For more information, call (313) 466-4430 or go to mathnasium.com/grossepointe. At ribbon cutting ceremonies with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, from left, City Manager Al Fincham, Carl Ellis, David Ellis, owner and center director Brandi Ellis, Mayor Bob Novitke, Gabriel Thebolt and Grosse Pointe Chamber President Jenny Boettcher.

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Windmill Pointe Park. Its popularity with residents as a venue for family functions ranging from weddings to showers to graduation parties, coupled with its popularity as a civic social center, has begun to take a toll on the building. The

Park Foundation announced renovations will begin in October.

The first phase of the work will combine the two smaller kitchens into one and include new appliances. A new door will be added to the kitchen allowing caterers and those bringing their own food to bring it directly into the kitchen. Party hosts and caterers also will be able to pull their cars or trucks right up to a kitchen access door, making loading and unloading more efficient.

In the main room, the doors leading out onto the patio will be replaced

with two sets of French doors. This will allow easier access to the patio during the summer, enhance the view of the lake and allow more natural light into the main room.

With the Tompkins Center serving as home base for the Grosse Pointe Sail Club, plans also call for a new trophy case to house several historical trophies.

Plans also call for moving and expanding the restrooms.

These improvements will come with a price, as an increase in rental rates has been announced for the 2017

season. Weekday rentals will now be \$300; Friday, Saturday and Sunday rentals, \$400. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, weekend rentals are \$650, while weddings or wedding reception rentals are \$850. Monday through Thursday hourly rate (four hour maximum) is \$60.

Future plans call for an attached atrium and outdoor landscaping.

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Northeast Guidance Center welcomes new executive staff

Melissa Freel recently joined the executive staff of the Northeast Guidance Center as Chief Operating Officer. Formerly Ms. Freel served as the executive director for the Wayne Children's Healthcare Access Program (WCHAP). Melissa has spent more than 20 years designing, implementing and leading services for vulnerable populations in both southeastern Michigan and in state-level policy positions. Ms. Freel is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University and holds a Master's of Science from Michigan State University.

Sharon Common a graduate of Bowling Green State University with fifteen years of development experience at a community health agency and community college foundation is the new Fund Development Officer at (NEGC); Ms. Common will

work with the Board of Directors, staff and community organizations to help build relationships that will support integrated health programs for children, adults and families through fundraising, special events, marketing strategies and grant writing.

"I am confident that both Melissa and Sharon will build on the legacy of the Northeast Guidance Center, focusing on strong community commitment with emphasis the emotional and physical well-being of children, adults and families," said Sherry McRill president & ceo.

The Northeast Guidance Center (NEGC) is a community-based integrated behavior and physical healthcare agency founded by the Junior League of Detroit in 1963 to provide services to children on Detroit's east side.



Melissa Freel



Sharon Common

Spirit of Giving

Grosse Pointe South High School's SERVE program gathered dozens of non-profit organizations together Feb. 3. From left, Emma Truza, Maeve Shine and Sloan McGuire, first-graders with the Maire Daisy Troop No. 75697, help package food for Kids Against Hunger.

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John Iras, president of Big Family of Michigan, a nonprofit serving the needs of Michigan's foster children, and Alicia Carlisle, SERVE volunteer and board member, pose with a book written by the organization's founder, Jean Fowler, and a teddy bear given to foster children at their adoption.



Volunteer Karen Fitzpatrick and Karan Bates-Gasior, development director, shared Turning Point's mission to provide programs and resources enabling victims and survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault to regain their lives.

Apply for park passes

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Residents are reminded the procedure for park pass applications has changed and applying for their 2016 park pass should be on their immediate "to do" list.

Park passes are now issued for the calendar year, January to December. Residents apply online or in person at the Community Center, located at the city hall complex. Changing to a calendar year pass helps eliminate the backlog of applications and delays with a May 1 effective

date when residents were scrambling to update their passes for the summer.

Other changes include raising the age of passes for children from 6 years of age to 8.

Residents are reminded of guest rules. Each pass allows one guest per weekday without a punch from May 1 to Sept. 30. From Oct. 1 to April 30, each pass allows one guest without a punch every day, including weekends.

— Kathy Ryan

Award winners

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Twenty-eight homeowners were honored with Beautification Awards at the annual awards ceremony hosted by the Park Beautification Commission, presented by Mayor Robert Denner. Homeowners recognized are Dr. Norbet J. Byrd and Wesley Kaminski, Shaun and Carol Hampton, Fred Ransford and Sandra Nieman, James Polman, Greg Urbiel, Dane and Shannon Lupo, Oliver Glenn, Maris and Ursula Persidskis, Loukas Loukopolos, George C.

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Invasion suspect changes plea, faces hearing

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — It took a lot for a woman living in the 700 block of University Place to call police.

Not when she returns to her unlocked home shortly before midnight, parks her car in the driveway and a strange man opens the driver-side door wanting to talk to her.

Not when she reverses the car down the driveway, circles the block slowly and returns to see lights on in an upstairs guest bedroom.

Not upon entering the house and, after a short while, turning to find the stranger facing her in a hallway.

Not after he flees out the front door shoeless.

Not when she enters the guest bedroom and, like Mama Bear from the Goldilocks tale, finds the bed disheveled as though someone slept in it.

Only when she discovers a coat and hooded sweatshirt draped over a chair and New Balance gym shoes on the floor beside the bed:

"(She) then called police," reported City of Grosse Pointe Officer Jason Alcorn, one of at least four patrolmen from two cities responding to the woman's report of an intruder at 12:09 a.m. Friday, Feb. 12.

A Grosse Pointe Park officer caught the suspect, a 19-year-old Detroit resident matching the woman's description of a "black man without shoes," near the intersection of University and Mack.

"If you're ever approached by anybody you believe is suspicious, call and let us make that determination," advised City Detective Sgt. Christopher Lee. "That's what we're here for."

Police noted the man's "unusual behavior,"

found him listed under a "mental order" in state law enforcement files and contacted his mother and father.

"Parents confirmed their son suffers from delusions and schizophrenia and he recently stopped taking his medication," according to Alcorn.

During arraignment Saturday afternoon, Feb. 13, for illegally entering a residence, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine, the man, wrists cuffed behind his back, shoeless still and right foot protruding from a torn sock, seemed primed for conviction until Judge Russell Ethridge questioned his mental health.

Under sworn testimony, the defendant went from pleading, "I'm guilty," to confirming he understood the proceedings; to protesting "I didn't do anything but sleep in her bed;" to say-

ing, "I just walked through the back door"; to "What do you mean?"; to "I'm not guilty"; back to "I'm responsible?" and, finally, "Not guilty."

"I don't think you're competent to render a plea," Ethridge told the man, not being named pending evaluation.

The judge entered a not guilty plea on his behalf, scheduled a follow-up hearing in City court at 9:30 a.m. today, Feb. 18, and began the process of appointing a defense attorney.

The man's father and mother, both 38, attended the arraignment.

The father said his son sneaked out of their house the night of the alleged intrusion.

"At the time he left, I was asleep," said the father. "I didn't know he was gone until I received a phone call (from police)."

"When folks take their medication, they feel

normal and say, 'I don't need to take it anymore,'" Ethridge told the parents. "It starts the cycle again. I'm sympathetic, but he's found himself in the criminal justice system because of this event."

Ethridge set \$1,000 personal bond, ordered the suspect to take his prescribed medication and restricted him to his parents' home in Detroit unless accompanied by them or a physician.

The suspect testified he attends Grosse Pointe North High School, "but I stay at my parents' sometimes" on

Kensington in Detroit, living otherwise "with my mom's friend" on Wedgewood in Grosse Pointe Woods.

After the arraignment, he said he only completed 11th grade and no longer attends North.

"I stay part time on Wedgewood with my mother's friend," he said.

His mother said he lives with her and his father on Kensington in Detroit.

She said she and her son lived with her cousin on Wedgewood while he attended Grosse Pointe public schools.

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Kirsten Kulek, of the City of Grosse Pointe, was the judge's choice for Italian wedding soup.

Both winners received a \$200 gift certificate to a restaurant of their choice on the Hill.

The next big event for the recreation department is an Easter egg hunt at Pier Park 10 a.m. Saturday, March 19.

"It's for Farms residents only," Reynolds said. "Bring your own basket and arrive 15 minutes early because it starts at 10 a.m. sharp."

Children hunt for candy-filled plastic eggs hidden throughout the park.

"The Easter Bunny walks around before the egg hunt, then is avail-

able for photos afterwards," Reynolds said.

Also on the horizon is the fifth annual All-Pointes Daddy Daughter Dance, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. April 16 in the main gymnasium of Grosse Pointe South High School.

Residents register through their respective recreation departments.

The dance is for girls ages 12 and younger. Tickets cost \$8 each and include a single-stem rose, appetizers, refreshments and photo.

For more information and individual registration deadlines, call the appropriate recreation departments in:

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- ◆ Farms: (313) 343-2405,
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4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

Clinical interventionist puts Love First

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

Jeff Jay may live in Grosse Pointe Farms and have an office in St. Clair Shores, but the founder of Love First works around the country helping families help their loved ones through intervention.

It's more than a professional undertaking for Jay, who was born and raised in Grosse Pointe. It's a personal endeavor as well, as Jay knows all too well the perils of addiction.

"I was the poster child of Grosse Pointe alcohol and drug addiction," he said. "I was a National Merit Scholar, president of Grosse Pointe South's student association, head altar boy at St. Paul when I went there. I looked really good on the outside. Then I went away to college.

"By the time I was 26, I dropped out of college," he continued. "I was hitchhiking around the

United States. I wound up homeless, penniless, with a bleeding ulcer, a bleeding colon, neuropathy in my legs. I still didn't think I had an alcohol problem; just a cash flow problem."

Jay had solid plans to commit suicide, unbeknownst to his parents. However, a last-minute intervention got him into treatment back in Michigan. That intervention has made all the difference to Jay and in return, to thousands of lives he has since touched through his work.

"When I was five years sober I decided to stop making a decent living and start being an alcohol and drug counselor," he said.

He worked at Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center in Michigan, then moved to Florida to work for a branch of Hazelden, where he met a counselor named Debra, whom he later married.

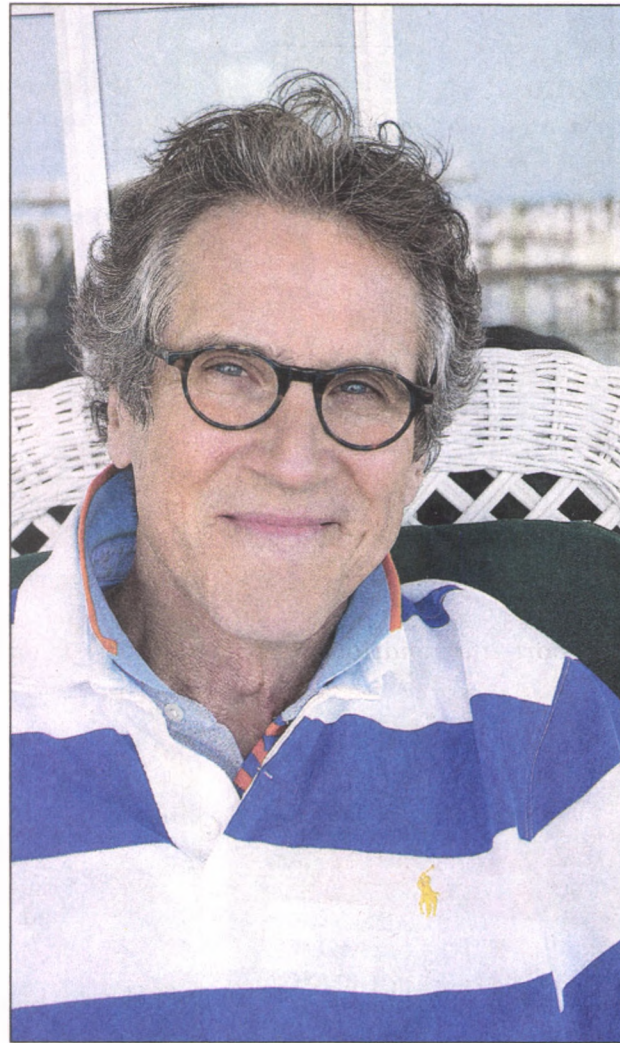
"In 1993, we decided to set the world on fire and

try to make 'intervention' a household word," said Jay, who has been married just shy of 24 years. "By some miracle, we got Hazelden to put in a bunch of money and Betty Ford Center to put in a bunch of money."

