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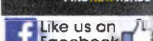
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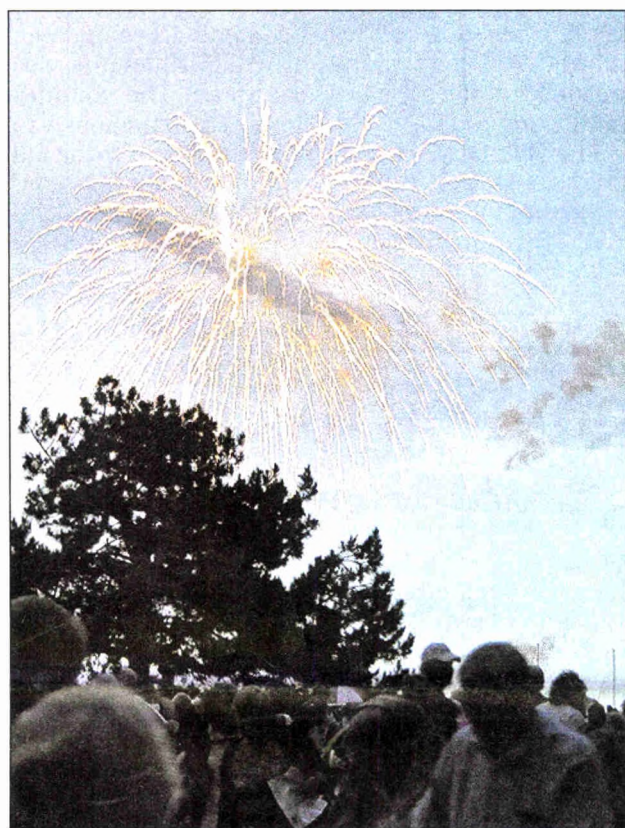
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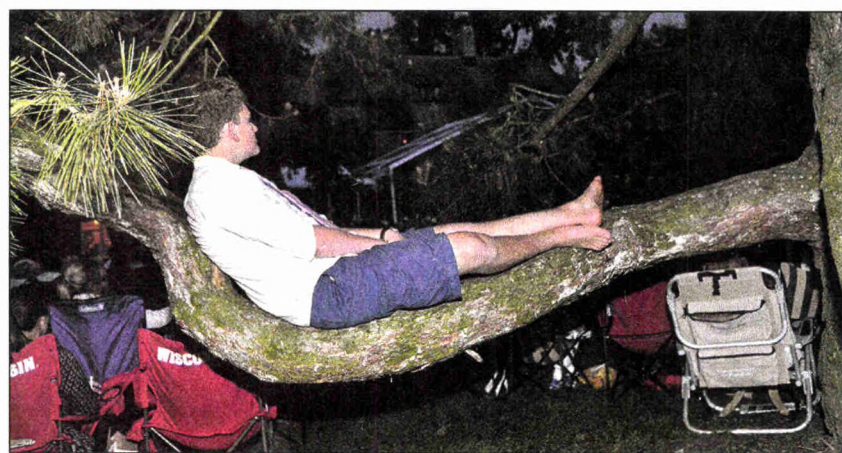
DSO at Ford House

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra performed its annual concerts at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House Friday, July 8 and Saturday, July 9, with more than 2,500 attending the event. The orchestra and crowd had to dodge rain both nights, but the show went on, followed by fireworks.

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Above, Teddy Abrams was guest conductor for the concert. Abrams also is a pianist, clarinetist and composer. He served as assistant conductor for the DSO from 2012-14. Below left, DSO President and CEO Ann Parsons welcomes the crowd. Left, bottom, Grosse Pointe South High School freshman Elliot Gunnell found the perfect spot to listen. Below right, Grosse Pointe North High School senior William Fishwick plays cello at the entrance.



Park land for sale

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The publicly-owned land at Mack and Wayburn, where six months ago Park city officials voted to locate a dog park, is for sale.

Asking price: \$485,000.

According to City Administrator Dale Krajniak, the city attempted to sell the parcel through a local realtor, then marketed it on its own. According to the website RealtyTrac, the land is now listed with Jeffrey Slomovitz, BPO Pros LLC of Farmington Hills. The listing was posted to RealtyTrac July 7.

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Car thefts, the sequel

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A female homeowner in the 130 block of Lakeshore nearly saw someone steal her houseguest's pickup truck from the driveway an hour before dawn Monday, July 11.

It could have been a case of thieves getting greedy and careless for more, but her call to Grosse Pointe Farms police at 4:33 a.m. came 15 minutes late.

Whoever took the truck, a gold 2006 Ford F-150 with extended cab, Illinois license plate and exhaust loud enough to wake the sleeping, was gone from the area.

"(She) stated she heard (the truck) start at around 4:15 a.m.," reported Officer James Lebeau. "She looked out the window and heard the truck driving away."

A second car theft (2016 Ford Flex) occurred that morning or night before one block inland in the 150 block of Grosse Pointe Boulevard.

Nearby residents also reported six auto break-ins: two on lower Grosse Pointe Boulevard, two at the same address on Pine Court, one on Dyar Lane and another in the first block of Kenwood.

Losses ranged from 50 cents to a

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Garrett Miller

Home: Grosse Pointe Shores

Age: 27

Biked across the country to raise funds in memory of late friend



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Dan LaLonde, left, and Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Director Dan Jensen present a plaque from the Hill Association to Karen Sklar, whose Margaret Rice store on the Hill closed after 55 years in business.

55 years and out

By Joe Warner
Editor

Karen Sklar isn't totally sure of what the next chapter is in life, other than going back to school for French classes. The longtime proprietor of Margaret Rice Inc. has left 78 Kercheval on the Hill, Grosse Pointe Farms. The business opened in 1961 by Sklar's mother, the store's namesake. Sklar operated the women's apparel and accessories business more than 40 years. "I was only going to help out for a short time," said Sklar. "I never meant

to stay." She did stay, to the delight of Dan LaLonde, whose jewelry store is across Kercheval. "These family-owned businesses are special," said LaLonde, who serves as president of the Hill Association. "It's a retail loss in our community. "We hope it will be replaced with a retail business. Margaret Rice has been a staple in our community." Dan Jensen, director of public safety for Grosse Pointe Farms, said he has enjoyed the working relationship with Sklar.

"She's been a valuable resource for us," Jensen said. "In fact, she is one of the few business owners who has my cell number. I trust her and we'll miss her." Sklar said she won't be going far, with only plans to take French classes at Wayne State University. "Other than that, I don't know what I'm going to do," she said. "No clue at all." LaLonde and Jensen honored Sklar with a plaque from the Hill Association. "She deserves it," LaLonde said. "It's a long time to stay in business."

Pointes gain CDGB funds

Six cities in the Wayne County commission's 1st District will receive a combined \$306,314.70 in Community Development Block Grant money, pending approval from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The commission voted unanimously May 19 to approve the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and the Physical Year 2016 Action Plan, as recommended by the county's Department of Health, Veterans & Community Wellness. The nearly \$7.5 million plan includes nearly \$5 million in CDBG money for the 27 cities and seven townships for which Wayne County handles the applications. There are 34 cities and nine townships in the county. The 1st District is represented by Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit. The breakdown by 1st District city is: ■ City of Grosse Pointe: \$38,000 for Americans

with Disabilities Act warning plates. ■ Grosse Pointe Farms: \$38,421.45 for sidewalks and a senior services program. ■ Grosse Pointe Park: \$55,975 for ADA-compliant sidewalk improvements. ■ Grosse Pointe Shores: \$19,500 for a jobs project and Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services senior transportation. ■ Grosse Pointe Woods: \$57,215.98 for housing rehabilitation, minor home repairs and PAATS senior transportation. ■ Harper Woods: \$97,202.27 for housing rehabilitation and PAATS senior transportation. "It's great that this money is going to the cities for these projects, which benefit the greater good," Killeen said. "This money will help many residents of the six cities in the long run." The 1st District also includes Detroit's lower eastside, but Detroit han-



Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit.

dles its own CDBG application. The plans, pending HUD approval, run July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2020. The plans identify housing and public infrastructure projects, as well as social service and other community development needs. The plans were discussed by the commission's Committee on Economic Development, of which Killeen is vice chairman. The committee voted unanimously to send the matter to the full commission for final consideration.

Sterling Insurance Group appointed to The Hanover's President's Club

The Hanover Insurance Group, a leading provider of property and casualty insurance products and services nationwide, recently honored Sterling Insurance Group with an appointment to its President's Club, a group of independent insurance agencies from across the country. Sterling Insurance Group is owned by Grosse Pointe residents Joe Haney and Paul Mattes. President's Club agencies meet the highest level of standards with regard to the agency's ability to deliver value to customers through strong insurance expertise and responsive service. The Hanover partners with 2,200 from an estimated 35,000 independent agents across the country. Across The

Hanover's agents, only 125 are honored in its President's Club each year as the company's top performers. This is the eighth time since 2008 Sterling Insurance Group has been selected. "The Hanover partners with a select group of independent insurance agencies across the country to help agents provide high-quality service and individualized insurance protection for their clients," said Richard W. Lavey, president, personal lines insurance and chief marketing officer at The Hanover. "The team at Sterling Insurance Group continuously excels in offering expert insurance advice, while consistently providing responsive service. This team is a true example of professional independent insurance agents, going above and beyond

to serve their customers." The agency will formally be recognized for its President's Club achievement at a national business conference sponsored by The Hanover. "We are proud to have earned the honor of The Hanover's President's Club for the eighth time," said Haney, president at Sterling Insurance Group. "This achievement is a reflection of the successful partnership we have developed with The Hanover, through which we offer specialized and innovative insurance products to meet our customers' unique needs. We are very pleased that our team has once again been recognized for its excellent work and dedication on behalf of our customers."