The couple moved back to Grosse Pointe in the late 1990s and saw success with Love First, a national private practice based in St. Clair Shores.

"We have clinicians in different parts of the country, I travel to interventions around the country, we offer structured family recovery and high-level training for clinicians at Betty Ford Center," he said. "The thing I love ... is when somebody calls me and they're at the end of their rope. It's finally gotten bad enough they're calling Jeff Jay. They don't know what to do. Here's the great thing — I do know. I've worked with thousands of families. No matter how bizarre the situation, I know how to help them one way or another. When the phone call ends, they are calm and they have the beginning of a plan.

"I love that moment. Even though I don't have a clue what they're going to say, I can very quickly



Jeff Jay

COURTESY PHOTO

start to see what needs to change in a family system and what has to happen for this person to get well. I want to change them from an enabling system to an intervening system."

In 2000, the Jays published their first book, "Love First," and have followed it up with several others, most recently Jay's "Navigating Grace," published last year.

"They're clinical books

written for families and professionals," Jay said. "'Navigating Grace' is more personal, more spiritual. That one I put my heart and soul into It was a five-year process, but I contemplated writing it for 20 years. I rewrote it and rewrote it until it was what I thought it should be. It was well-received."

Jay also serves as webmaster of the Love First website, lovefirst.net, which offers more than 100 pages of advice and resources. There are 4 1/2 hours of video online that walk people through the intervention process. Getting started on the road to recovery, Jay said, can be as simple as reading the books, watching the videos and following the directions.

Jay, who has been alcohol- and drug-free for 34 years and a clinician for nearly 30, said the mission of Love First is close to his heart.

"It's obviously a huge concern — drugs and alcohol — in our community and nobody likes to talk about it," he said. "I'm a big believer in this personally and professionally. If someone wouldn't have helped my family, my family wouldn't have helped me."

A focus on Detroit during World War II

Author Gregory D. Sumner discusses his book, "Detroit in WWII," at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32

Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

With a panoramic narrative, University of Detroit-Mercy history professor Sumner's book chronicles wartime sacri-

fices, contributions and everyday life in the Motor City. The free event features readings and discussion and offers a unique insight into the culture of wartime Detroit.

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City of Grosse Pointe

'A little'

Warned of a suspected drunken driver entering the City of Grosse Pointe eastbound on Jefferson from Grosse Pointe Park, a City officer stopped a 23-year-old Farms man just past Fisher at 2:06 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 14.

The suspect admitted drinking.

"I've had a little," he reportedly told the arresting officer prior to registering a .224 percent blood alcohol level, nearly three times the legal limit.

Car recovered

The female driver of a stolen 2006 Dodge Charger was released last weekend because police accepted her belief the car was owned by a relative.

A patrolman initiated the investigation shortly before 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, on northbound Notre Dame near the Village because the Charger's license plate listed the vehicle stolen Jan. 15 in Eastpointe.

Officers arrested a male passenger, 36, of Detroit, on an outstanding warrant from 36th District Court for assault and battery.

Detroit officers took him into custody at 9:30 p.m.

Won't say

A man, 58, reportedly driving home to Harrison Township from a Detroit Red Wings game was pulled over at 1:08 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, on eastbound Jefferson for speeding.

"When asked how much he had to drink this evening, he didn't answer," said the arresting officer.

The man failed sobriety tests, including having a .175 percent blood alcohol level.

Public Safety Reports

Fraud

A female senior citizen from the City is caught in a loop of credit fraud.

Starting last November, someone obtained her credit information and made "numerous" unsanctioned purchases, according to police.

The victim's bank "closed numerous credit cards for (her) and reissued new cards," added an officer. "Fraudulent activity continues with the new cards."

— Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Alcohol & drugs

Police arrested a 22-year-old male motorist from Detroit on alcohol and drug charges shortly before 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21, on lower Moross.

The man had a .14 percent blood alcohol level and 10 grams of marijuana in the car, police said.

Within reach

Police cited three motorists last week for improperly transporting medical marijuana obtained at a business on the Detroit side of Mack.

All suspects legally possessed the drug, but allegedly violated the law by transporting it within their reach.

At 6:31 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, a 20-year-old man from Massachusetts had three packages of marijuana totaling 11.8 grams in the passenger compartment of a silver 2006 Range Rover, according to police.

At 8:18 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 11, an officer cited a 28-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man for having one gram of the drug plus 700 mg of an oil extract within reach in a 2011 Ford Escape.

The officer investigated him on westbound Mack near McKinley for operating a 2011 Ford Escape with windows tinted darker than allowed.

At 5:11 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 11, a patrolman cited a New Baltimore man, 39, on Mack at Kerby for having six grams of marijuana within reach in a 2000 Ford Focus.

Stay out

Medics took a 52-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man, reportedly distraught and suicidal over the recent death of his mother, to a hospital shortly after detaining him for trying to break into her property in the 180 block of Moross at about 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10.

"I completed the petition for (him) to be committed," reported one of many officers responding to the alleged break-in reported by a neighbor.

"I followed the one set of shoe prints in the fresh snow around to the rear of the house," said an officer. "(I) observed the subject standing near the back door drinking from a pint bottle of vodka. (He) was bleeding heavily from his left hand."

"It was obvious he was intoxicated," said another.

A black and silver pellet gun lay on the arm of a nearby chair.

Officers discovered blood on a broken rear window.

The executor of the estate said the man has

no legal right to be on the property nor claim to its contents.

He's also wanted in the Farms on a misdemeanor warrant for mistreating a vulnerable person.

Watch out

At 7:39 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, an officer responding to at least two reports of a suspected drunken woman operating a black 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe spotted her stopping the vehicle late for a red light on northbound Moross at Kercheval, rolling into the crosswalk, forcing a pedestrian walking a dog to retreat to the curb.

During a roadside investigation on Moross at Country Club Lane, the woman, 49, of the Farms, reportedly admitted drinking.

"(She said) she did not recall seeing a pedestrian and was unaware of what she had done," said the arresting officer. "She further asked what this was really about."

She registered a .20 percent blood alcohol level a half hour later at headquarters.

It was her second drunken driving arrest, according to police.

Fake name

A speeding motorist, pulled over on eastbound Mack near Colonial Court at 2:14 a.m. Monday, Feb. 8, was arrested for drunken driving.

The driver, a 21-year-old Detroit resident, registered a .18 percent

blood alcohol level, had a half-empty pint of vodka in his 1995 Ford Crown Victoria and seven suspensions of his operator's license, according to police.

Officers also cited him for obstructing their investigation because he gave them a fake name.

Bagged

A 28-year-old Detroit woman was arrested during a traffic stop on Mack near Gateshead at 11:57 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, for possession of marijuana and violating 12 suspensions of her driver's license.

A patrolman pulled her over because her silver 2001 Nissan GT-R had a broken brake light.

"During the inventory of the vehicle, I located two suspected bags of marijuana in the driver's door," said an officer. "The handle for the door was missing. The baggies were between the door and the door panel."

— Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing

Nothing new since a drunken driving arrest Wednesday, Feb. 3, already reported.

— Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Larceny from autos

Sometime between 10 p.m. and midnight Thursday, Feb. 11, an unknown suspect broke into a 2006 Dodge Charger parked in the 15000 block of Charlevoix and made off with clothes, an electric shaver and a Samsung tablet.

Sometime overnight Tuesday, Feb. 9 an unknown suspect entered an unlocked 2006 Dodge parked in the 1100 block of Maryland and took a leather jacket, leather boots and \$3 in change.

Garage entered

Sometime between Thursday, Feb. 11, and

See SAFETY, page 8A

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2016

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Councilmember Hugh R. Marshall

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilmember Marshall from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held January 20, 2016 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Ordinance Committee held November 16, 2015, the Library Board meeting held December 17, 2015, the Ordinance Committee meeting held January 20, 2016 and the Planning Commission meeting held January 27, 2016.
- 3) To open the Public Hearing on the transfer of 2015 Community Development Block Grant funds.
- 4) To close the Public Hearing on the transfer of 2015 Community Development Block Grant funds.
- 5) To open the Public Hearing on the 2016 Community Development Block Grant.
- 6) To close the Public Hearing on the 2016 Community Development Block Grant.
- 7) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 107467 through 107569 in the amount of \$486,142.67 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Oakland County Information Technology in the amount of \$6,836.25 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department. (3) Approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$6,639.47 for tree restorations, bridge salting and snow removal in various areas of the City. (4) Approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$6,209.75 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of January and for legal services for the month of December 2015. (5) Approve payment to the City of Grosse Pointe Farms in the amount of \$12,499.59 for Harper Woods' proportionate share of the Intermunicipal Radio System for the period July 1 through December 31, 2015.
- 2) To approve the transfer of \$67,182.04 in 2015 Community Development Block Grant funds from Streetscape Improvements to Housing Rehabilitation.
- 3) To introduce and place for first reading an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Article I, Section 23-4 of the Code of Ordinances to Add Owner Responsibility for any Premises, Separate Offense Provision and Lien Against Property Provision," and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.
- 4) To introduce and place for first reading an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter II, Article III, Section 11-59 of the Code of Ordinances of the Housing Code," and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.
- 5) To introduce and place for first reading an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 95-2, Section 11-73b," and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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OUR VIEW

South made the right moves

Grosse Pointe South High School’s administration made all the right moves when some students used marijuana in various ways on a choir trip to Ohio.

There’s no need to go through all the details, found on the next page, about the incident. These students said they were carrying on a tradition students before them started.

A letter explaining the situation and outlining the discipline went to parents of choir students at South last week.

Of course, that letter made it quickly into the community, including this newspaper and other media outlets.

There are some good lessons here.

First, and the letter points this out, these are adolescents who made a mistake. No doubt, there are plenty of adults around here who made similar mistakes during their high school years.

And while a couple callers to us said, “it’s only marijuana,” we disagree when someone says “it’s no big deal.”

The school said it’s a big deal. Some students aren’t attending the choir trip to Ireland this week as a result. Some lost money on that. And that should be a lesson, too.

Eighteen students ingesting marijuana in various ways on a school-sanctioned trip is a bad idea. And while it’s easy to say they are just teens being teens, what they did is illegal. Our police reports in this paper, week after week, show people busted with marijuana.

The school addressed the issue. There’s some anger at the punishment, but we support the district’s effort to be drug and alcohol free on its campuses.

There have been several drug-related deaths in the Pointes over the past year. No longer should we say “it’s just marijuana,” because it could be something else next.

Drugs are available not just in neighboring Detroit, but right here in Grosse Pointe.

These students made a mistake. And with cancelled trips, lost payments, random drug screenings and community service, maybe the punishment won’t be worth trying it again.

Let’s be supportive of our schools getting rid of all drugs. And let’s not pretend this is just an issue at South. Or even just a high school issue. Every school around here has drug issues. Every one.

As a community, we need to understand there is a problem. We also need to be the solution.

Don’t be afraid to discuss this with your children.

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Pure Grosse Pointe

Corinne Martin, executive director and founder of the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, and Penny Sauve, board member and volunteer coordinator, seek foster and forever homes for animals in the shelter. They were one of many participants at SERVE’s Spirit of Giving program at Grosse Pointe South last week.

GUEST COLUMNIST By Dave Robinson

The skinny on generators

The best thing about generators is they give us the ability to function with some normalcy when the electricity fails. Generator owners exude a certain smugness knowing they can still function, to a degree, when all others have just been relegated to the stone age. The generator owners I know don’t realize they’re being smug, nor do they purposely conduct themselves with an air of superiority, but it’s there. Trust me.

If you have been considering joining this exclusive club of generator owners, first ask yourself some questions. What do I plan to do with it? Am I going to just power up my travel trailer when I’m camping or do I intend to provide electricity for my home when the power goes out?

The power company does an amazing job of keeping the electricity flowing, especially during our winter wind and rain storms. How those lines stay attached to their poles and keep the juice running is a marvel of engineering. But we all know there are still times when things happen and service is interrupted. Sometimes things get fixed right away and sometimes it’s days before the lights come back on. It’s those times when it takes more than a day or so that you need a generator.