Job fair for veterans

More than 660,000 veterans currently live in Michigan and a large percentage of them are searching for employment. The transition from active duty or

reserves to civilian life can be difficult, especially for those who are unemployed when they return home. To assist veterans in their job search, General

Motors is partnering with the Detroit Tigers, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to host the Hiring Our Heroes job fair Friday, July 15, at Comerica Park. Onsite registration begins 9 a.m., followed by career training workshops 9:30 to 11 a.m. and the job fair 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All registered veterans will receive two free tickets to that evening's game between the Detroit Tigers and the Kansas City Royals. Job seekers may register at hiringourheroes.org.

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Music on the Plaza

T'bone Paxton with the RJ Spangler Trio played at Music on the Plaza Thursday, July 7. At right, Grant Switala, 2, watches and dances.

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Charges filed against PTO treasurer

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The former treasurer for the Parcels Middle School PTO was arraigned Friday, July 8, on embezzlement charges.

Ywanda Ndiaye stood mute in front of Municipal Court Judge Ted Metry while her attorney, Kesia Reeves, entered a plea of not guilty on her behalf.

Ndiaye is charged with one count of embezzlement of more than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000 from a nonprofit charitable organization. If convicted she could face up to 10 years in prison and a fine of \$24,000.

The case against Ndiaye started in February 2016, when a Parcels PTO officer came to police expressing concerns over missing money from the organization's bank account and their inability to discuss the matter with Ndiaye.

According to the official police report, PTO officials were informed by Ndiaye at their January meeting the group made significantly less than expected from its annual holiday bazaar. Ndiaye told the group the bazaar raised only \$5,000 as opposed to the usual \$11,000 in previous years.

Concerned, the PTO board called a special meeting to discuss the



Ywanda Ndiaye

shortfall, but Ndiaye refused to attend or provide requested information. She also refused to turn over the necessary passwords for the organization's online banking records.

With the cooperation of the bank, the PTO board was able to review bank records. Those records showed at least a dozen withdrawals were made by Ndiaye without proper authorization. Those transactions included cash withdrawals and several checks made out to cash and signed by Ndiaye, in amounts ranging from \$200 to \$1,000, and dated Sept. 11, 2015, to Jan. 21, 2016. Total withdrawals by Ndiaye amounted to \$7,781.58.

Metry set Wednesday, July 13, for a probable cause hearing and Wednesday, July 27, for the preliminary examination. He set a \$15,000 cash bond for Ndiaye and ordered her to have no contact with Parcels Middle School.

Homeowner tails juvy B&E suspects

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Three juveniles arrested last week for trying to break into a house on Cambridge aren't suspected of committing numerous larcenies from autos or car thefts farther inland a few days earlier.

The suspects are 13, of Detroit; 14, of Grosse Pointe Woods; and 15, of Detroit.

The B&E charge against the 13-year-old main suspect is tenuous. The older two teens may not be prosecuted.

"If the prosecutor

comes down with anything, it's going to be on one of the kids for malicious destruction of property, not attempted home invasion," said Detective Lt. Richard Rosati.

The house is one block from public safety headquarters.

Six Grosse Pointe Farms officers responded at 7:50 p.m. Sunday, July 3, to a 911 call from the homeowner's wife about an attempted home invasion that "just occurred," reported Officer Thomas Dionne.

Officer Tim Harris, in charge of the department's K-9 unit,

answered the call at the dispatch desk.

"(She) stated a male left the front of her home on a bike and she believed he tried to kick in the front door of her residence," Harris reported. "(She) sounded upset and flustered."

She and her husband were startled by a "loud boom" at the front door caused by someone kicking the glass storm door.

They went to the door and saw "a male wearing a blue shirt exit bushes south of her residence," the woman told Harris, he continued.

Dionne caught the teens four blocks away

riding bicycles northbound in the 200 block of Moross.

The husband tailed the suspects in his car and was "on the phone with dispatch all along," Dionne said. "(The Woods youth) stated he and his friends had recently ridden their bikes to Grosse Pointe Woods' park and had later ridden to Grosse Pointe South High School. He stated he was unaware why he was being detained by police."

The 13-year-old wore shoes matching a print on the storm door, according to police.

Sewer stands storm

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Thunderstorms late last week didn't overwhelm the sewer system and cause widespread base-

ment flooding.

"There were a couple of isolated basement floodings, which is not atypical," said Shane Reeside, manager of Grosse Pointe Farms.

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"I've received many inquiries on the site over the last few years but nothing of substance," Krajniak wrote in response to an email about the listing. "I do not anticipate any action this year, but will wait and see."

The area in question came under intense scrutiny last winter when it was proposed by the city as the site for a dog park.

Residents had been petitioning the city for such a park and while citizens had expressed interest in locating a dog park at one of the city's established parks, city officials deemed the Mack and Wayburn site more appropriate.

In January, after more than a year of discussions with residents, the city council voted to place a dog park at Mack and Wayburn as part of what the city considered "significant development" in the area. On a vote of 6 to 1, the council

agreed to direct the city to pursue development of a dog park at Mack and Wayburn "as part of a broader plan for the area."

Proponents of the dog park were not in favor of the Mack and Wayburn site, noting its proximity to Mack would discour-

age residents from using the park.

According to the listing on RealtyTrac, "the seller is motivated and willing to explore all offers." The listing also indicates "third party approval needed for all business concepts and building plans."

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\$2,500 Lenovo B590 laptop.

Most cars were parked in driveways.

"All unlocked vehicles; key's in both vehicles that were stolen," said Dan Jensen, public safety director.

Police said basically the same thing about four car thefts and at least eight break-ins 2 1/2 weeks before, mainly on and around the 200 block of Lothrop.

Officers responded at

the time with extra nighttime patrols. A respite in similar crimes lasted until this week.

Jensen presumes it's the same crew back for seconds.

"It has to be more than one (person)," he said. "They come in a van or car, drop off three or four (thieves) and go."

The community's reputation for unlocked cars makes it a target-rich environment for what are known as "shoppers."

"We need the public's help in securing their vehicles and not leaving valuables in them," Jensen said.

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Shores man bikes across America, honors friend's life

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

What started as a Walden-esque adventure turned into a four-month spiritual experience and a way to honor a friend who died too soon.

Garrett Miller, 27, of Grosse Pointe Shores, planned to ride his 2014 Superfly 6 Trek Hardtail mountain bike from Joshua Tree National Park to Moab, Utah, but partway through his trip, he decided to go all in.

From March 4 to July 2, Miller completed a 3,430-plus mile ride from Los Angeles to Yorktown, Va., stopping along the way to spend time with friends and family and commune with nature.

"I wasn't planning on going across the country," he said. While he's happy to be home, "I got the bug bad while I was riding. I'm looking forward to another tour."

Miller, a graduate of University of Detroit High School and Michigan State University, started his journey in Los Angeles, where he spent time with friends and camped in

Joshua Tree before heading out on his adventure. From there he crossed the Colorado desert and spent time in Phoenix, visiting friends and different county parks.

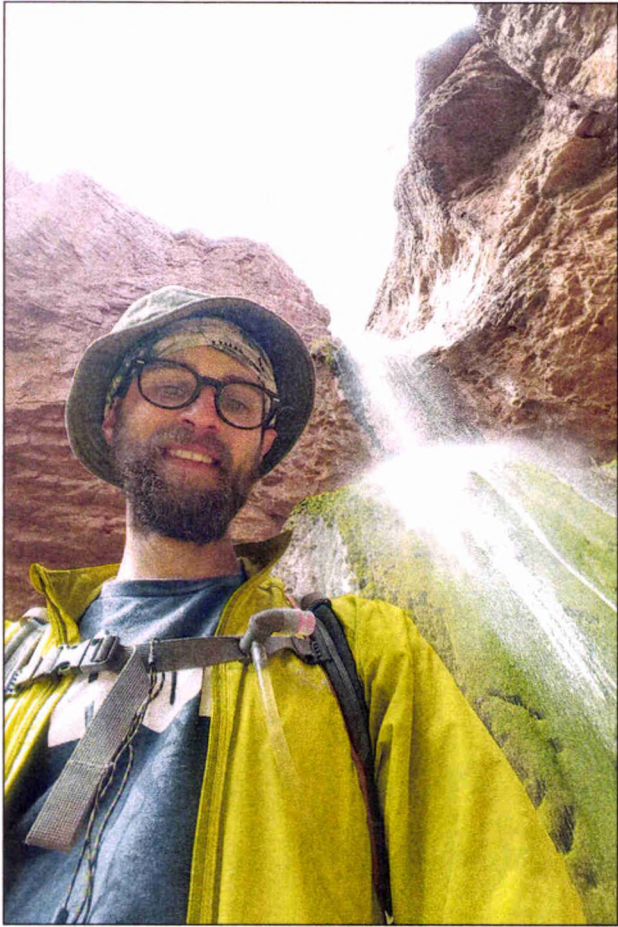
He passed through Sedona and Flagstaff before hitting the Grand Canyon — one of the highlights of his trip. He hiked to the canyon's bottom, to a spot called Ribbon Falls.

"It was the most amazing place," he said. "The spirituality of it really hit me. There was so much life there, it was spiritual, like the Garden of Eden."

The history buff stood beneath Ribbon Falls, recalling it as a baptism of sorts.

"All these Native tribes have sacred beliefs about the Grand Canyon The Zuni people believe they came out of the fourth world into this one ... literally through this place," he said, pointing out the landmark's history between natives, frontiersmen and Mormon pioneers.

"There's so much history, science, research and architecture that goes on there," he con-



Miller stopped at numerous national parks during his trip.

tinued. "I don't know how people can just look at it and leave. There's so much that it offers."

It was there he decided to extend his journey. "I decided I wanted to do something larger than myself," he explained. "I wanted to have a Walden moment, but I realized traveling by myself, I'm never alone So I started a fundraiser for a rehab facility, Dawn Farm."

In 2013, Miller lost his best friend, Ben Harning, to addiction. Harning was accepted to the treatment facility, but died from the disease three days before checking in.

In Harning's honor, Miller began a Go Fund Me page, with the goal of raising \$11,000 — the

cost to sponsor one person for 90 days of treatment at the facility. So far he's raised \$3,900.

With a new trek in mind, Miller left the Grand Canyon and took a 250-mile detour to the Escalante National Monument and Zion National Park and took Utah's Scenic Byway 12 to Bryce Canyon National Park. Other stops included Capital Reef National Park and Green River, Utah, before getting to Moab, "a mountain biking Mecca."

Miller's tour was not without hindrance. He stopped twice to await shipment of a new cell phone and once to get a new bike tire. He also once ran out of water 10 miles from the nearest town and took a couple weeks off after a soft fall left him with a broken elbow.

"I fall all the time while I'm biking, so I didn't think it was as big of a deal as it was," he said.

From Moab, he rode into Pueblo, visited Manitou Springs and stuck to the Trans American Trail the rest of the way.



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Garrett Miller rode across the country on his 2014 Superfly 6 Trek Hardtail mountain bike.

"From Pueblo, I rode through Kansas," he said. "That's real rural farming America — all wheat fields and farms. Absolutely flat for 800 miles."

Joplin, Mo., led to Golden City, Mo., which led to the Ozark Mountains.

In Kentucky, he visited Mammoth Cave National Park. After that, he headed to Hodgenville, the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln, then Springfield and Danville.

Through Appalachia, he carried on to the Red River Gorge and onto the last leg of his trip.

"I realized I had six days to go 600 miles," he said. "I powered through each one of those last days. I just woke up early, got a good start and rode until I got where I had to get."

"It was the perfect ending to the trip," he said. "I wanted to do a tour for a long time, but I never dreamed of going across the country I met so many wonderful people. That was the most shining thing on the whole trip."

"The hospitality of all the people — the kindness of strangers — is amazing. There were people like that all across the trip, since my first day of riding."

Offers of car rides, lodging, food and other amenities were commonplace on the trail, he said.

While Miller said he's happy to be home, "I'm happy to get on to the next step," he said. "I'm learning (HTML) coding

and am ready to begin another adventure — whether it's more practical or just as crazy.

"The tour was a time for reflection," he continued, "to prove to myself I can accomplish something I set my mind to, that I can cross things off my bucket list. And I can point to a map of the places I've been."

Miller, who thanked his friends and family for their support, started a blog about his journey, which can be found at h0riz0nless.wordpress.com.

"Every day had so many experiences in it," he said. "Each day was absolutely terrific."

He said while he's happy he was physically able to make the trip, he also finds joy in providing inspiration to others.

"This journey seems inspiring because it's a big challenge, but it is in no way as big of an accomplishment as recovery for addicts," he said.

"It's very challenging to walk that path and get yourself clean. I think it's swept under the rug a lot; a lot more people are touched by mental health and addiction issues than they let on."

"I went out to do this by myself, but I ended up getting help every single day," he continued. "Even when people want to do it alone, it takes a village."

Miller's Go Fund Me page, Ride Across America for Recovery, can be found at gofundme.com/bikingforrecovery.

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"I'm aware of a backup in one commercial basement."

Locations are near the center of town, not the inland sewer district above Ridge Road, where basement flooding twice during the summer of 2011 prompted infrastructure improvements.

The city's rain gauge registered 2.4 inches Thursday, July 7.

"Usually, isolated flooding is attributed to internal plumbing, the service line from the home to main (sewer)," Reeside said. "If there's obstruction of the service line from the home, it picks up rainwater from weeping tiles around the home."

Public service crews will check nearby mains for blockages and restrictions.

"If there's roots or other obstruction in the lane to the city's main, there could be basement backups," Reeside said.

Grosse Pointe Park

Cash, cigarettes taken

A suspect was caught on video surveillance camera breaking into a gas station on Jefferson at 3:15 a.m. Thursday, July 7. Police are looking for a black male, 30 to 40 years of age, wearing a black T-shirt and black shorts. According to police, the suspect broke out the glass door with a rock, entered, then fled with cash, cigarettes and a laptop computer.

Lock your cars

Two cars parked overnight Thursday, July 7, in the 1300 block of Bedford were entered and loose change was taken. Both vehicles were unlocked and parked in the street. Sometime overnight Monday, July 4, a car in the 800 block of Barrington was entered and loose change taken from the console. The car was unlocked.

Arrest made in larceny

A 17-year-old Detroit resident was arrested at 11:15 a.m. Saturday, July 9, after a witness saw him enter a vehicle parked in front of a business on Mack and remove something from the vehicle. The witness called police who apprehended the suspect in the area. The suspect confessed.

Public Safety Reports

Bike theft

A man's mountain bike was taken from a house in the 1300 block of Lakepointe. Police said the bike was just inside the door when it was taken Sunday, July 10, sometime between 2 and 7 p.m.

—Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Hit and run

A resident called police at noon Monday, July 4, to report his parked car had been struck by a car driving down Sunningdale. He was able to get the license plate number of the car and police located the driver. Both cars sustained minor damage. The driver was cited for failure to stop and identify himself at a crash site.

Break in

An alarm going off at 2:25 a.m. Thursday, July 7, alerted police to a break in at a dry cleaner on Mack. According to the police report, entry was made by kicking in the front door. An empty cash drawer was found on the floor. Police are reviewing surveillance

video.

Broken screen

A resident of the 1900 block of Allard called police at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 10, after noticing a screen and a window of a neighbor's house appeared to have been tampered with. The homeowner was not home at the time, but police determined no entry had been made.

Hit and run

A Severn resident who had parked his car in the street overnight Monday, July 4, discovered front end damage to the car the next morning. It appeared his car had been struck by another car.

—Kathy Ryan

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Guns gone

A Czechoslovakian rifle, antique shotgun and plastic air gun are presumed stolen from a house in the 400 block of St. Clair.

The male homeowner reported them missing from a gun safe Saturday, July 9.

Only he and his wife have keys to the safe, the

man told a public safety officer.

"(He) told me the only other people that have access to the house are people the cleaning company sends," reported the officer. "(He) believes the safe was accidentally left unlocked."

Gone are a Ceska Zbrojovka H&H .375-caliber rifle with scope, .410-gauge shotgun and plastic air gun.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Fake insurance

During a traffic stop on the Detroit side of Mack near Hereford at 9:41 p.m. Thursday, July 7, police arrested a Detroit man, 43, for possessing a fraudulent auto insurance certificate.

Bus driver wanted

Officers investigating a collision between a Detroit city bus and another vehicle on Moross north of Mack arrested the bus driver, a 56-year-old Sterling Heights man, on three outstanding warrants.

The crash occurred about noon Wednesday, July 6.

"The driver of the bus showed two felony warrants and one misdemeanor warrant," said a patrolman.

State police instructed Farms authorities to hold the man for pickup, then changed their minds when medics took him to a hospital for treatment of an unspecified claim.

Farms medics released him at the hospital.

Fake pistol

A Farms man, 22, was arrested during a traffic stop last week for possessing 4.25 grams of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and a pellet gun altered to look like the real thing, according to police.

The arrest happened at 4:47 p.m. Sunday, July 3, on Mack at East Warren.

Officers found marijuana in his pants pocket and, under the driver's seat of his car, a pellet gun with the orange tip removed.

Officers reportedly confiscated a marijuana pipe, rolling machine and papers, baggies, a scale

and more.

The man is wanted on a \$1,000 traffic warrant from 36th District Court in Detroit, according to police.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Fake insurance

Authorities are proceeding with fraud charges against a 26-year-old Detroit woman for possessing a fake auto insurance certificate when trying to get her vehicle out of impound.

She presented the certificate to police at headquarters during the noon hour Saturday, July 2.

"When questioned about where, when and from whom she obtained insurance for her vehicle, her story kept changing," reported an officer.

"It was given to me," she told officers, the report said.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Ahee honored by city council

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — For nearly 37 years, Joe Ahee has been coming to work every day in the public works department.

He now begins a well-deserved retirement.

The city council recently honored Ahee for his years of service that began Oct. 9, 1979, when he started with the city as a rubbish collector and will end July 1 when he retires as the director of public services.

"Are you absolutely sure you want to do this?" Mayor Robert Novitke asked him before council members took part in reading the official proclamation.

Ahee assured him he did.

Ahee began his work with the city with the official title of an "Operator I/Sanitation



PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

Joe Ahee receives a proclamation from Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke with the council by his side.

Engineer," becoming a crew chief in 1982, a foreman in 1985 and assistant director in 1988. He was appointed director of public works in May 2001. In May 2009 he was named director of public services, which included extended responsibilities overseeing the Parks and

Recreation Department and the community center. Under Ahee's direction, the city constructed a water tower, replaced water mains on Mack, repaved Vernier Road and made major improvements to the pool at Lake Front Park.

Ahee was cited for "utilizing his many years

of leadership experience and innate people skills to become a true asset to the City of Grosse Pointe Woods by remaining on-call and making himself available in order to provide exemplary customer service to residents and businesses."

Ahee is looking forward to spending time with his family. His wife of 42 years, Betty, retired from the city last year. They have three sons and seven grandchildren. Golf and travel are on his to-do list.

Ahee thanked the council for the recognition and also thanked the residents of Grosse Pointe Woods.

"Thank you all," he said simply.

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RFP Packets can be picked up at the Harper Woods City Hall Monday through Thursday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. **Deadline for Submittal:** Sealed responses to this RFP must be received no later than **3:00 p.m. on Monday, August 1, 2016.** Mark outside of envelope "2016 Neighborhood Stabilization RFP". Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Applications may not be submitted via fax or email.