Here are some things to keep in mind. Unless you’re in the position to spend upwards of \$15,000 for a permanently mounted unit, don’t plan to energize your whole house. A smaller, portable unit of 3500-watt capacity will handle your fridge, freezer, a few lights and your TV. The going cost for a unit like that will be in the \$500 range. The bigger the wattage output, the more the unit will handle. Like everything else, you get what you pay for. Avoid the \$99 2-cycle unit. It will probably do more damage (to your computer or \$2,000 flat-screen TV) than it does good. A high quality surge suppressor is a really good bit of insurance for your delicate electronics.

There are some nice features offered on today’s units. Electric start will save your back, muscle strain and a whole lot of physical energy. Some generators are designed to run on two different fuels. The ones I’ve seen use either gasoline or propane. Very handy since propane will store longer than gasoline. Some are diesel powered and yet some will run off natural gas. The natural gas version must be plumbed into the natural gas supply which could become interrupted during an earthquake or other disaster. And finally, the wheel kit. The wheel was invented to avoid all the lugging, dragging and even adult language when it comes to putting your generator in its place. Get wheels.

The main drawback with generators: they require fuel. Don’t plan on using your generator as a longterm solution. Even running the unit only a few hours a day for more than a week, you’d need to store more stabilized fuel than most budgets allow. Not to mention the inherent dangers of storing gasoline.

A good resource for information is the Generator Buyer’s Guide at Northern Tool & Equipment’s website. They’ve got answers for your generator questions. They also offer a huge inventory of brand-name generators.

Read previous columns at disasterprepdave.blogspot.com. Robinson is the postmaster in Bandon, Ore., and author of “Disaster Prep for the Rest of Us.”

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. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the Editor can be e-mailed to jwarner@grossepointhenews.com.

As the dullards of D.C., the White House and Congress discuss yet another increase in the already astronomical national debt, I submit the following from the Federal Register. Note the date and who made the speech.

From Sen. B.H. Obama’s floor speech, March 20, 2006, to the U.S. Senate:

“The fact that we are here today to debate raising America’s debt limit is a sign of leadership failure. It is a sign that the U.S. government can’t pay its own bills. It is a sign that we now depend on ongoing financial assistance from foreign countries to finance our government’s reckless fiscal policies.”

Increasing America’s debt weakens us domestically and internationally. Leadership means that “the buck stops here.”

Instead, Washington is shifting the burden of bad choices today onto the backs of our children and grandchildren. America has a debt problem and a failure of leadership. Americans deserve better.

B.J. KHALIFAH
Grosse Pointe Park

I SAY By Mary Anne Brush

Are you talking to me?

To the young man walking your two dogs on my block at 7 a.m.:

Was it really necessary to ask if I was “(expletive deleted) stupid”? We were on the same side of the street walking toward one another. Even if there were some sort of dog owner protocol dictating that I, with my one friendly little dog, be the one to cross the street rather than you, with your two large, presumably unruly dogs — dog owners, please weigh in here — was it really necessary to be so nasty about it? It was dark and honestly I didn’t know you had one dog, much less two, until I was about 10 feet away, at which point you were already crossing the street to avoid me. When you said, “Are you f-ing stupid?” I assumed you were addressing your dogs. “Are you talking to me?” I asked, just to be sure. You didn’t answer, so I asked again: “Are you talking to me?” I said it politely, not in my Robert DeNiro “Taxi Driver” voice.

“Who else would I be talking to?” you said, your tone clearing up any further mystery regarding the extent of my stupidity.

I’m sorry if you were having a bad day. I don’t know you, so I don’t know what caused you to be so unpleasant. But you don’t know me either. I was in a great mood. It was Friday, a fun weekend ahead. I had just come from my early morning weekly walk with three of my favorite women friends. If I was a bubble, you were the pin. I arrived back at my house, deflated, and relayed the story to my husband. He stood at the window with his coffee, peering out into the still dimly lit street, peppering me with questions. Who was he? What did he look like? What did his dogs look like? Had I ever seen him before? I have no idea, it was dark, they were just ordinary looking dogs and no, not that I could tell, I said. I think if you still had been out there, my husband would have gone after you. “How dare you talk to my wife that way?” he would have said. I wanted to ask you the same thing.

Not how dare you, necessarily, but why would you? What point did it serve? Have you never heard the phrase, “Pay it forward”? I’m sorry if my presence on the same patch of public sidewalk ignited such ire from you. I’m not proud of how I responded — although I did tell you to have a nice day — but your anger was tinder and my reaction was flint. How quickly the ugliness we created together flared into something toxic, something that could have escalated out of both of our control.

But there is another thing you don’t know about me. I am what my friend Suzy calls a “happy-go-lucky girl” (check out her website at happygoluckygirl.me). I am going to take your behavior as a reminder of how important it is to be kind to everyone I encounter, to say hello, to make eye contact, to establish a human connection.

I will pay your meanness forward with kindness. I will match your bitterness with happiness and outdo you with cheer. I will make myself a better person to show you, and people like you, that we are the ones who are going to change the world, not you. Do you hear me? Yeah, that’s right, I’m talking to you.

Brush is a reporter for the Grosse Pointe News.

South choir hits trouble on the road

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe South High School's choir program has a long tradition of excellence. Recently that reputation was tarnished by the behavior of some of the students during a trip to Findlay, Ohio, Friday, Jan. 29, and Saturday, Jan. 30, to compete in Findlay Fest 2016, a show choir competition hosting top schools from the region.

On Tuesday, Feb. 2, according to a letter Principal Moussa Hamka sent to choir families, Choral Director Christopher Pratt received information about student behavior on the trip. He notified the administration, putting into motion an investigation uncovering what the letter called "a very dangerous and unhealthy student tradition as it pertains to some overnight field trips."

According to the letter, 18 students chose to engage in unsafe behavior by consuming marijuana products. The majority of students ingested edible marijuana in cookies, while a handful consumed concentrated marijuana with an electronic device, similar to an e-cigarette. Another handful of students chose to smoke marijuana before the trip began.

"Our philosophy when instituting discipline is to administer consequences and interventions to impact meaningful change in student behavior," Hamka wrote. "While these offenses are serious, we must also realize we are dealing with adolescents who make mistakes. Our job as a community is to nurture our students who have transgressed and ensure they are on a path of growth and success."

Measures put in place with some of the affected students included:

- ◆ Student suspensions and separations from school for all students, per the code of conduct;
- ◆ Loss of overnight field trip privileges for the remainder of the school year for all students;
- ◆ Loss of Ireland trip privilege;
- ◆ Mandatory counseling performed by a certified practitioner for all students;
- ◆ Community service;
- ◆ Random drug screening for the remainder of the school year;
- ◆ Referral for all students involved to the Grosse Pointe Farms police, per state law.

Hamka reiterated the importance of engaging in conversations at a level that permeates beyond the choir and the actions of a few. He also reinforced the positive impact the choir has had on the South community.

"While this event is unfortunate, it should not overshadow the many

contributions the program, our students and Mr. Pratt have made. Over the course of the past several years, our choir culture has grown positively. We must continue these efforts as we still have work ahead of us to arrive at our ideal state."

Plans to partner with the Family Center, Grosse Pointe Farms police, mental health professionals and the South counseling staff are underway, with an emphasis on offering the necessary resources and support.

'Our job as a community is to nurture our students who have transgressed and ensure they are on a path of growth and success.'

MOUSSA HAMKA,
Grosse Pointe South High School Principal

"We have an exemplary school and each and every day, the overwhelming majority of students behave in an appropriate, safe and dignified manner," Hamka said in an interview with the *Grosse Pointe News*. "This incident, while serious and alarming, does not represent the true culture of excellence, achievement and character of our student body."

"This is not a South problem," Hamka continued. "It's not a Grosse Pointe problem. This is widespread and impacts nearly every community. With the proliferation of medical marijuana, we are seeing more and more minors obtaining contraband that originates from dispensaries. In speaking with my col-

leagues from across metro Detroit, we are all struggling with the same challenge."

Former South parent Maurya Kay said she fully supported Hamka's "approach to handling these situations no matter who the student is." She and her husband, Howard Kay, who served as choir booster club presidents last year, were unaware of a "tradition" among choir students.

"If this has been a tradition, it was happening while we were president

and we had no awareness of it," Kay said. "If it's true, I can honestly say absolutely no one was aware."

"What I was aware of was the number of young adults I have known across the years of raising my children in Grosse Pointe who have died of opiate overdose," Kay continued. "I have personally known four. I watched these things happening to young adults from good families who grew up with my children and played with them on the playground. I also have (extended) family members struggling with addiction and I have several friends who have young adult children who are in recovery. These are Grosse Pointe families."

This awareness drew her to contact friend and author Sam Quinones to come to Grosse Pointe to discuss his award-winning book, "Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic."

"I first went to Moussa Hamka and he said 'Yes, we can do this,'" Kay said. "We had a conversation about what's happening in this community. He was the one who connected me with the Family Center, who immediately connected with this project."

Kay called the choir incident a "wake-up call."

"It's a perfect example of why we all want to tune in and understand what is happening right under our noses and how dangerous it can be. It makes us take a closer look at the underlying culture. What is creating this need to escape or to dull pain? What are we doing that is missing the development of resiliency that so many kids need?"

Quinones, a veteran journalist, will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The talk will be followed by a Q&A session and book signing. Register at family-centerweb.org or call (313) 432-3832.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Eighth-graders Caitlyn Watts, Annabel Schlachter and Christina Xenos make sandwiches for International Brown Bag Lunches of Love.

Star service project

Our Lady Star of the Sea School capped off its Catholic Schools Week celebration Friday, Feb. 5, with "Special Persons Day" and a service project to make lunches for homeless veterans in Detroit.

OLSOS students donated items throughout the week to be used in bag lunches. Earlier in the week, students in kindergarten through eighth-grade made cards to include with the lunches, with messages such as "God bless you!" and "We're praying for you."

Older students gathered in the cafeteria after morning Mass to form assembly lines for sandwich-making and packaging. Each student was joined by an invited guest — a parent, grandparent, coach or family friend — for "Special Persons Day."

Students met their goal of making 1,200 lunches. International Brown Bag Lunches of Love, a non-profit the school has worked with for several years, helped arrange for the lunches to be made and transported to their recipients.

Liggett Summer Programs

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TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016
9:00 a.m. – noon; 1 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016
1 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2016
9:00 a.m. – noon.

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DAR recognizes local heros

Louisa St. Clair Chapter, the Grosse Pointe organization of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, celebrated its 123rd anniversary with 100 members and guests at the Country Club of Detroit last month. Comprised of women who are able to document their lineage to a patriot who served the American Revolution, DAR is the largest women's service organization in the world and its mission is to promote education, historic preservation and patriotism.

During the event, Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Officer Thomas Shimko received the DAR Distinguished

Citizen Medal for his efforts to rescue a sewer contractor trapped in a collapsed trench; the Cotton family — David, Shery, Sean, Jon and Michael — received the DAR Community Service Award for their varied philanthropy in Grosse Pointe and the metro area; U.S. Army veterans Jack Harkins and Timothy Dunning were honored for their service as part of DAR's partnership in the 50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War; and the DAR Women in American History Award was post-

humously awarded to Viola Gregg Liuzzo, a Detroit homemaker and civil rights activist who was murdered by the Ku Klux Klan in 1965 while trying to register black voters in Selma, Ala. Her grandson, Joshua Liuzzo, accepted the award.



Louisa St. Clair Chapter Regent Peggy King Scully pins the DAR Distinguished Citizen Medal on Officer Thomas Shimko while immediate past chapter regent Jane Turnbull looks on.



U.S. Army veterans Jack Harkins and Timothy Dunning, shown with Scully, were recognized for their service and sacrifice as part of DAR's partnership in the 50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War.

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SAFETY:

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Saturday, Feb. 13, an unknown suspect entered an unlocked garage in the 1200 block of

Wayburn and removed a Stihl trimmer, valued at \$120 and an aluminum ladder, valued at \$130.

— Kathy Ryan
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety at (313) 822-7400.

Detroit declined to take him into custody. Because officers detected a strong odor of marijuana, the K9 unit was called in, but no drugs were found. The driver was arrested and the car was impounded.

DWI arrest

A 37-year-old Grosse Pointe Park resident was taken into custody and charged with driving while impaired and driving with a suspended license after police observed at 1:50 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, the driver run a red light at Mack and Vernier. A field sobriety test was conducted, as well as a breathalyzer test, which revealed a blood alcohol count of .12.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Not so routine

What appeared to be a routine traffic stop at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, was not for Woods officers pulling over a car when a LEIN check showed the owner of the car was driving with a suspended license. While police were taking the driver into custody, they questioned the passenger who told police he held a concealed pistol license and was armed. He also was wanted on four warrants out of Detroit, but

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Protecting pets

Tips for keeping Fido and Fluffy safe, warm this winter

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

A mild start to winter has been driven off by freezing temperatures, heavy snowfalls and icy roadways. With spring more than month away, there most likely won't be a rise in temperature for some time.

Keeping safe and warm is top priority for Grosse Pointe families, but experts urge community members not to forget about their "fur babies."

Cover up coats

Dr. Nancy Pillsbury, D.V.M., with Harper Woods Veterinary Hospital, said she sometimes gets cynical when people use the reasoning that cats and dogs have fur so they should be fine against the elements. She said short-haired dogs always should wear coats or sweaters when outdoors.

"Even though they have a fur coat, if you've got a good wind or windchill, they'll be cold. The short hair is not going to protect them against the wind," Pillsbury said. "Go put your coat on and stand outside and



PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Booties help protect dogs from cold and frostbite, as well as sidewalk salt, during walks and romps in the backyard.

tell me how long it takes for you to get cold." She said as a general rule, if the temperatures are really cold and there's windchill, "let them out, let them go to the bathroom and then come back in." A dog bred for cold temperatures like a Husky may be able to stand 10 to 15 minutes outside, but a small dog or puppy shouldn't be let out at all, she said. In those cases, dog owners

should use pee pads around the house. Larger dogs, however, don't necessarily need the extra protection. "They love being out there in the cold," said Corinne Martin, director of the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society. However, "soft tissue gets frostbite and frozen. When the temperature is below freezing, soft tissue can freeze within 30 minutes It's our policy that if

it's below 25 degrees, our animals don't stay out for more than 10 minutes. We'll walk them frequently. Our policy is based on veterinarian recommendations. They shouldn't be out for more than 20 minutes at all."

Bootie business

Another form of protection for dogs is booties, which Martin and Pillsbury said protect against snow, ice and



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

A feral cat hides beneath a shrub. Feral cats should have some form of insulated shelter, as well as food and water that won't freeze, to keep them safe.

salt. "(Dogs) should wear boots to avoid salt getting in between pads," Pillsbury said. "Some dogs won't wear boots, so it's a good idea to wash their feet after you get home, in between their toes."

Martin agreed many dogs are disagreeable when it comes to donning paw-wear. "We get a lot of booties donated here," she said. "We test products here at the shelter. Most of the (bootie) donations we get have been purchased, tried out and failed, so

they end up here. Then we try them and they fail here, too. So we do short walks and avoid salt."

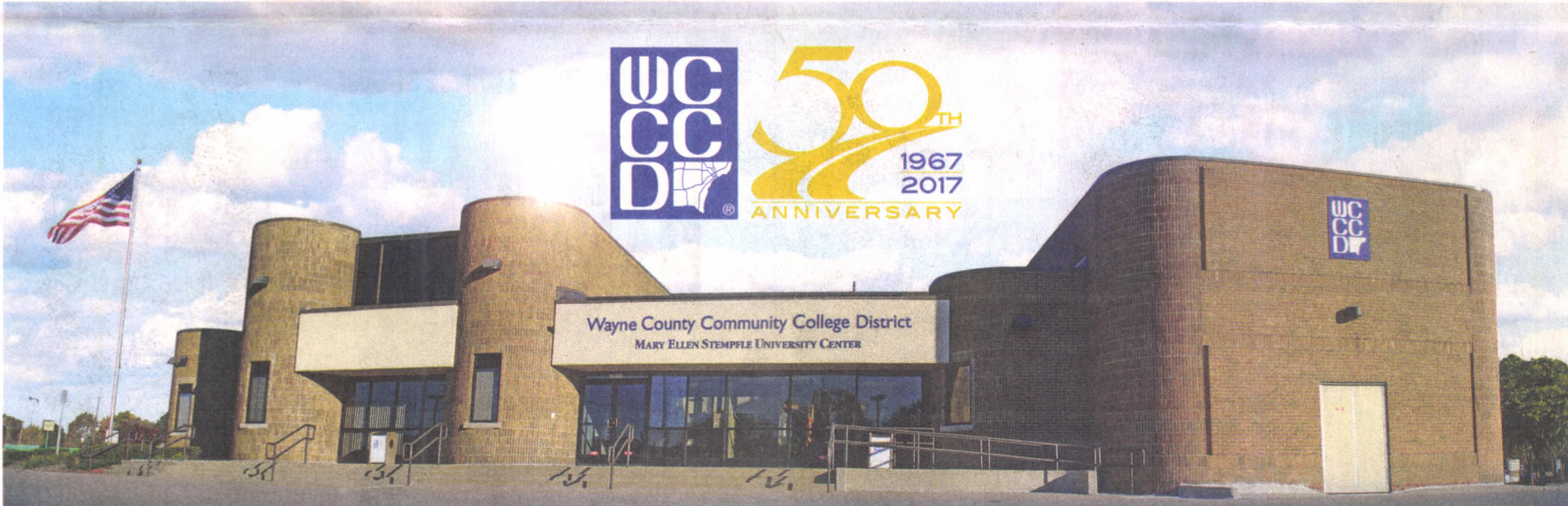
Martin said pet owners should use pet-safe salt for driveways and sidewalks that won't burn the paw pads. Just in case, she said, "We walk them on the grass."

Booties or not, Martin recommended rinsing a dog's feet after a walk to be safe.

Feline friends

While indoor pets are apt to stay comfortable,

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Business Network International meets at 7 a.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 7 a.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Ellis Smith will discuss "God's Will, Not Our Will." People of all faiths are welcome. Call Eric

Lindquist at (313) 530-8656.

Libraries

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

◆ Drop-in book talk at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22. Learn about hot new titles and recommendations for individuals and book clubs.

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

◆ Watch "King Kong vs. Godzilla" at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20.

◆ "Explore the Power of eBooks" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23.

◆ Nancy Weigant and

Tom Milano present "How to Thrive on an Outrageous Plant-Based Diet" at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23.

◆ University of Michigan professor Jennifer Proctor presents "Oscar Night at the Library" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24.

◆ Explore migration patterns and the genealogical resources available in print and online during "Michigan Roots: Genealogy Research in the Great Lakes State" at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25.

Woods — 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, (313) 343-2072.

◆ The 4th Monday Book Discussion is set for 1:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22. The group discusses "Astonish Me" by Maggie

Shipstead.

◆ Watch "Trainwreck" at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23. Call (313) 343-2072.

SOC

◆ Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, shows the movie "American Sniper" at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, and Friday, Feb. 26. Cost is \$2.

◆ SOC's annual meeting takes place 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, and includes the election of trustees, approval of bylaw changes, presentation of finances and sharing of upcoming events. Proposed bylaw changes are available online at socservices.org. Register by Friday, Feb. 19.

For information or to register for these events,

call (313) 882-9600.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts blood drives 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods; and 7:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, St. John Hospital & Medical Center, 22101 Moross, Detroit. To register, visit redcrossblood.org.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, at the Mary Ellen Stemple University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Group meets at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Van Elslander Cancer Center

The Van Elslander Cancer Center, 19229 Mack, Detroit, offers a free, 45-minute gentle yoga class to female cancer patients and survivors 12:30 to 2 p.m. Mondays. After class, a short support session is held to share experiences of being diagnosed with cancer. Physician clearance is required. For more information or to join the class, call Jessica Chapman, LMSW at (313) 647-3004.

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Neighborhood Club presents '60 Days to Health'

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

The Neighborhood Club's "60 Days to Health" program is in full swing, offering daily activities or suggestions to keep the community active now through the end of March.

The program, in its third year, features classes, activities and offerings at the Neighborhood Club and

throughout the community. The Lake House, Services for Older Citizens and Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe are among this year's participating organizations.

"It's a way to promote health and wellness in the community," said Stu Alderman, executive director of the Neighborhood Club. "We're doing it for 60 days. We want to make

people aware of it during the winter 'dog days.'"

Events range from battling cage time and karate sessions to adult lap swim, yoga and Zumba. Health-based lectures, such as one on integrative medicine at the Lake House Tuesday, March 1, also are included.

On days when programming isn't offered, tips for health and wellness dot the calendar. For example, Saturday, Feb.

28, is National Strawberry Day and the calendar encourages participants to enjoy the healthy snack. Sunday, March 13, encourages hydration while Friday, March 18, reads, "Don't hit snooze! Try waking up when your alarm first goes off."

More information is included with many of the activities. Many events are free, but there is a charge for some of

them, which is noted on the calendar as well.

Alderman said his team has been collecting information for the calendar since summer. It was distributed mid-January; it was mailed to chamber members, sent home with students in the school district and sent as an e-blast from the Neighborhood Club. Hard copies of the calendar also are available at the Neighborhood Club.

"It's a matter of we want people to be physi-

cally fit and active," Alderman said. "We want to bring it to the forefront. It should be on people's minds all 12 months of the year."

"60 Days to Health" is sponsored by the Neighborhood Club, Beaumont, the Beaumont Community Health Coalition, Grosse Pointe Public School System and Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

For details and registration deadlines, visit neighborhoodclub.org.

PETS:

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the same cannot be said for animals in the outdoors this time of year.

"Cats really shouldn't be outside during the cold," Pillsbury said. "They're so much smaller. There's more surface area per body mass."

Not to mention cats are prone to getting in trouble, from climbing underneath the hood of a car to warm themselves near the engine to finding refuge in a garage in which they can get locked.

"It's much better when it's significantly cold to keep your cat inside," she said.

Feral cats are another story, Pillsbury said. She recommended buying heated cat boxes from a pet store to help keep the crit-

ters warm. Homemade shelters are an option as well.

"If you want a place for cats, make sure it's draft-free with straw. They need a place to go out of the wind and cold. Something like that would help."

"Same thing if you have an outside dog," Pillsbury continued. "Get a good quality house where they can stand up and turn around. You don't want it to be too big where they lose heat, but they should be able to move around."

Providing shelter is only one part of the equation, Martin added. Food and water that won't freeze are staples to keeping an outdoor animal — domestic or feral — safe. She recommended an electric birdbath heater to keep water in liquid form.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

This standard plastic bin is fitted with insulation and straw and still has enough room for one or two cats to turn around and fit comfortably. Straw is used because it won't gather moisture like a blanket or cat bed. There is a pallet beneath the bin so it's not directly on the frozen ground.

Get 'crafty' in the Woods

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center offers opportunities to get creative during its Crafty Afternoons at 1:15 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month.

Each session is fun, easy and an opportunity to learn a new skill while making new friends. Instructions, craft materials and resources are supplied.

Participants make

polymer clay scarf pins March 9, paper-flower-decorated grapevine wreaths April 13 and painted wine glasses May 11.

Space is limited to 10 people each day, so advanced registration is required. Cost is \$7 per session for Woods residents, \$8 for non-residents.

For more information, call the Community Center at (313) 343-2408.

Safety tips for cats and dogs

Pillsbury stressed common sense when it comes to winter pet safety. Among her tips are:

◆ "Don't wash your dog and, when it's still wet, let it out. That's not a good idea."

◆ "If they are outdoor pets, when it's cold they will burn more calories, so feed them more."

◆ "Even electric water dishes can still freeze, so check them throughout the day."

◆ "If you let your dog outside for a while and all of a sudden it lies down, it's probably getting cold. Bring it inside."

◆ Use lukewarm water to gradually warm up a dog's paws rather than hot water.

◆ "If it's too cold for you to be out there, it's too cold for them."

Martin had a few tips of her own.

◆ "Be vigilant about checking your gates, particularly this time of year. When you shovel snow against a fence, it becomes like a stepping stool for dogs to get over the fence. They can just get up there and over the fence. We get lost dogs in here a lot. Snow gets between the fence and it doesn't close properly, or if it's ajar or the wind blows it open, dogs get out."