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OUR VIEW

Important, fun events coming to town

There are a couple save-the-dates the Grosse Pointe News would like you to know about.

First, Tuesday, Sept. 27, is National First Responders Day.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident and businessman Sean Lane is coordinating a local event to honor first responders from the Grosse Pointes, Detroit and Harper Woods.

The day will be sponsored by Clean Up Clear Out, Your Home Valet, the Grosse Pointe News, PNG Creative Services, Lucido Real Estate and Ray Laethem Motor Village.

The open house for police, fire and EMS first responders will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Ray Laethem's former used car building at the corner of Hereford and Mack in Detroit.

"We're seeking donations of food, beverages and paper products for serving the food and drinks," Lane said. "We anticipate the community will step up and honor the men and women who serve area residents."

To make a donation, call (313) 886-3330.

Donors will have their names or businesses listed in the Grosse Pointe News leading up to the event.

Village Market already has made a commitment to help, Lane said.

"We can have the donation delivered or we'll arrange to pick them up," Lane said.

CCD first

The Country Club of Detroit will host golfing legend Jack Nicklaus and other great pros for a pro am event to benefit Cornerstone Schools Monday, Aug. 15.

The two-day event begins Sunday, Aug. 14, with a fundraising dinner sponsored by Ford Motor Co. The pro am, part of the 13th annual Turning Pointe Invitational, is sponsored by PricewaterhouseCoopers and Lear Corporation.

Other pros joining Nicklaus, who will golf CCD for the first time in his storied career, include Mark O'Meara, Tom Lehman and Jerry Pate.

The Turning Point Invitational started in 2004, celebrating the 50th anniversary of Arnold Palmer's U.S. Amateur Championship victory at CCD. U.S. Amateur champions Matt Kuchar, Fred Ridley, John Harris and Nathaniel Crosby also will attend.

"We are grateful for the tremendous generosity shown by Mr. Nicklaus and the other champions who are donating their time to help the children of Detroit," said Farms resident and Cornerstone founder Clark Durant.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Email nicole.webster@cornerstoneschools.org or visit turningpoint2016.com. More information follows in next week's Grosse Pointe News.

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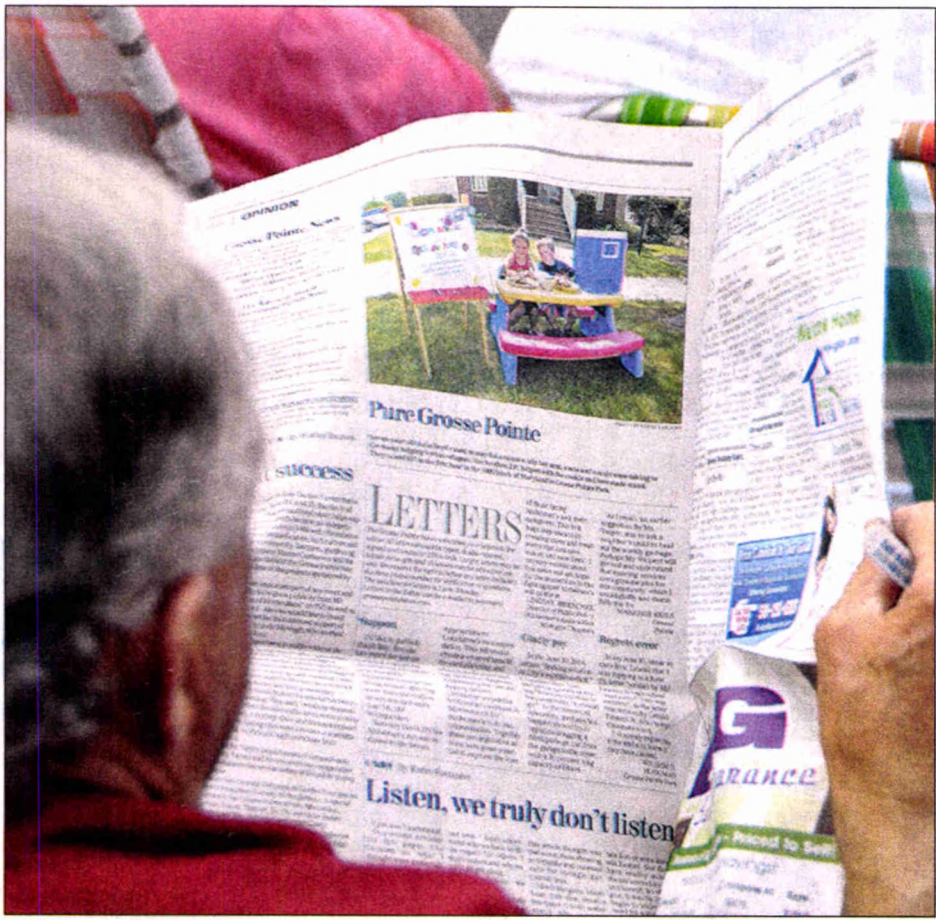


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Pure Grosse Pointe

We're always happy to see our readers enjoying the Grosse Pointe News about town. Here, Gary Scheiwe of Grosse Pointe Park checks out the opinion page while he waits for Music on the Plaza to begin. Thanks, Gary, for taking us with you.

LETTERS

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

Live in today

Thankfully, in this country, there is not an educational restriction on opinion or the expression thereof, because there are a lot of highly educated people with really stupid opinions.

My letter written to the Grosse Pointe News editor (June 30) objected to the assertion the Grosse Pointe community is inherently racist and parents are specifically to blame for the indoctrination of this racism.

I don't carry around the burden of the mistakes made by my ancestors or those of strangers. They certainly don't reflect my views and I refuse to apologize for any of their perceived or actual transgressions. The victims of these purported offenses are long gone. Suggesting we need to apologize, to people of the same race, today for the mistakes of people from more than three generations ago is an insult to them and me. The notion that there is a class of people perpetually aggrieved and subjugated appealing to a false, nonexistent ruling class for recompense is an effete canard based in elitism that is entirely foreign to me.

To invoke the changes in Great Britain and the rising popularity of Trump to suggest this is some sort of return to the Southern Democrat Jim Crow era is pure ignorance.

I live in today. Our children learn more from what they see, hear and experience on a daily basis than what they're told about history. So, I call upon Mr. Hodgeman and our entire community to stop telling our kids about how bad we were and try working in the present. Let's raise our expectations of all — regardless of race, creed or color.

GERALD FINAZZO JR.
Grosse Pointe Park

Stay rooted

Last month, America closed the book on a presidential primary season unlike any we've seen before. Republicans seem poised to nominate a former reality TV star whose offensive comments are unprecedented. And in an even more historic race, the Democrats are set to select the first woman ever as their presidential nominee.

With the frenzy surrounding the presidential matchup, it's easy to forget about the political matches going on at home. However, in Michigan I hope we remember that come November, we'll also decide who will write the next chapter for our state: our workforce, middle-

class families and students.

At Emerge Michigan, we know it's critical to select the best leaders at every level of government. That's why we run the state's premier training program for Democratic women. We specialize in equipping local and state candidates with the skills they need to jump into politics and win.

This month, we'll graduate an inaugural class composed of 16 Democratic women, five of whom have already stepped up and are running for local, state and national offices. They're ready to work hard to improve our communities for everyone.

While everyone else looks toward Washington, I encourage the people of Michigan to stay rooted at home. Ensuring a brighter future starts at the local and state level. With your support, Emerge Michigan will continue to change the face of politics for the better — one school board position, city council seat and state house race at a time.

BETH KELLY
Executive Director,
Emerge Michigan

I SAY By Joe Warner

Shootings come from hate

As I wrote a column about police-related shootings in Baton Rouge and Falcon Heights, Minn., along with Thursday's shootings of Dallas police officers during a peaceful Black Lives Matter rally, another violent event took place.

Three were killed at the Berrien County courthouse Monday afternoon.

First of all, this isn't a column about gun control. Sorry.

I'm not going to talk about rights and the Constitution. I will tell you I own guns, safely secured. I've fired them hundreds of times (probably thousands) over the past 40 years and yet never shot anybody. I'm a responsible gun owner. There are many out there.

I believe we're quick to blame everything except the people who commit these crimes. We know the "gun-free" zones are pretty much worthless in the eyes of a criminal. I don't believe guns should legally be in bars, churches or schools, but some of the nation's most heinous massacres have been committed in those places.

While laws aimed at restricting who can legally own a gun are good to have, they don't keep crimes from being committed with illegal guns.

Accountability seems to be a lost art. It's easy to blame everything but the person.

And it shouldn't matter who the person is. If a police officer committed a crime in the Baton Rouge or Falcon Heights cases, the officer should be prosecuted. Period. Having a gun, either as an officer or as a civilian, comes with great responsibility. Not everybody has the capability of making sound decisions under pressure. And if they can't — and it's criminal — they need to pay the price.

There are bad people. And some of those people are cops. While there are plenty of justified officer-related shootings, some are bad decisions and some are criminal.

And it's been worse.

When you look at violent crime statistics in the United States, we are much better off in 2016

than we were in 1996. One thing that's changed is the news-reporting landscape. We are much more aware of events in real time, sometimes with shaky accuracy, thanks to the Internet and handheld devices that put the information literally at our fingertips.

With cameras on phones, body cameras on officers, cameras in scout cars and cameras on and in most public buildings, there's video of almost everything. It's changed the way we see things, even if violent crime numbers are down.

As I watched the Dallas videos, I noticed the response of officers. While hundreds of people ran away from the gunshots, dozens of officers drove and ran to where the shots were being fired. They moved people out of harm's way. And the officers didn't care if those they helped were black or white. They had a job to do, which meant rushing into an area where they could die.

There are many good cops that put their lives on the line every day. They don't do it for huge

money. Most big city cops make much less than you think. They don't do it for fame. They do it because they believe in serving and protecting.