◆ "Check the perimeter of the house for snow. Snow and wind cause hazards we don't think about when we let (dogs) out to go potty."

◆ If you notice an animal chained up outside without access to food, water or shelter, call public safety for help. "Public safety is very good in our community."

◆ If anyone has any questions, problems or needs advice, call GPAAS at (313) 884-1551.



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A feral cat stands near a bowl of frozen water. It's important to make sure water dishes don't freeze, perhaps by using a birdbath heater.

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Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe volunteers Henry Elden and Carol Langs.



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Couple celebrate finding love later in life

Valentine's Day weekend, Carol Langs, 75, and Henry Elden, 85, of St. Clair Shores, celebrated the romantic holiday at one of their favorite local restaurants.

A high point in their dinner conversation was looking back at their first Valentine's Day together as honeymooners in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

The pair met November 2007 while volunteering at the front desk at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. At the time, Henry was driving to the hospital from his home in Westland, a somewhat challenging commute.

When he met Carol, who transferred to front desk duty from patient visitation, his perception of that long drive — and everything else — changed for the better.

Their first date was at Panera Bread after a town hall meeting.

"He's nice and tall. I liked him right away," said Carol. "We just hit it off."

Henry waxes a bit more poetically.

"We don't fully understand the mystery and power of fate," he said. "But, in our case, we are grateful for the way it all

unfolded and often stand in awe of that mystery — especially as we recall that special place in the front lobby where it all happened."

"It happened very quickly after they met," said Betsy Schulte, director of Volunteer Services at Beaumont. "We noticed the difference right away. They had a bounce in their steps; they had renewed energy and excitement."

During a lunch break December 2007, inside the hospital cafeteria, Henry pulled out a small paper box with a ring nestled inside and popped the question.

Without telling any of their eight children (four each), 17 grandchildren, friends, neighbors or fellow volunteers, they drove to city hall January 2008 and made their bond official.

These days, the pair enjoy traveling together, especially to big cities like New York and Washington, D.C., as well as participating in the political process, walking and attending events in the community.

"Working with a large group of seniors, many widowed, it's obvious that part of the reason

these active folks come to us is not only to give back, but for companionship," Schulte said. "It warms my heart to witness the beautiful friendships that are created here."

While friendships between the 300 or so volunteers are common, Schulte added, romances are rare.

"Carol and Henry are always smiling, talking about their activities and their time together. They never seem lonely anymore," Schulte said.

Given their status as "empty nest orphans," as every one of their eight children lives out of state, Schulte often sees the couple in the cafeteria sharing a meal before or after their weekly Tuesday afternoon shift. She also bumps into them at cultural events around town.

"They are well-liked at the hospital by their fellow volunteers and admired as the 'lovebirds' by the Tuesday afternoon front desk crew," Schulte said.

For more information about volunteering at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, visit beaumont.edu/volunteer or call (313) 473-1902.

Soroptimist clubs sponsor youth forum

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe and Soroptimist of Greater Macomb sponsored a community youth forum Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Clinton Macomb Public Library South Branch. Presenters Rasheda Williams, Rebecca Minardi and Cynthia Stockard reached out to teens in the audience with facts about cyberbullying, teen dating relationships and domestic minor sex trafficking.

Williams, founder of Empower Flower Girl, talked about the positive and negative impact of social media. She said often teens do not enable the privacy settings on their social network profiles to protect their personal content and generally do not turn off their location or GPS services. This allows them to be monitored by social media predators. Williams said universities and employers check out individual profiles during the admissions process and/or job interviews, so she cautioned teens about what they put on their sites. Her guideline is "Just because it's in your head, doesn't mean it has to be said."

Minardi, of Kids-TALK Children's Advocacy Center, spoke about healthy vs. unhealthy relationships. Qualities to look for in healthy relationships are equality,



COURTESY PHOTO

From left, Cynthia Stockard and Rebecca Minardi of Kids-TALK Children's Advocacy Center and Rasheda Williams, founder of Empower Flower Girl and a member of Soroptimist of Grosse Pointe.

honesty, physical safety, respect, comfort, independence and humor. Qualities of unhealthy relationships are control, dishonesty, physical and sexual abuse, dependence and fearfulness. Dating violence is any controlling or abusive behavior in a romantic relationship. She encouraged the audience to stand up for themselves, look people in the eye, state what they mean and use their voices to be assertive.

Stockard, a forensic interviewer and human trafficking coordinator for Kids-TALK CAC, brought awareness of domestic minor sex trafficking, including sexual abuse in the form of rape, incest or fondling. Sexual exploitation in child pornography, computer solicitation and child sex trafficking can lead to

perpetrators who target, trick and traumatize their victims. Perpetrators are not always strangers; they can be family and friends, male or female.

An eighth-grader named Rebecca from Seneca Middle School wrote, "This gave great insight to the dangerous world we live in, but I am now prepared and well educated towards this touchy subject. I feel safer and am very happy that there are people in this world who put their time and effort into keeping kids safe and informed."

For more information, visit grossepointesoroptimist.org and save this date: April 8, 2016, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Soroptimist of Grosse Pointe with dinner, award presentations and a silent auction at Assumption Cultural Center.

St. Joan of Arc hosts gala, auction

St. Joan of Arc Catholic School hosts its 10th annual gala and auction event, complete with celebrity-laden auction items, Saturday, March 5, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

WDIV Channel 4 meteorologist Brandon Roux takes the microphone for the event, which serves

as one of the largest fund-raising efforts for the Catholic school.

The gala includes live and silent auctions, a dinner and entertainment for the more than 300 people who attend. It is St. Joan's primary fundraiser, helping the school serve its students in pre-K through eighth grade.

Among the auction items available is a donation from local musicians, The Orbitsuns. Led by former Sponge frontman Vinnie Dombrowski, bidders on the Orbitsuns auction item can win a private performance by the "outlaw" country-inspired group.

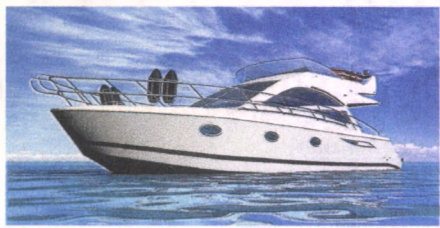
Other auction items include an overnight stay at Birmingham's Townsend Hotel, an overnight stay at Grand Beach/Sugar Beach resort in Traverse City, a signed copy of Mitch Albom's newest book, four "park hopper" tickets to Disneyworld in Orlando and more.

Donations for the auction are accepted. The gala committee asks for donations of gift cards, sporting event tickets, entertainment tickets and restaurant gift certificates. All donations are tax deductible.

Community members also may support the gala with raffle ticket purchases — cost is \$20 per ticket or six for \$100 — or by purchasing auction/dinner tickets for \$90 per person at the St. Joan of Arc Parish Center, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores.

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By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Easy, delicious vegetable soup

I picked up a bowl of vegetable soup from a gourmet market. It cost about \$5. It was delicious. The next day I made more than a gallon of vegetable soup. It cost about \$10. It was delicious.

Vegetable Soup

1 large onion, chopped (around 2 cups)
3 to 4 celery stalks, chopped
5 carrots, peeled and chopped
1 large zucchini, chopped
1/2 small head cabbage, chopped
1/4 lb. green beans, trimmed and chopped
3 to 4 tablespoons olive oil, divided
4 to 5 garlic cloves, finely chopped
10 to 12 cups vegetable or chicken broth, or water
1 15 oz. can diced tomatoes with juice
1 6 oz. can tomato paste
1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
1 to 2 teaspoons dried basil
1 to 2 teaspoons dried oregano
salt and pepper to taste

Combine the onion, celery, carrots, zucchini, cabbage and green beans in a large bowl. Toss with a tablespoon of olive oil. Season lightly with salt and pepper.

In a 5- to 6-quart pot, heat the remaining three tablespoons of olive oil over medium heat. Add the vegetables, cook and stir for 10 to 15 minutes. Add the garlic and cook for another 5 minutes or so.

Add the broth, diced tomatoes, tomato paste, parsley, basil and oregano. Stir well and bring the pot to a boil. Lower immediately to a simmer. Cover and simmer for an hour or longer.

Taste the soup after 30 minutes of cooking and adjust the seasoning to your liking. You may want to add more basil and oregano. Use salt sparingly. The longer the soup simmers, the less likely you'll want to add salt. Remember anything from a can will add salt on its own.

Yes, there is a lot of chopping. Just pace yourself. The end result will be worth it.

Aside from being delicious, this vegetable soup contains nothing but good-for-you stuff. Soup weather is here. Bathing suit weather is approaching soon enough. These are two good reasons to cook a pot of easy, delicious vegetable soup.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Jill Kloster

Preparing a toddler for communication

Q: I recently bought alphabet flash cards for my 13-month-old son. He seems interested in them, but are flash cards the best way to prepare him for reading and communicating?

A: Flash cards can be intriguing to little learners because of the familiar shapes and bright colors, but flash cards promote memorization and rote learning more than they accomplish language acquisition or encourage reading. Children learn best when they can learn in context.

Infants and young toddlers begin developing language skills when adults respond to their sounds, gestures and other non-verbal communication. You might say "You are a happy boy" to an infant who is smiling or babbling. Narrating non-verbal communication is a helpful tool. "You are hungry" or "You look sleepy" are a few examples.

Spending time with your children and describing the actions taking place is a simple way to build vocabulary. You might say, "I am filling your bright blue cup with milk." A trip to the zoo or the grocery store is a great way to point

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out descriptive words or sounds in their natural context.

In the earliest stages of literacy, children begin to listen to and imitate the sounds and patterns of language. Reading stories with rhymes and repetition is a great activity for this developmental stage. Nursery rhymes and songs help infants and toddlers understand the rhythm of reading.

Overall, a great way to prepare your child for reading is to spend time

helping him build, read, sing and have adventures. Conversations at the park, in the car and while stacking blocks all contribute to the development of early literacy.

Jill Kloster is assistant director of the Grosse Pointe Public School System's Child Development and Preschool Program. She earned her bachelor's degree from Rochester College in early childhood education and taught in the early childhood field for eight years

before becoming assistant director. She also authors the school blog, gppsschilddevelopment.blogspot.com, and can be reached at (313) 432-3809.

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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.

Robert L. Crowder

Robert L. Crowder, 90, died peacefully Monday, Feb. 8, 2016, at Beaumont Hospital, Troy.

He was born Aug. 6, 1925, in Detroit, to Robert Sr. and Iva Crowder. He served his country as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Bob earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business from the University of Detroit and a Master of Business Administration degree at the University of Michigan. He was employed at Ford Motor Co. as head of dealership liquidations, working in Dearborn and at the Renaissance Center in Detroit.

Bob was an avid golfer, loved dancing and enjoyed dining out at fine restaurants. He also loved the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. He was a member of the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club, the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe and the Villagers Dance Club.

Bob is survived by his children, Lynda Bachteal (Robert), Sharon Harris, Robert Crowder III (Sharon) and Daniel Crowder; grandchildren, Brittany, Blake, Dustin and Lisa; and special friend, Janet Graham.

He was predeceased by his wife, Sabina.

A funeral service was held Feb. 11 at St. James Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17,

Chicago, IL 60601 or to St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

James Chesbrough Kirchmaier

Grosse Pointe Park resident James Chesbrough "Jay" "Kirch" Kirchmaier, 62, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2016, at his home.

He was born Jan. 26, 1954, in Toledo, Ohio, to JoAnn (nee Mahan) and Peter C. Kirchmaier. Jay graduated from Trinity-Pawling School in 1972 and Lake Forest College in 1977. He took a year sabbatical in 1976 to travel from Maine to Alaska, working odd jobs along the way.

After graduation, Kirch started in sales for Owens-Illinois. He left O-I for a career in radio sales. He started with Eastman Radio in New York, relocated to Detroit and became a senior executive with Interrep Radio. Later, Kirch became the sales manager for Radio One's Detroit stations.

Jay was a fun-loving man with endless energy. Whether it was on the golf course, in the duck blind, on the paddle court or just with family and friends, he made those around him laugh and smile. Kirch brought life to any situation. He would light up any room. Those who met Kirch have a Kirch story.

Jay was active with the Detroit Racquet Club. His past memberships

included the Country Club of Detroit, Detroit Athletic Club and St. Anne's Shooting Club.

Jay was predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his children, Kristen Arzner (Nick) and Peter C. Kirchmaier II; granddaughter, Cassidy Arzner; brother, David Kirchmaier and sisters, Kathryn Mack (David) and Paula Brown (Peter).

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at Carranor Hunt & Polo Club, 502 E. Second Street, in Perrysburg, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to James C. Kirchmaier Account, Ducks Unlimited, One Waterfowl Way, Memphis, TN 38120.

Mary Zeta Ivan

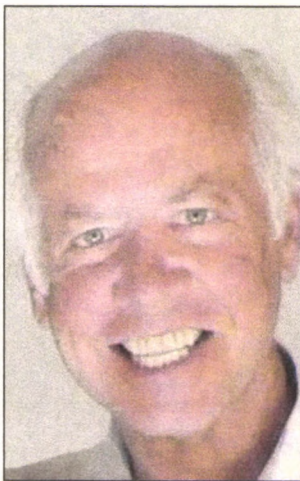
Mary Zeta Ivan, 87, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2016, at Canyonlands Care Center in Moab, Utah.

She was born Mary Zeta Carroll Oct. 31, 1928, in Detroit, to Zeta Walsh Carroll and John Carroll. The Carroll family lived in Detroit and Mary attended St. Matthew Elementary School and Dominican High School. She then attended Assumption College, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a master's degree in medical technology. Following college, Mary opened several medical laboratories which she owned and operated in Grosse Pointe and Detroit.

In 1972, she married



Robert L. Crowder



James C. Kirchmaier



Mary Zeta Ivan

Daniel Ivan and lived in Grosse Pointe Shores. Mary was an active member in the Hillcrest Country Club and later, Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods. In 1986, she and her husband retired to Boca Raton, Fla., and were active members in the Boca Del Mar Country Club. In 2013, Mary moved to Moab. She loved to golf and was a member of the hole-in-one club both at Lochmoor and Boca Del Mar.

Mary highly valued education, loved her family and was known for Christmas parties she gave for friends and family, where Santa visited.

She was predeceased by her husband, Daniel Ivan and her brothers, Frank Carroll and John Carroll. She is survived by her sisters, Connie Brooks (Robert) and Maureen Edyvean (Ken); brother, Joseph Carroll (Geri) and stepdaughters, Patricia Twyman (Don), Dianne Schellig (Bob) and Linda Sisson (Jack). She also left behind beloved nieces, a nephew, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Her family is grateful for the care Mary received from Canyonlands Care Center and Grand County Hospice.

Donations may be made in memory of Mary Ivan to Canyonlands Care Center, 390 West Williams Way, Moab, UT 84532.

Jack E. Lighton D.O.

Jack E. Lighton D.O., of Jupiter Island, Fla., passed away Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016. He was 77.

He was born in 1938, in Muskegon. After earning an undergraduate degree from Wayne State University, he earned his medical degree at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his residency and internship at Mount Clemens General Hospital and a vascular surgery fellowship at St. John Hospital. Dr. Lighton also was honored as a Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons and College of Certified Wound Specialists and was appointed clinical associate professor at Michigan State University in the Department of Osteopathic Surgical Specialties.

Dr. Lighton was chief of staff, chairman of the surgery department and chief of vascular surgery at Mount Clemens General Hospital.

He and his wife, Marilyn, raised their family in Grosse Pointe Farms. A longtime member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Dr. Lighton enjoyed his summer vacations spending time with family and friends cruising the Great Lakes. Dr. Lighton retired with



Jack E. Lighton D.O.

his wife in the 1990s and moved to their home on Jupiter Island.

After his retirement from surgery, Dr. Lighton became one of the world's most preeminent experts and educators on wound care, educating more than 5,000 doctors in his role as senior leader of education at National Healing Corporation.

Dr. Lighton was predeceased by his parents, George and Myra; beloved wife, Marilyn and dear friend, Marilyn Driscoll.

Dr. Lighton is survived by his sons, Jack Jr. (Giovanni) and Richard (Karlyn); daughter, Mary Shafer (Tom) and grandchildren, Katie, Elliot (Killeen), Eva-Louise, Jack and Ryan.

No services are planned. Donations may be made in his memory to Loggerhead Marinelife Center, 14200 U.S. Highway 1, Juno Beach, FL 33408.

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Author, poet and artist Jeff Whitcher presents "Fun with Poetry" 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The event is sponsored

by Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Whitcher will share his love of poetry and the creative process with children in an interactive presentation where they will learn the art of rhyme, the importance of

good vocabulary and the discipline of good writing. He will read from his books of poetry, which include "What if Balloons Didn't POP?," "Have You Ever Heard a Goldfish Burp?" and "How Do You Make A Platypus Laugh?"

The event is free and open to the public. Attendees are asked to bring gently used books to donate for National Reading Awareness Month.

For more information, call (313) 322-4074.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 4, 2016

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held December 21, 2015 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Ordinance Committee meeting held November 16, 2015 and the Library Board meeting held November 19, 2015.
- 2) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 107305 through 107396 in the amount of \$551,368.60 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Suburban Library Cooperative in the amount of \$9,356.50 for the annual subscription to Overdrive and Proquest, two services provided by the Library and for automated system services. (3) Approve payment in the amount of \$6,158.00 to the Michigan Municipal League for membership dues covering the period February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017. (4) Approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$35,871.70 for professional services during the month of December for the following projects: 2015 Emergency Concrete Repair, #180-170; Water System Reliability Study, #180-171; SRF Open Cut Repairs, #180-119; SRF FCIPP, #180-117; SRF SCIPP, #180-118; 2016 User Charge, #180-175; 2016 Gas Main Replacements, #180-168; Street Condition Rating Plan, #180-165 and the 2016 TIP Beaconsfield Reconstruction, #180-174. (5) Approve payments to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$8,368.00 for assistance with leaf pickup and fall maintenance in various areas of the City. (6) Approve the request from the Shamrock Cab Company for taxicab licenses covering the cabs listed on the attached application for 2016. (7) Approve the reappointments to the various boards and commissions as listed on the attached memorandum from the City Clerk.
- 2) To place the attached ballot proposal on the November 8, 2016 General Election ballot requesting voter approval for an additional mill for library operations.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

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Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 20, 2016

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held January 4, 2016.
- 2) To hold two Public Hearings, one on February 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. and the second on February 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public input and comment on the 2016 Community Development Block Grant funds and further to hold an additional Public Hearing on February 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment and input on the transfer of funds within the 2015 Community Development Block Grant funds.
- 3) To add to the Agenda the Resolution in Opposition of Public Act 269.
- 4) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 107397 through 107466 in the amount of \$327,713.10 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to IDS.com in the amount of \$6,047.07 for the mailing costs for our district 3 water bills and for the 2015 winter tax bills. (3) Approve payment to Litho Printing Service, Inc. in the amount of \$6,250.00 for the printing of the 2016 City calendar. (4) Approve payment to EJ USA, Inc. in the amount of \$7,404.60 for the purchase of various water main repair items.
- 2) To Approve the lease of four (4) Ford Interceptor Utility vehicles in the amount of \$206,418.84 to be paid in 3 annual payments of \$68,806.28, which includes all of the necessary equipment for each vehicle, through the Macomb County Extended Purchasing Agreement, and further, in that these vehicles were competitively bid by Macomb County that the City's formal competitive bidding process be waived.
- 3) Adopt the Resolution Opposing Public Act 269 and further to forward the Resolution to the City's State Representatives in the Michigan House of Representatives and the Michigan Senate.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

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Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Paul Evangelical

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers Lenten services at 1 and 7 p.m. Wednesdays through Lent. Lenten suppers are 5:30 p.m. To reserve a seat, call (313) 881-6670.

The church hosts Bible study at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays. All are welcome. A men's Bible study takes place 7 a.m. the first Thursday of each month and includes breakfast. Naomi Circle meets 12:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month and includes dessert, coffee and Bible study. Call (313) 881-6670.

St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, welcomes Bishop Thomas Gumbleton at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, to discuss the themes of Pope Francis's book, "The Name of God is Mercy." Call (313) 882-2814.

St. Ambrose offers Lenten buffet dinners 5 to 9 p.m. Fridays, through March 25. Cost is \$16 for adults, \$10 for children. Call (313) 822-1594.

Memorial

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a series of Sunday morning Middle Hour conversations and presentations during Lent, beginning at 10:10 a.m., including an overview of Paul's letter to the Philippians Sunday, Feb. 21, and a presentation by author Scott Ellsworth about his book "The Secret Game" Sunday, Feb. 28. Sunday, March 6, the families of Paige Stalker and Christina Samuel will discuss their journey toward unity and Sunday, March 14, the Rev. Barry Randolph of Church of the Messiah discusses unity in its Detroit neighborhood. The series concludes Sunday, March 20, with an exploration

of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" and its relevance for today.

The church also offers the Bible study "A Living Faith in a Zombie World," which explores faith and theology in and through "The Walking Dead," 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 21 to March 20.

Members and friends are invited to help package meals for Kids Against Hunger 10 a.m. to noon, noon to 2 p.m. or 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 5. More than 400 volunteers are needed.

For information on these events, call (313) 882-5330.

St. Paul on the Lake

The Knights of Columbus at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, present a fish dinner 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$5 for children. Call (313) 885-8855.

First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church and Christ the

King Lutheran Church present a chili cook-off at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at First English, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Prizes are awarded for the first three places. Call (313) 884-5040 or visit feelc.org.

St. James

St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a book discussion group at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 29. The group discusses "The Oregon Trail: A New American Journey" by Rinker Buck. Call (313) 884-0511.

Crosspointe

The Worship Arts Conservatory faculty and friends present a concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Crosspointe Church, 21336 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. The concert features worship music from the Renaissance through today, performed on pipe organ and by worship band. Admission is free and a freewill offering is collected. Visit yourc3.org.



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From left are board members Laura Kystad, Theresa Lorio, Joan Wright, Santina Miller, Lisa Popovich, Georgina Imbriaco, Cindy Thibodeau and Marti K. Miller.

Women of Wayne fashion show planned

The Grosse Pointe Chapter of Women of Wayne State University Alumni presents its annual spring luncheon and fashion show Saturday, March 12, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Models on the runway will feature the fashions of dressbarn and dressbarn@Woman of Pointe Plaza, 19181 Mack, Detroit. Models are Women of Wayne members Zenarr Dishmon, Charlotte Edwards, Cassandra Hall, Catrina Hurst, Marti K. Miller, Barbara Phillips, Sherill Piscopo, Debra Smith-Dawson, Stephanie Smothers and Joan Wright.

A silent auction is featured, offering opportunities to generate proceeds for university scholarships. Registration begins at 11 a.m., followed by a luncheon at noon and the fashion show at 1 p.m.

Cost is \$35.

Reservations must be made by Wednesday, March 2, with checks payable to W.O.W. G.P. Send checks to Santina Miller, 20202 VanAntwerp, Harper Woods, MI 48225. For information, call (313) 884-3049. For multiple reservations, include the names of other guests.

The president of Women of Wayne Grosse Pointe is Laura Kystad of Grosse Pointe Shores. Board members include Peggy Ciaramitaro of Roseville, Rose Hauck of Harper Woods, Georgianna Imbriaco of St. Clair Shores, Theresa Lorio of Roseville, Marti K. Miller of Grosse Pointe Woods, Santina Miller of Harper Woods, Lisa Popovich of Grosse Pointe Woods, Cindy Thibodeau of Roseville, Rose Ventimiglia of Clinton Township, Jean Wright of Grosse Pointe Park and Joan Wright of Harper Woods.

DIA director to discuss his vision, explore art

Salvador Salort-Pons, director, president and CEO of the Detroit Institute of Arts, speaks at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Salort-Pons will discuss his vision for the museum, explore some of his favorite works of art and answer questions about the DIA.