We should honor those who are good. Who do their job without prejudice. Those who go toward a dangerous situation when we run away.

As a society, we should strive for educational and employment opportunities. We need to look at where we've dropped the ball in helping people with mental illness. It doesn't matter if there are 10 guns or millions of guns in the world. It matters who has them.

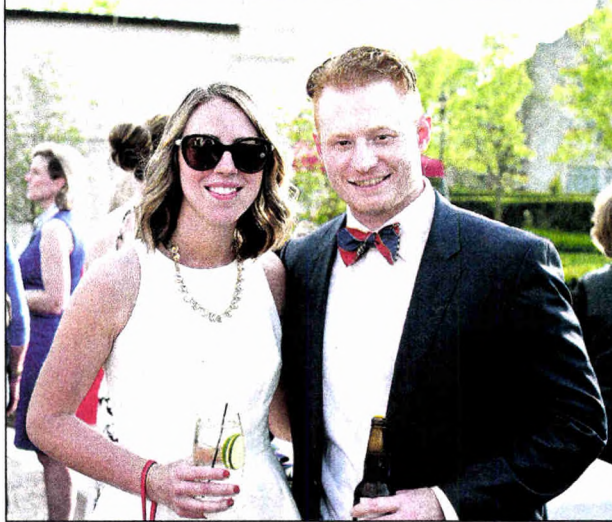
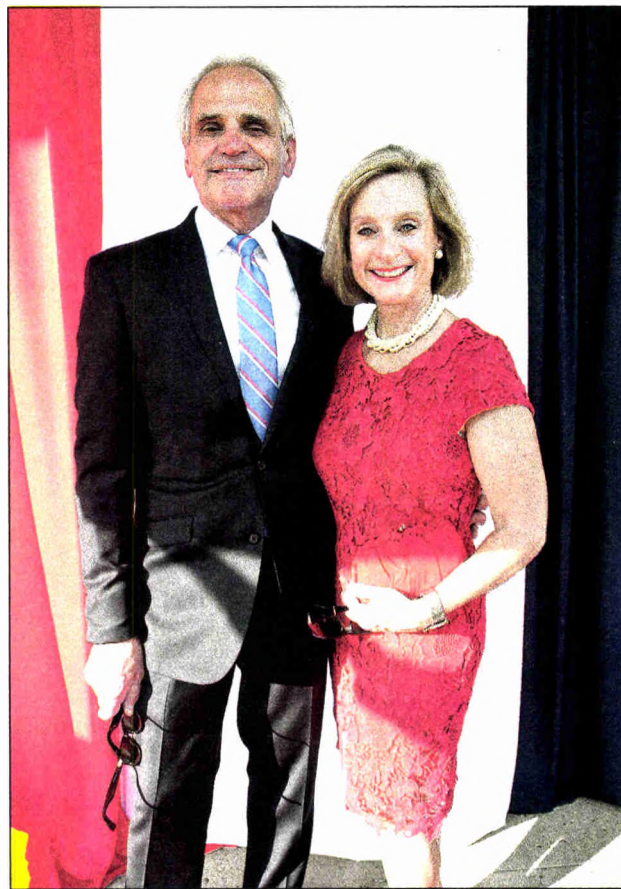
We also need to remember these crimes come from hate. The criminals don't care about stricter laws. They already know it's against the law to shoot and kill people. Until we become a society that respects others and we teach peace and love, we will never stop the senseless killings.

It sounds simple, but I'll never see it in my lifetime. Hopefully our children will.

Warner is editor and general manager of the Grosse Pointe News.

Red, White & Blue

The Evening of Red, White & Blue at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association was a success. More than 200 guests attended the gala May 26, enjoying cocktails in the courtyard, a roof-top reading by members of the Detroit Public Theatre and a gourmet meal in the lakefront ballroom. The War Memorial presented its Spirit of the Community Award to Toni Murphy, niece of Korean War POW-MIA George Grifford, and the Spirit of Service Award to Richard Miller, Brigadier General (Ret). The event raised funds to benefit the Patriot Initiative, which supports high impactful organizations focused on patriotism and honoring and serving veteran causes. At right, Christine Williams, Michael Santeufemia and Dianna Santeufemia. Below, Bob and Mary Ann Bury.



Above, middle, Elizabeth and Mark McCourt. At left, Al LaHood, Marquita Bedway, Suzy and Paul Stockmann. At top, John and Marlene Boll. Above, the garden entryway.

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Weeding seaweed near the marina

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Osius Park marina is a safe harbor this season for both boats and weeds.

While the former is invited, the latter isn't.

Weeds and aquatic vegetation bind the propellers of motorboats, snag sailboat rudders and are unsightly. Decaying weeds stink.

"There are some areas we need to clean up," said Grosse Pointe Shores Councilman Robert Barrette, chairman of the parks and harbor committee.

Representatives of the Shores and Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, which share marinas, are jointly buying a \$43,000 weed-scooping watercraft to clear their facilities of debris.

The Shores's share is \$12,000, according to Mark Wollenweber, city manager.

"It is a solar-powered electric unit," said John Schulte, Shores public safety director. "It's completely self-sufficient."

And close to perpetual motion.

"Batteries store electricity while it's being used and it can be used all day," Schulte said Tuesday, June 21. "The city received a check today from the yacht club to move forward with the weed harvester watercraft. It was ordered today."

The manufacturer doesn't build units until ordered.

"We're looking at about a three-week turnaround on this," Schulte said.

The boat is 15 feet long with a 7-foot beam.

"It has a conveyor that goes into the water (and) picks up waste material on the surface," Schulte said. "The boat can hold 2,000 pounds of weeds."

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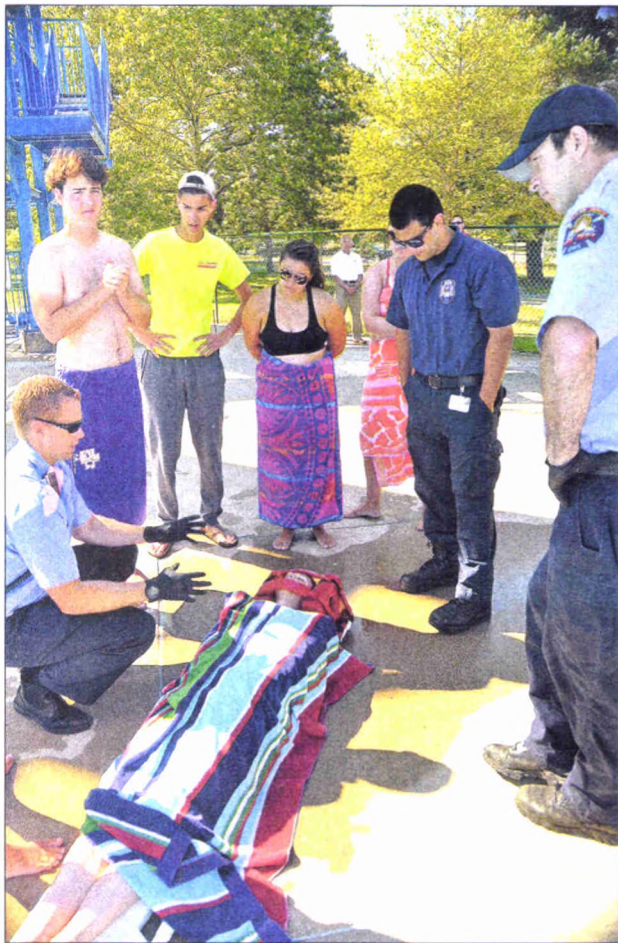
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NEWS



Safety first

Grosse Pointe Woods sponsored its third annual aquatics team training at Lake Front Park. The training goes over the city's emergency action plan and participants perform training scenarios with new and returning lifeguards and St. Clair Shores fire and EMS personnel. Scenarios included a choking baby, someone injured on a slide and someone needing CPR. Left, next to the "victim" on the backboard, Eric Retzbach, a St. Clair Shores firefighter and paramedic, tells the steps to take during the emergency as fellow firefighter and paramedic Dan Metz listens and offers advice. Below, lifeguard Walid Korkmaz shows how to do compressions for a choking baby. Top right, Woods parks and recreation Director Nicole Byron talks to lifeguards. Right, lifeguards Kristen Kaled and Jacob Surzyn show how to administer CPR to "victim" Anna Gruber.

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Shores family donates \$50,000 for scholarship fund

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

It was a special day for the Rahi family of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Dr. Daher and Jeanette Rahi opened their home Wednesday, June 29, to the patriarch of the Maronite Catholic Church, Cardinal Bechara Boutros Rahi, for a private visit.

“Cardinal Rahi is the religious leader of all the Maronites in the world,” Daher Rahi’s daughter, Chris Kassab, wrote in an e-mail. “Maronite Catholics, who have their origin in the Middle East, are one of the largest Eastern-rite communities of the Roman Catholic Church This is a significant event in the Lebanese community, which is quite large in our area.”

The visit was three-fold. First, it served as an opportunity for the Rahi cousins to see each other. They grew up in Lebanon and were close as children.

“I love him for what he’s doing,” Daher Rahi said of the Cardinal. “Every day he does something to aid others. He works for peace.”

Daher Rahi said as children, Bechara Rahi would disappear for a time, but he’d always be found at the church, kneeling at the altar.

“He left with no money, no clothes, nothing,” Daher Rahi said. “Now look at what he’s become. He’s the highest man in the Middle East. The Pope depends on him for a lot of things.”

The visit also was among several stops on Cardinal Rahi’s U.S. tour. He visited churches in Ohio and California and presided at the annual convention of the National Apostolate of Maronites earlier this month.