Salort-Pons joined the DIA curatorial division in 2008 as assistant curator of European paintings and served as head of the European art department since 2011, adding the role of executive director of Collection

Strategies and Information in 2013. He also served as the Elizabeth and Allan Shelden Curator of European Paintings at the DIA and played a key role in the museum's current strategic planning process. Salort-Pons was appointed director, president and CEO in October 2015, succeeding Graham W.J. Beal, who retired as director June 30, 2015.

This event is part of the War Memorial's "This Americana" series, which explores the history, culture and ideas that shape the community. It is open to the public and free of charge. Call (313) 332-4074.



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Salvador Salort-Pons

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The new age

By Judy Barker

We are hearing a lot about the “millennial” generation, a diverse group of individuals born

between 1982 and 2000.

They were brought to our attention again on Super Bowl Sunday when Quicken Loans ran a

commercial directed specifically to this most-studied segment of the population. At a cost of \$5 million for a 30-second ad, Quicken Loans “Rocket Mortgage” presented the concept that viewers could obtain a

mortgage by pushing a button. This new tool was launched at the end of 2015 and reportedly allows consumers to qualify completely online. The response to date indicates this approach is very appeal-

ing to this technically savvy generation.

On Feb. 4, Toyota announced they have discontinued their Scion vehicles after failing to reach millennial buyers through their marketing efforts. Apparently, the last straw for these small cars is the plunge in gas prices. Toyota envisioned the Scion as an entry point for cost-conscious young buyers, but they rejected the small cars as cramped and the design unappealing.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, millennials number 83.1 million and represent more than one-quarter of the nation’s population. This makes them the largest generation in the U.S. While still significant, the Census Bureau indicates that baby boomers, at 74.54 million, are the second largest generation. I work with a number of these exceptionally bright young people and find them to be well spoken, considerate, technically savvy and willing to

share their expertise with others.

On Feb. 11, the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors heard a presentation by Mark Lesswing, chief technology officer for the National Association of Realtors.

The purpose of his visit was to prepare and educate the Realtor community with the most updated technology. He outlined information as it relates to The Smart Home and smart appliances. A smart wall in the garage will charge the car. What does all of this mean?

The millennial generation is going to have a major impact on our economy. We will need to walk the walk and talk the talk in order to communicate with this powerful group. Many industries are looking for ways to capture their attention. Welcome to the technical age. Are you ready?

Barker is president of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors.

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BASKETBALL

Buszka leads GPS

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South boys' basketball team won two big road games last week and now has a division title in its sights.

The Blue Devils began the week with a 70-60 win over Chippewa Valley as junior Brennan Buszka had his best game of the season scoring 28 points.

"It was a nice win at a tough place to play," head coach Troy Glasser said.

Senior Michael Calcaterra added 13 points to help the visitors beat a Macomb Area Conference Red Division team.

Last weekend, South traveled to Utica in a key

MAC Blue Division contest.

The Blue Devils led 14-8 after the first quarter and never let up on the gas pedal and pulled away for an easy 75-45 victory.

"I thought we might have a little letdown after the big Chippewa Valley win, but it wasn't the case," Glasser said. "The boys were very focused and they played a good game without one of our starters, David Burnett, who is a lock-down defender."

The Blue Devils outscored the Chieftains 18-9 in the second quarter and 21-19 in the third to build a comfortable 17-point cushion.

It was all Blue Devils in the final quarter as they



PHOTO BY PETE BALAYA

South junior Brennan Buszka, No. 42, shown in a home game against Utica, poured in 28 points to lead the Blue Devils to a huge road win against Chippewa Valley.

played good defense, rebounded and shot the lights out as three players were in double figures in scoring and two had nine.

Junior Zane Draper had 17 points, followed by junior Dan Hessburg

with 12, Calcaterra with 10, senior Jack Maher with nine and junior Michael Braker with nine.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 7-1 in the MAC Blue Division and 12-3 overall.

Knights breeze

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' basketball team continued its road trip early last week, beating Taylor Baptist Park 58-38.

Senior Kendall McConico led the way with 26 points and eight rebounds and senior Madison Jerome scored a career-best 18 points.

Junior Nia Ahart added a triple-double, netting 10 points, 10

assists and 10 steals.

Last weekend, the road trip stopped at Plymouth Christian Academy.

It was no contest as Liggett won 42-20, improving to 9-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 13-4 overall.

Ahart had another triple-double, collecting 14 points, 15 rebounds and 10 assists, while McConico added a double-double with 18 points and 12 rebounds.

Norsemen salvage split

By Sam Meads
Special Writer

The Grosse Pointe North boys' basketball team squared off against the Roseville Panthers in a battle for second place in the Macomb Area Conference White Division Friday night.

The Norsemen, playing without leading

scorer and senior captain Mitchell Zacharias who has a broken wrist, had a tall hill to climb to try to sweep the Panthers.

When it was all said and done, North lost 71-47.

The Panthers got help from Da'Jon Armstrong when he hit two straight three-pointers to start the second quarter to put

the visitors up 10.

North was able to answer back with a couple of baskets from juniors Steven Levick and Dillon Webb.

Roseville's ability to get out into transition and score easy baskets allowed it to take a 33-26 lead into halftime.

After North cut the lead to five in the third

period, the Panthers went on a 14-4 run to end the third quarter up 49-34.

Levick led the Norsemen with 14 points as they fell to 5-3 in the division and 10-6 overall.

Earlier in the week, North beat East Detroit 71-58 as Webb had 23 points and Zacharias added 19.

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It's been a tough road for the Grosse Pointe North girls' basketball team.

The Norsemen made the long trek to Romeo last week for a Macomb Area Conference Red Division game.

It was another nail-biter as the game was

tied at 31 after three quarters, but in the end North lost 45-41 to fall to 4-5 in the MAC Red Division and 11-5 overall.

Freshman Julia Ayrault had a double-double, scoring a game-high 20 points and pulling down 11 rebounds, while junior Katie Snow added 10 points and seven rebounds.

Blue Devils battle DCDS

By Sam Meads
Special Writer

The Grosse Pointe South girls' basketball team gave Detroit Country Day all it wanted Tuesday night.

Country Day got out to an early lead by sharing the basketball with four different players scoring its first four baskets to lead 8-1.

South fought back with two three pointers

from senior guard Natalia Engel to make it 13-7 Country Day late in the first quarter.

Country Day was able to answer back with a 19-5 run from there to open up their lead to 32-13 late in the second quarter.

South closed out the half with five straight points to cut the Yellowjackets' lead to 32-18 at halftime.

After a three pointer

from senior Benna Ames to start the third quarter, Country Day went on 10-0 run to get the lead back up to 19 points and eventually take a 51-27 lead into the fourth quarter.

Once again, the Blue Devils would not quit as they fought back with seven out of nine points to start the quarter from junior Sayanna Roy to cut the lead to 53-37.

South's late effort

forced Country Day to put its key players back in to close out the game.

Country Day was able to do just that and defeat South 60-41.

Senior Anna Carmody led the Blue Devils with nine points.

In other action last week, South lost 49-40 to Warren Cousino to fall to 6-10 overall and 4-5 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.



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Playing hard

University Liggett junior Jackson Walkowiak and his teammates couldn't get the big baskets down the stretch in losses to Ann Arbor Greenhills, 46-44, and Plymouth Christian Academy, 58-53. The Knights dropped to 3-6 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 5-9 overall.



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Gymnastics

Ladies win meet

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team had an easy time winning its tri-meet last week.

Grosse Pointe finished with 141.225 points, while Fraser was second with 115.975 and Dearborn was third with 101.625.

Head coach Courtney Hamidi's team scored

35.75 points on vault, 34.325 on the uneven parallel bars, 35.4 on the balance beam and 35.75 on the floor exercise.

The team's gymnasts who competed in each of the four elements were Emma Scott, Isabelle Nguyen and Maggie Bowers. Nguyen finished with an all-around score of 37.675, followed by Scott with 33.475 and Bowers with 28.275.

Elizabeth Byarski

competed in three events and scored 24.775 points, while Brenna Bromwell also competed in three events and finished with 25.6.

Chandler McClarty, 16 points, and Jen Gmeiner, 18.6 points, were in two events, and rounding out the team's gymnasts were Michelle Ellis and Sydney Dugan, who earned 9.20 points in the bars and 8.40 on the beam, respectively.

Swimming

South beats North, wins division title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' swimming and diving team won another Macomb Area Conference Red Division regular season title last week, beating city foe Grosse Pointe North 119-64.

For head coach Eric Gunderson, it was another stepping stone for his Blue Devils as they prepare to defend the league meet title and get ready for the state meet.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Ethan Briggs, Thomas Jogan, Matthew Koueiter and Nick Vallan won for South with a time of 1:46.04 and North's squad of Paul Rakowicz, Trevor Mieczkowski, Anthony Diamond and Michael Lemanske took fourth to earn two points.

In the 200-yard freestyle, North's John Cobau won with a time of 1:57.02 and South's Patrick Waterston was runner-up with a time of 1:57.73.

South won the 200-yard individual medley as Jogan took the top spot with a time of 2:10.42 and North's Cobau second with a time of 2:13.03.

The Blue Devils took first and second in the 50-yard freestyle as Jacob Montague and Cam Francis had times of

22.47 and 23.30, while North's Ben Sliwinski was third with a time of 25.36.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Jogan won with a time of 5:18.19 and following in second and third were North's Joseph Cobau and South's A.J. Rizer posting times of 5:19.88 and 5:28.48. In diving, it was the Norsemen taking the top two spots as William McNelis and Austin Robbins earned 303.75 and 137.25 points, respectively.

The Norsemen took first and fourth in the 100-yard butterfly with John Cobau winning with a time of 55.86 and Brian Veneri taking fourth at 1:05.22. South's Matthew Melican and Koueiter took second and third with times of 58.26 and 59.39.

South's Francis won the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 51.06, while Briggs and Waterston were second and third with times of 51.93 and 54.07. North's Sliwinski was fifth with a time of 56.25 and Hunter Adelson was seventh at 56.56 to earn points.

The 200-yard freestyle relay went to the Norsemen as Joseph Hall, Paul Treder, Lemanske and Diamond had a time of 1:26.31 and it was the Blue Devils' foursome of Francis, Max Finazzo, Vallan and Waterston which took

second at 1:38.89.

Montague and Connor Mallegg took first and second in the 100-yard backstroke, turning in times of 50.60 and 59.52, while Diamdond and Rakowicz took third and fourth with times of 1:05.72 and 1:07.13. Montague's time was another school record and he set another school record in the 500-yard freestyle last weekend at the annual MISCA meet at Eastern Michigan University.

Montague's time was 4:33.70 and he currently owns eight individual school records, the 200-yard freestyle, 200-yard IM, 50-freestyle set as the leadoff to a relay, 100-yard butterfly, 500-yard freestyle, 100-yard backstroke and 100-yard breaststroke.

In the 100-yard breaststroke, Koueiter won with a time of 1:05.29, followed by teammates Briggs and Jared Pearson at 1:07.53 and 1:12.63. North's Mieczkowski was fourth at 1:14.53.

South won the final event as Jogan, Waterston, Briggs and Montague cruised to a 22-second victory, posting a time of 3:33.52. North's group of John Cobau, Sliwinski, Adelson and Joseph Cobau took third at 3:57.55.

South is 4-0 and North 1-3 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

South duo advance

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's Jon Gough and Tyler Thompson advanced to the Division 1 individual regionals after finishing in the top of their respective weight classes in last weekend's district tournament at Anchor Bay.

Gough continued his streak of success by winning a 4-2 decision over Sterling Heights Stevenson's Damani Wallace in the title match at 171 pounds, while Thompson earned a second place at 125 pounds after losing a 4-0 decision to Anchor Bay's Nolan Romanoski.

Other Blue Devils who competed were Luke Davey, 215 pounds; Earl Allard, 119 pounds; Chris Cornell, 119 pounds; Joe Kurta, 152 pounds; and Miles Dearing, 171 pounds.

North didn't get any wrestlers through to the regionals.

Those who competed were Reed Boeckler, 189 pounds; Joseph Lawnicki, 215 pounds; Erickson Glazard, 285 pounds; Owen Brown, 112 pounds; Chase Mocer, 119 pounds; Zaire Summerville, 125 pounds; Britany Howard, 125 pounds; Nick Volpe, 130 pounds; John Hryciuk, 140 pounds; Dirk Drieburg, 140 pounds; Wilson Moin, 145 pounds; and Aaron Rozich, 152 pounds.

In the team district earlier in the week, North lost 42-33 to St. Clair Shores Lakeview in the finals.

The Norsemen jumped out to a 24-3 lead, thanks to pins by Moin, 152 pounds; Charlie Weiss, 171 pounds; Boeckler, 189 pounds; and Lawnicki, 215 pounds.

The Huskies battled back to earn six points in the following three weight classes, but Mocer pinned Seth Stein at 119 pounds to give the Norsemen a 30-21 advantage.

The Huskies once again won three straight matches to take a 39-30 lead and they officially won the match when Teddy Rudrik came-from-behind to win an 8-7 decision over Hryciuk.

Both wrestlers had their chances, but in the end it was Rudrik winning three points.

In the final match at 145 pounds, Drieburg won a 16-10 decision.

In the semifinals, Lakeview slipped past Grosse Pointe South, 45-35, and Grosse Pointe North defeated Eastpointe East Detroit, 63-9.

Gough and Thompson wrestle this weekend.



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Fourth-grader aces school and tennis



By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Maya Joint's day starts at 8:30 a.m. and is filled with academics, athletics and socializing with friends. Unlike typical fourth-graders, however, Maya Joint, 9, was a finalist in the Deer Lake Fall Open 2015 in Girls 12 and under.

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Joint's learning experiences take place not in a traditional school setting but at Stafford Tennis Academy, created to help elite junior players reach personal goals on and off the court and make it to the next level.

Joint started playing tennis five years ago, according to her mother, Katja Joint.

"She loved it straight away and for her age was

pretty good," Katja Joint said. "Last year just by a chance encounter we met Joe Stafford and he told us a little about his academy, so we decided to give it a shot for her to be able to train more. But for her to do this, to be able to train four hours a day, we had to find alternative schooling."

This is where Michigan Connections Academy entered the picture. While the 9-year-old City of Grosse Pointe resident attended a local elementary school from kindergarten through third grade, her parents enrolled her in the free online public school — also known as a cyber charter school — at the start of her fourth-grade year. MCA serves students in kindergarten through grade 12 throughout Michigan.

"Connections Academy provides a great way for students to balance their academics with their athletics and lets them really excel on the tennis court and off the tennis court and also in the classroom," said Stafford.

"The schedule is flexible. Players at a high level have to do a lot of traveling and it lets them be an independent learner and be responsible for managing their work load."

While academics are a priority at Stafford Tennis Academy, players also receive 15 to 20 hours of court time each week while preparing for USTA tournaments throughout the year. Students train 90 minutes on the court when they arrive in the morning, then switch to 90 minutes to two hours

of school work. They rotate like this throughout the day. At 4 p.m., they return home for time with family and friends.

"In the competitive tennis world it is difficult to be home for a family dinner during the week," Stafford said.

In contrast, in a traditional school setting, Stafford said, for an athlete to commit to the amount of training required, he or she would return home from school at the end of the day, grab a bite, head to hours of practice, then return home to several more hours of homework. The day would end at 10 p.m. or so, only to begin again the next morning.

Katja Joint agrees the combination of Stafford Tennis Academy and Michigan Connections Academy works well for her daughter.

"We absolutely love it," she said. "I think the curriculum is more challenging. She has more workload than she used to have. The studies are way more than in the regular school, but we have some flexibility of scheduling the lessons that suit us."

Making it work requires commitment not just from the child but the parents as well. Tennis training is year-round and involves overnight travel to one or two major tournaments a month in addition to local tournaments on week-ends. Parents also must devote time to the academic side.

"I'm pretty much involved (academically) the whole time," Katja Joint said. "As a parent, you have to invest a good five hours a day for an elementary school student. The higher grade the student is, the more independent they become. By middle school, they recommend three to four hours from a parent and by high school maybe an hour if at all. It depends how independent a child is."

According to Stafford, Joint is advanced academically and also has an advanced tennis game. She is on an accelerated track and is currently ranked No. 4 in her age group in the Great Lakes region and No. 2 in southeastern Michigan. He sees a promising future ahead due to her talent, competitive nature and work ethic.

North senior earns four-year scholarship

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Luke Drieborg, a senior at Grosse Pointe North High School, was one of 24 high school seniors from Michigan who earned the Chick Evans Scholarship, a full, four-year housing and tuition college scholarship awarded to golf caddies.

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Drieborg, who will attend MSU, fits all four criteria for the scholarship demonstrating a strong academic record, character, financial need and at least two years of experience as

a caddie. He has caddied at Lochmoor Club since the summer after his eighth-grade year.

"My grandfather was a caddie and he loved it," Drieborg said. "It was a great job opportunity and allowed me to balance school and sports."

Drieborg has a 3.8 grade-point average and is a member of the National Honor Society and DECA. He has played on North's basketball and baseball teams since his freshman year and was captain of the freshman and JV basketball teams. While he chose baseball over golf at North, his caddying experience has allowed him to pursue his love of golf as well, while providing other opportunities.

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Saga Communications, a publicly traded broadcast company headquartered in Grosse Pointe, has an immediate opening for an assistant to our Vice President of Programming. Candidate should be proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel, be able to handle a multiple line telephone system, and be ready to keep everyone organized in a fast paced, small office environment! Mail or fax (313.881.2085) your resume to: Marcia Lobaito, Saga Communications, Inc., 73 Kercheval Avenue, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236. NO phone calls, please! Equal Opportunity Employer

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Are you looking for an exciting administrative opportunity working in the field of maternal and infant health?

The Perinatology Research Branch of the National Institutes of Health/ Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NIH/NICHD) in partnership with Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, seeks qualified candidates for the position listed below.

Our premiere maternal and infant health and disease research group is made up of world experts dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in education and research leading to the improvement of the understanding, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disorders related to infant mortality.

We are seeking highly skilled staff members to work as part of a team providing high-level support in a fast paced, demanding environment.

The ideal candidate has Bachelor's degree in business, health, or related field and time management skills/experience. Candidates must have strong written and verbal communication skills, proficient in Microsoft Office, and analytical skills. Anticipating needs while continuing to maintain a high level of professionalism and confidentiality in a fast paced environment is extremely important. We encourage recent and upcoming college graduates to apply.

Education and Community Recruitment:

- Support and facilitate the initiative designed to help expectant mothers deliver healthy, full-term babies. This program is designed to help prevent premature births by giving pregnant women the support and medical interventions they need.

- Collaborate with community partners and assist in planning and conducting health awareness events

- Help provide robust education surrounding the importance of preterm birth awareness and healthy pregnancy outcomes

Study Coordination:

- Organize PowerPoint presentations, abstracts or handouts for conferences

- Prepare, edit and submit abstracts, chapters and manuscript submissions to professional societies, journals and books and publishing companies

- Coordinate guest speaker invitations and programs

Marketing and Media:

- Work with outside public relations firm to compile and edit content as needed for social media

- Communicate with onsite and offsite public relation offices to arrange press/media coverage

- Assist in carrying out various additional public relations initiatives

- Responsible for maintaining, generating and implementing new web materials

Administration:

- Organize multi-faceted workloads with multiple deadlines while working on supervised and independent projects

- Create, format and proofread a variety of materials including: correspondence, minutes, agendas, manuscripts, policies, procedures, templates and emails

- Manage schedules for an executive, including coordinating meetings, appointments, travel, and presentations; composing sensitive and confidential correspondence; preparing reports and exercising tact and initiative in communicating with senior administrators and various external and internal agencies and organizations

We are ready to act immediately on the most qualified candidates. Please reply via email and attach your resume as a Word document along with your salary requirements to jturpin@med.wayne.edu.

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304 GENERAL

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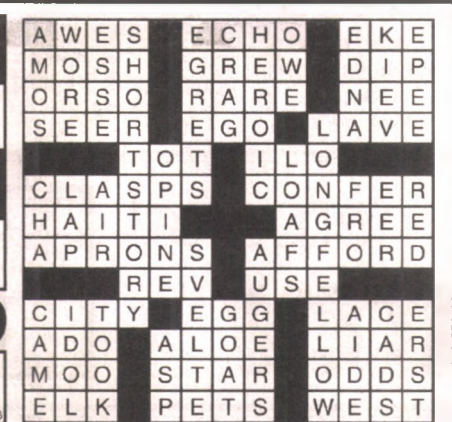
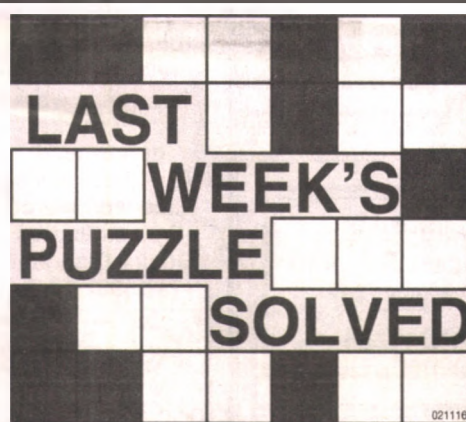
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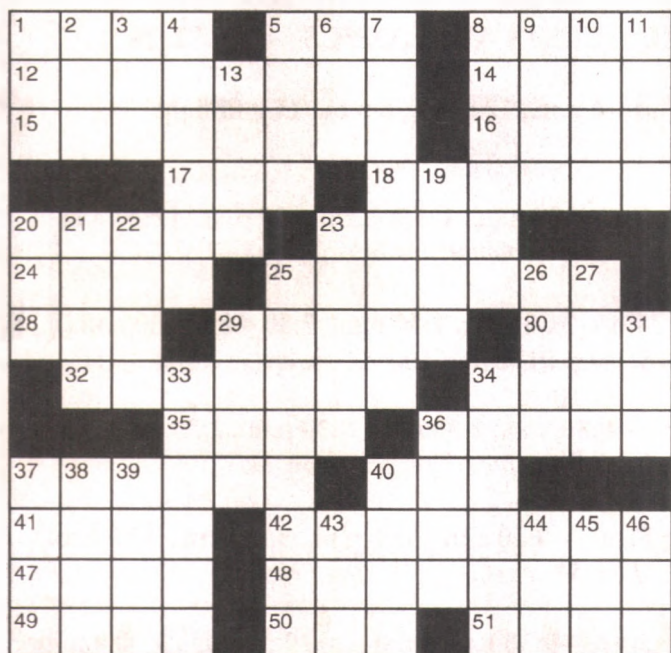
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- Bob and Jakob of music
- Urge on
- "Scat, gnat!"
- Close by
- Baseball legend Casey
- "Le Coq —"
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- Placed a bet
- Chinese menu staple
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- Prove false
- Up
- Nonstick spray name
- "And" or "but" (Abbr.)
- Bergman/ Boyer thriller
- Horse's neck hair
- "Hamlet" setting



- Formerly, formerly
- On pension (Abbr.)
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- fuel
- Geometry calculation
- Legal claim
- Tosses in
- Overlay with plaster, perhaps
- "— Cassius has ..."
- Third-party abbr.
- Cat call?
- Brazilian rubber area
- Scatter about
- More mighty
- Old-time actor
- Jannings
- Centers of
- Ballesteros of golf
- Tiny
- Nozzle attached to a Bunsen burner
- Jog one's memory
- "— Ha'i"
- Pinnacle
- Bellow
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FEATURED GUESTS AND TOPICS—Feb. 22-28

Vitality Plus—6 a.m., 12 noon., 6 p.m., 12 midnight.
Exercise

Detroit Economic Club 6:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 12:30 a.m.
Michigan Economic Outlook 2016

Mondays at the Max—7:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 1:30 a.m.
WSU Department of Music Concert

Family Center —8:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 2:30 a.m.
"Ask the Experts" presentation

The Cutting Room Floor —9:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m., 3:00 a.m.
The DIA: 50 years of Collecting Prints

Pointes of Horticulture—9:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m., 3:30 a.m.
Mary Beals
Air Plants

Aging Well in America—10 a.m., 4 p.m., 10 p.m., 4 a.m.
Beaumont Health and Fitness Center

John Prost Show—10:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m., 4:30 a.m.
Dave Quisenberry
Detroit Charter Schools

Meby Pearson
Seed Exchange

Out of the Ordinary, Into the Extraordinary—11:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m., 11:30 p.m., 5:30 a.m.
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