“The convention is a yearly event which brings together the clergy and laity,” said the Most Rev. A. Elias Zaidan, bishop of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon, which is based in Los Angeles and comprised of 42 parishes and missions, a national shrine/Basilica, a convent, monastery and Maronite faithful in 34 states. “This year is the 50th anniversary of the Maronite Church diocese

in the U.S.” St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church in Detroit was the first Maronite cathedral in the United States, Zaidan said.

The evening of his Grosse Pointe visit, which occurred on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Cardinal Rahi performed Mass at St. Maron.

“I’m going to speak about Peter and Paul and what they mean to us today,” Cardinal Rahi said through his interpreter, Archbishop Paul Sayah, Vicar of the Patriarch. “I will address the word to the Maronite community and Lebanese people here. Also, prayers for Lebanon, to settle all the conflicts of the Middle East.”

In this, his fourth visit to the United States, Cardinal Rahi said after Mass he planned to listen to people.

“We will brief our own people here on events in the Middle East,” he said through Sayah. “It is fact our own people have been adopted by this country; they are happy to be here We want to tell our own people the truth about what’s happening in the Middle East and pass it on to the governing establishment



Dr. Daher and Jeanette Rahi with Cardinal Rahi.

here. “When we meet American officials, we like to thank them for giving the opportunity to settle here,” he continued. “We thank them for that, for having given them the opportunity to realize themselves and achieve We pray God

may protect America and bless America, that it may remain an open country, free and inclusive ... and continue to accept without discrimination.”

A third facet of Cardinal Rahi’s visit to



PHOTOS BY NICHOLAS KASSAB

Top, from left, Bishop A. Elias Zaidan, Bishop of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles; Cardinal Rahi; Dr. Daher Rahi; Archbishop Paul Sayah, Vicar General of the Maronite Church; and Dr. Raymond Rahi of Grosse Pointe Shores. Above, Dr. Rahi presents Msgr. Louis Baz, pastor of St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church in Detroit, a \$50,000 check to establish the Cardinal Bechara Boutros Rahi Scholarship Fund at St. Maron.

Grosse Pointe came as a surprise to him.

After Mass, Daher Rahi announced the establish-

ment of the Cardinal Bechara Boutros Rahi

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Dr. Rahi presents Cardinal Rahi a \$50,000 check to help support the needy in Lebanon.



The Rahi family poses with Cardinal Rahi and Archbishop Peter Sayah.



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Cardinal Bechara Boutros Rahi, Maronite Patriarch of Antioch and all the East, prays before family and friends enjoy home-cooked Lebanese food prepared by Jeanette Rahi.

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Scholarship Fund. Through a \$50,000 donation from the Rahi family, the scholarship will be given annually to an active member of St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church. The recipient must be 17 or older, a senior in high school who has received a letter of acceptance to a university, have a 3.5 or higher grade-point average and demonstrate dedication to church and community.

Daher Rahi also presented the Cardinal with an additional \$50,000 to help the needy in Lebanon.

"Life has taken a turn for the worse," Daher Rahi said. "People don't care about people. This is something good."

"The Cardinal's visit means so much to my dad," said Kassab, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident. "He taught his children and grandchildren to give back to their church and to the community. He's been a wonderful example of being humble and giving back."

Added Grosse Pointe Shores resident Dr. Raymond Rahi, Daher

Rahi's son, "Today is a special day for my dad and our family. We're very proud to have the Cardinal visit."

Daher Rahi's family members aren't the only people who've noticed his good works. Two years ago, he was presented a Knight of St. Gregory medal, a pontifical honor from Pope Francis.

"It's for his achievement, for his beautiful Christian and Catholic example and life," Zaidan said. "For what he stands for, the good family he raised. Not just his achievements, but for the person he is as well It's the highest distinction award This is not given to everybody; only select people."

Cardinal Rahi said he was delighted to spend time, however short, with his family.

"When I come to Dr. Rahi's home ... I feel home," he said. "This is my family. We are related closely. My relationship with Dr. Rahi goes back to our young days. When I come here, this is where I stay Dr. Rahi's home is my official home in America."

Editor Joe Warner contributed to this report.

Women's day retreat offered

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

Grosse Pointe women looking for a mini getaway for body, mind and spirit are invited to a summer day retreat at the historic Charles Lambert home, 166 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Hosted by Grosse Pointe Woods resident Marla Ruhana LMSW, "Love your Body, Love your Spirit" promises participants they'll "never take anything personal again."

Best-selling author Leigh Burton speaks at the event, which takes place 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13.

Burton has spent more than 20 years traveling to Mexico studying Toltec Wisdom with Don Miguel

Ruiz and Don Jose Ruiz, authors of "The Four Agreements" and "The Fifth Agreement." She is an advocate for the emotional health and strength modern women seek. Through her studies she has learned how Toltec and Mayan women were able to live detached from external components.

Ruhana hopes the event will meet a need in the Grosse Pointes.

"I feel compelled to affect the masses," she said. "I want to share these resources and incredible people with larger groups."

Ruhana, who speaks at Family Center events, teaches at Wayne State University and has offered retreats since 2006, was touched by the words of a speaker who visited

her high school.

"His talk instilled in me that I wanted to give back to my community by educating and empowering people to become the best they can become," she said. His words led her to pursue psychology as a profession so she could empower women. She has a private practice in St. Clair Shores.

"It's so important to be a tribe with other women," she said. "I thought, I have to find ways to connect with other women. And I love hosting and planning events; it's fun to me."

Apart from Burton, the event also features a tai chi session led by Jennifer Silverston.

A portion of retreat proceeds benefits FORCE: Facing Our Risk,

an organization that helps fight hereditary breast and ovarian cancer. Learn more at facingourrisk.org.

"I'm finally doing what I've wanted to do," Ruhana said, adding she sees what the community's needs are during her office sessions. "Lately women have been burned out, overextended. They don't take enough time for themselves Women are so busy. If they do want to take a trip, it's with their family. So I came up with an opportunity here for one day that's affordable."

Tickets for "Love your Body, Love your Spirit" are \$89 before July 20, \$109 after. A box lunch is included. Space is limited. For tickets or more information, call (586) 801-4701.

AREA ACTIVITIES

LWV

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe hosts a forum 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 14, at Wayne County Community College District's University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods, for state representative for District 2.

Another forum takes place 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, at the same location, for Wayne County commissioner.

Videos, recorded by WCCCD, will be shown on cable television in the Grosse Pointes. Each library also will have copies of the forum recordings.

BNI

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, July 15, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

Blood drives

The American Red

Cross hosts blood drives 7:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, July 15, St. John Hospital & Medical Center, 22101 Moross, Detroit, and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 21, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. To register, visit redcrossblood.org.

SOC

Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts bocce 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, through Aug. 30, on the front lawn. Gene Fedeli facilitates with assistants Ben and Ryan Matheson.

SOC offers an AARP Driver Safety Program 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, July 19 and 21. Cost is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members. Class is limited to 25 participants. A free ice cream social is planned 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, with entertainment by DJ Aki Miyamoto.

For information on these programs, call

(313) 882-9600.

Libraries

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

◆ 2 p.m. Monday, July 18 — Illustrator Francis Vallejo shares "Jazz Day — The Making of a Famous Photograph," written by Roxane Orgill.

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

◆ 11 a.m. Thursday, July 21 — Acting Up Theatre presents "The Curse of the Couch Potato."

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

◆ 11 a.m. Friday, July 22 — Ages 13 and older are invited to watch "Paper Towns."

St. John

A monthly breastfeeding support group led by a St. John Providence certified lactation consultant takes place 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. the third Monday of each month at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods branch, 20680 Mack. The next meeting is Monday, July 18. Mothers, babies and support people are invited. Light snacks are served. Call (313) 343-3146.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mentally Ill Eastside meets 7 p.m. Monday, July 18, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe

Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

War Memorial

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents Rata2ee Cooking Camp, for ages 7 to 12, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 18 to 22. Children learn healthy cooking skills, as well as exercise, learn to garden, play games and more.

Girls in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to American Girl Creative Girls Camp 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 18 to 22. The camp focuses on problem solving, conflict management and more.

A Brilliant Scientist's World of Empowerment is a camp for children in grades 2 to 5, offered 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday, July 18 to 22. Students learn how the brain responds to situations, how to calm their bodies and choose a proper response to certain situations.

For information on any of these camps, call (313) 881-7511.

Lake House

The Lake House, 26701 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores, offers the following programs:

◆ 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, a free Men's Euchre Night, including

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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.

Aspasia Garkinos

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Aspasia "Bess" Garkinos, 81, passed away peacefully Sunday, June 26, 2016, surrounded by her family.

Aspasia emigrated from Greece to Detroit in 1947 and met Nicholas Garkinos at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, where they were married. In 1973, the family moved to Grosse Pointe Woods.

She was the devoted wife and dance partner of Nicholas, until his death in 1992. "Nick the Greek" and "Bess" were married 33 years before his untimely death. They owned the Meat Town Inn restaurant in the Eastern Market for nearly 30 years.

Bess had a contagious laugh. She loved to bowl, travel, dance, do crossword puzzles and watch "Matlock" and "Murder She Wrote." She was a devoted Detroit Tigers fan.

She was deeply loved and is survived by her children, Rene Garkinos (Omar Reader) and Christos Garkinos; sister, Thareni Kiriazis (George) and many loving nieces, nephews and friends, especially Stephanie and Johnny.

She was predeceased by her parents, Steve and Irene Zervas.

A funeral was held June 30 at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, St. Clair Shores.

Donations may be made to the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

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Stephen Robert Bowers

Former Grosse Pointe resident Stephen Robert Bowers, 68, died Saturday, July 2, 2016, in Madison, Wis.

He was born in Ypsilanti, to Robert and Leona Bowers, and graduated in 1966 from Grosse Pointe High School. He attended Eastern Michigan University and Oregon State University. A veteran of the U.S. Army, Steve had many vocations: lumberjack, market researcher, TV weather reporter, Little League football coach, salmon fisherman, writer for the Tillamook Times, eagle spotter and, most recently, personal care worker.

While his disabilities kept him from doing many of the things he enjoyed, he never tired of watching sports, particularly football, and was an avid University of Michigan fan. Steve will be remembered most for his kindness, generosity and passion for helping others, friend or stranger, or stray animals, especially cats. His family said despite real adversity and years of poor health, Steve maintained a positive attitude and love of life. He will be deeply missed.

Steve is survived by his sister, Barbara Bowers (Ian) and brother, Richard Bowers (Ulla).

He was predeceased by

his parents.

A private service was held.

Marilyn Elizabeth Breadon

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Marilyn Elizabeth Breadon, 87, passed away Tuesday, July 5, 2016.

She was married to Robert Alexander Breadon, who predeceased her, and is survived by her daughter, Denise Sauer and her husband, George; son, Thomas R. Breadon and his wife, Beckee; grandchildren, Laura Turner, Daniel Sauer and Nick Sauer and great-grandson, William Patterson.

She also is survived by numerous loving family and friends.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moros, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe, c/o Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Suzanne Coosaia

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Suzanne Coosaia, nee Marquis, 64, passed away peacefully Sunday, June 26, 2016, at St. John Hospital & Medical Center.

Suzanne was born Jan. 14, 1952, in Detroit, to George Jacob and Dea (nee Marra) Marquis, and grew up with her older sister, Diann, in their loving eastside Detroit home. She had a profound love of art and was a talented artist. She graduated from Denby High School in 1969 and attended Wayne State University.

On Nov. 10, 1973, Suzanne married Dave Coosaia, the love of her life, at St. George Orthodox Church in Detroit. In 1974 they welcomed daughter, Melissa Ann and Suzanne focused her life's work on being a loving wife, mother and homemaker. In 1978, her son, David George was born.

Suzanne loved to make her home in Grosse Pointe Woods beautiful inside and out. She had a knack for decorating, antiques and gardening.

Suzanne was proud of her children and was their biggest fan and supporter and that expanded to include their spouses and children. She especially loved her role as adoring grandparent and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren exploring, playing and doing fun and artsy things.

Suzanne loved horses, enjoyed riding and watching her children and others enjoy the sport. "Barn time" was special time throughout her life and she made many wonderful friends there.

Suzanne had been private about her battle with cancer; she fought a tough and brave battle. She will be deeply missed.

Suzanne is survived by her husband, Dave; daughter, Melissa, and her husband, Lynn J. Parrish; son, David and his wife, Ashlee, and grandchildren, Emily and Grayson.

A private service was held.

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William Mazer

William "Bill" Mazer died Thursday, June 30, 2016, while working in south Florida.

Bill was born and raised in Grosse Pointe, the third child of Stelene and John Mazer Sr. He attended Grosse Pointe schools and then earned undergraduate and post-graduate degrees through study at Western Michigan University, the University of Detroit and Wayne State University.

Bill is survived by his children, Zachary and Malia; sister, Juliet Mazer-Schmidt (Ken); sister-in-law, Marianne Mazer; former wife, Renee Boulet Mazer and scores of relatives, friends and colleagues.

He was predeceased by his brother, John Mazer Jr.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Guests are invited to join the family for conversation after the service.

The family has created a memorial page online and will treasure stories, memories and comments from Bill's friends and colleagues. Share a memory at fredhunters.com/obituary/156261/William-Mazer/.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Attention Carol Marks, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or Detroit Bulldog Rescue at detroitbulldogrescue.org or a charity of the donor's choice.

Carlos Grodsinsky Sr. M.D.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Carlos Grodsinsky Sr. M.D., 84, died Friday, May 27, 2016, in Hemlock.

He was born Oct. 12, 1931, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to Mauricio and Alicia Grodsinsky. He graduated from the University of Buenos Aires in 1957, earning his medical degree with a Ph.D. in surgery. He also earned a medical degree from the University of Michigan in 1962.

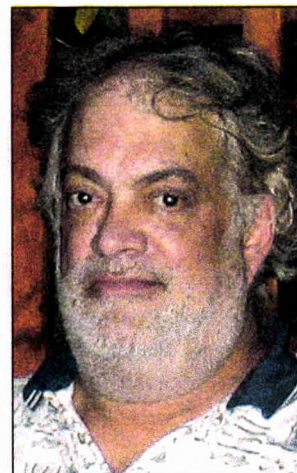
Dr. Grodsinsky was a general surgeon and Head of Division 5B at Henry Ford Hospital. He also was the Department of Surgery Chief at HFH Fairlane Clinic in Dearborn. He was a member of the Colon and Rectal Surgical Association, American College of Surgeons, Western Surgical Association and International Surgical Association.

He enjoyed sailing.

Dr. Grodsinsky is survived by his wife, Susana



Aspasia Garkinos



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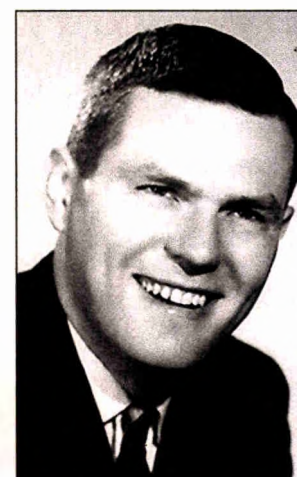
William Mazer



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Leslie John Resseguie Jr.



Leo F. Drolshagen Jr.

Leslie John Resseguie Jr.

Leslie John Resseguie Jr., 83, died Saturday, July 9, 2016.

He was a former broker/owner of Wilcox Realtors in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Mr. Resseguie was the devoted husband of Janet Katherine (nee Kirsch) for 62 years; beloved father of Michele, Myles (Barbara), Linné, Lisa (Danny Venturini) and Laura; cherished grandfather of Adam and Zachary Flaum, Alexander Malik, Danny and Denise Resseguie, Alexia Sanfemio (fiancee Christopher Schink) and Danielle and Matthew Venturini.

Mr. Resseguie was a member of Alcoholics Anonymous for more than 50 years.

Visitation will be held 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday, July 14, at A. H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, July 15, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m.

A private family burial will be held in Port Sanilac.

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Leo F. Drolshagen Jr.

Leo F. Drolshagen Jr., 86, passed away Wednesday, July 6, 2016.

He was the beloved husband of Janet (nee Philippart), who predeceased him; dear father of Leo III (Barbara), the Rev. Jerry Drolshagen, Joseph (Janet), Nancy Ponkowski (Timothy) and Catherine; loving grandfather of Leo IV, Colin (Katie), Eric, Helena, Joseph Jr., Cara, Micaela (Rob), Jacob, Elizabeth, Timothy, Michael, Jennifer, Abigail and Anita and great-grandfather of Madelyn, Audrey, Ellen and Julia.

He also is survived by his sisters, Mary Flanagan and Jean Leithauser (James). A funeral Mass was held July 9 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity, Seminarian Sponsorship Program, P.O. Box 4116, Corpus Christi, TX 78469.

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Marian Christine Frame

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Grief, it's said, is the price of love. If so, we have loved you more than anyone could imagine. We miss you every day and would give anything to see your smile just one more time.

Until we are all together again, your family and friends will keep your memory alive here on earth.

Love,
Mom, Dad and John



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PASTOR'S CORNER

By Intern Pastor Mary Ann Siefke

Building bridges

Bridges are beautiful structures. They are strange and majestic architectural creations which connect places and people. They rise above what divides, connecting what was previously separated. Bridges can withstand a tremendous amount of adversity from weather to whatever we decide should cross them. Bridges also are a constant source of curiosity for what lies on the other side. I have long had a fascination with the Ambassador Bridge. For several years I enjoyed an annual boat trip on the Jet Express from Port Clinton, Ohio, to the Detroit River. The boat would drop anchor a little ways beyond the bridge to enjoy the fireworks of the Freedom Festival. Each time we left the dock to head for Detroit, I waited eagerly for the first glimpses of the Ambassador Bridge on the horizon. I have numerous photos from either side and even underneath this famous landmark. After a recent local Diamond Jack river tour I have even more amazing photos. After 10 months of living in Grosse Pointe Farms, I still am fascinated by its beauty and meaning. Its sight still takes my breath away as it lights up the Detroit skyline. The Ambassador Bridge stands as a physical reminder of the peace we share.

The mission of the Southeast Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is to "Rise Up! Build Bridges. Bear Burdens. Break Chains. Bring Hope!" How fitting this mission is for a city with this famous landmark representing the peace of the longest undefended border in the world. Each day thousands of persons cross over an invisible line meant to divide. I have witnessed many bridges being built by the church. Bridges that also cross invisible borders meant to divide. Our church lives out its mission by standing with the marginalized in our society. Together we build bridges to cross the invisible lines of race, nationality, gender and whatever else divides us. Together we bear witness to the saving work of Jesus Christ who builds bridges which cross all borders and all divisions which divide us. Let us join in the building.

Siefke is the intern pastor at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

CHURCH EVENTS

Memorial

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents "Wizards and Wonders: A Hero's Journey with Harry Potter," an evening vaca-

tion Bible school experience for all ages, 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, through July 26. To register or for more information, email christianed@gpmchurch.org or call (313) 882-5330.

Library board selects new director

The Grosse Pointe Public Library recently announced Jessica Keyser, director of the Ferndale Public Library, has accepted the position of director of the Grosse Pointe Public Library. She starts Monday, Aug. 15.

Vickey Bloom retired June 30 after 27 years with the GPPL, serving as library director for 21. Bloom steered a steady

course for the library system through several recessions, oversaw the construction of two new branches, was instrumental in the success of the 2011 millage campaign and recently created, developed and completed a redesign of the Central branch.

The GPPL Board of Trustees congratulated Bloom on her retirement

and expressed gratitude and appreciation for her work and dedication.

Keyser was offered the position by unanimous vote.

"I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve the community as the new director of the Grosse Pointe Public Library," Keyser said.

Director of the Ferndale Public Library since 2012,

Keyser successfully reformed the Ferndale library from a public to a district library in 2015. She has a Master of Library and Information Science degree from Wayne State University, where she also earned her bachelor's degree.

The board appointed Assistant Library Director Peggy Kitchel as interim director beginning July 1.

OBITUARIES:

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David William Treder

Grosse Pointe Farms resident David William Treder, 60, passed away Sunday, July 3, 2016, in Chicago, in the company of his children.

David was born March 15, 1956, in Grosse Pointe Farms. He graduated in 1974 from Austin Catholic Preparatory High School and earned a degree in finance from Western Michigan University. He spent 30-plus years as a pharmaceutical sales professional. He enjoyed skiing, boating, Siesta Key beaches and sunsets, Detroit sports, University of Notre Dame football and spending time with family and friends.

David was predeceased by his father, Carroll "Bud" Treder and is survived by his mother, Marilou "Lulu" Treder; children, David (Becky) and Katie Vertin (Matt); siblings, Mary Treder Lang (Paul), Dan (Rick Bowers), Paul (Susan) and Amy Holland (Kurt); and many loving nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was

celebrated July 9 at St. Philomena Parish, Detroit.

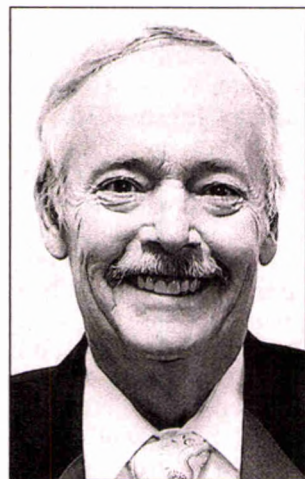
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John Marion Rainey Jr. M.D.

John Marion "Pete" Rainey Jr. M.D. passed away of natural causes Tuesday, March 1, 2016, in his home in Grosse Pointe Park. He was 73.

Pete was born in 1942, in Atlanta, to John M. Rainey Sr. and Margaret Grace Ulrich Rainey. Both parents predeceased him. His younger brother, Thomas Ballard Rainey, was killed in Vietnam in 1968.

Pete grew up in Pensacola, Fla. He enjoyed sailing and competed in races between Pensacola and New Orleans in his youth. He enjoyed playing guitar and banjo and had a passion for cooking a wide variety of American and ethnic cuisines. In his 40s and 50s, he could be found hiking the trails of Isle Royale in Lake Superior, canoeing through the Adirondacks in New York and traveling to college lacrosse games around the coun-



David William Treder



John M. Rainey Jr. M.D.

try to support his son.

Pete graduated in 1963 from Vanderbilt University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry, earned a medical degree with a specialty in psychiatry in 1971 and a Ph.D. in biochemistry in 1972. "Doctor Doctor" Rainey moved to Grosse Pointe Park in the 1970s to join the faculty at Wayne State University School of Medicine, where he became a tenured professor. He authored more than 20 publications in journals including the American Journal of Psychiatry, Journal of Clinical Psychiatry, Biological Psychiatry and Psychopathology. His research focused on anxiety and panic disorder.

Pete is survived by his children, Michael and Emily, and two grandsons, Tyler and Oliver.

A small gathering will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 30, near the kayak launch at Patterson Park, Grosse Pointe Park. His family has dedicated a park bench in his name at Patterson Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Isle Royale National Park at nps.gov/isro/getinvolved/donate.htm; MIT's McGovern Institute for Brain Research at mcgovern.mit.edu/support-the-institute/make-a-gift; the Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research at MIT at ki.mit.edu/support/ways; or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Kristy Piana Schena

Parents have the power to prevent bullying

Q: With so much focus on anti-bullying in the media today, I am surprised by a recent statistic I just heard — that nearly one in four students report being bullied during the school year. That number is even greater for students diagnosed with autism or students with special needs. What can we do as parents on a local level?

A: We can begin by teaching our children at an early age that not everyone learns the same way. It is our job as parents to help our children distinguish differences and coach them to make appropriate responses. Many schools offer programs to try to reinforce this life-long lesson of being kind and patient.

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Buddy or peer programs are available for students to develop compassion and understanding through hands-on experiences and interactions. The goal for these types of programs is that by giving "typical" learners the chance to work with an "atypical" learner they will stand up for a student who may be bullied and learn to treat others with respect, regardless of their individual challenges or differences.

We also can help as adults by being understanding and patient with other parents whose

child may be a different learner. Parents of children diagnosed with autism often have worries beyond typical situations. Will my child make friends? Will he graduate from high school? Will she be able to get a job? There isn't a lot of positive information in the media for them to hold on to or give them hope. Support and kindness from other parents can help alleviate negativity.

Anthony Ianni gives parents a reason to hope. Diagnosed with autism at 4 years old, his parents were told he would most likely be in a group home or at best, a janitor. His parents never gave up hope. Through their perseverance and his hard work, he graduated from

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high school and went on to college at Michigan State University where he played basketball. Anthony is now married with a child and works for the Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

Anthony travels across the country with his Relentless Tour, presenting a powerful message about anti-bullying and living your dreams. Join him Tuesday, Aug. 2, 332-1026 or kristy.schena@comcast.net.

Center, Kids on the Go and the Michigan Department of Civil Rights at this powerful evening designed to help eradicate bullying.

Kristy Piana Schena MS, CCC-SLP, is the executive director of Kids on the Go, which she founded in 1999. She also has been a speech language pathologist for more than 20 years. She can be reached at (313) 332-1026 or kristy.schena@comcast.net.

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Backyard birds featured in Wild Birds painting program

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

Not only does Marilyn Thomas make painting easy, but the fun her students have during classes at Wild Birds Unlimited in Grosse Pointe Woods has amateur artists coming back for more.

The watercolorist has led avian art classes at Wild Birds twice a month since April. Under her tutelage, painters have taken home renderings

of cardinals, American goldfinches and black-capped chickadees.

July's classes feature the Baltimore oriole.

"It's been a lot of fun," said Rosann Kovalcik, owner of Wild Birds in Grosse Pointe. "We're doing birds people can relate to People love their backyard birds."

The paintings are made on 5-by-7-inch canvas — a smaller size than other "painting party" businesses, which offers

greater flexibility for display.

"You can put them anywhere in your home," Kovalcik said, adding she figured the art lessons would be a fun addition to her store's offerings.

"I thought people would love to do birds," she said. "So I found an artist I knew was very good at painting birds — Marilyn Thomas. She is just so patient and wonderful."

Thomas earned

Bachelor of Art Education and Fine Arts degrees from Eastern Michigan University and teaches at Macomb Community College. Her work is displayed locally in restaurants and community centers.

Classes at Wild Birds are limited to 10 students and so far each session has been full.

"It's very intensive," Kovalcik said, explaining



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The oriole will be painted during July's sessions.

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Thomas teaches students how to paint a background, as well as different brush stroke techniques. "Watercolor is an art, but it's also a very forgiving art."

The events also feature hummus, spinach pies and meat pies from Emily's Delicatessen, pastries from SideStreet Diner and wine and beer from Woods Wholesale Wine.

"I thought it would be

fun," Kovalcik said. "We're not doing it to make a fortune. It's just to have a fun time."

All ages are welcome to participate in the painting program, but for youngsters looking for a different way to have fun, Wild Birds offers a monthly children's coloring contest. Forms are available at the counter. Winners are drawn by number, not ability, so anyone has a chance to win.

"It's been delightful to get the kids involved, to see what they come up with," Kovalcik said.

Monthly winners get a bag of bird art and games and candy.

As for the avian art projects, Kovalcik said she hopes the community gains a "greater appreciation for the beauty of birds."

Photos and videos from past painting events are available on the "Wild Birds Unlimited Grosse Pointe Woods" Facebook page.

This month's classes take place 6 to 9 p.m. Fridays, July 15 and 29. Cost is \$35 and includes supplies, food and drinks. For more information, call (313) 881-1410.



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April's class completed paintings of cardinals.

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cards and snacks.
◆ "Friends Like Me," an art program for ages 6 to 12, noon to 1 p.m. every second and fourth Monday of each month, facilitated by Karmanos Cancer Center art therapist Erin Keith.
◆ Touched By Cancer: Family & Friends sup-

port group 6 p.m. Wednesdays.
◆ "Healing Arts: Coloring for Grownups" 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays, excluding the second Thursday of each month. A suggested \$5 materials fee is collected.
◆ Zumba 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Mondays.
For information on any of these programs, call (586) 777-7761.

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association offers a pop-out cards, origami and mobiles class 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, July 19 and 21, at its War Memorial Art Studio, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.
A watercolor workshop takes place 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 23, also at the War Memorial Art Studio. Cost is \$55 for members, \$65 for non-members.
For information, visit grossepointeartcenter.org.

Woods Community Center

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, shows "Bridge of Spies" Tuesday, July 19. Lunch is served at noon, fol-

lowed by the movie. Cost is \$10 for Woods residents, \$12 for non-residents. Call (313) 343-2408.

WCCCD

The Wayne County Community College District's University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods, offers Camp Infinity, for girls entering fifth through eighth grade, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, July 18, to Friday, July 22. Participants study video game design concepts, design their own web pages, learn about robotics and HTML web design and more. The class serves to inspire girls to pursue technology education and careers. Cost is \$75. Visit mcwt.org or call (313) 962-7150.

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Thank you to all of our entries in the Grosse Pointe News Cute Pet Contest. The Winner will be announced in the July 21 issue. The prizes were donated by Grosse Pointe Pet Salon and This N That for Pets.

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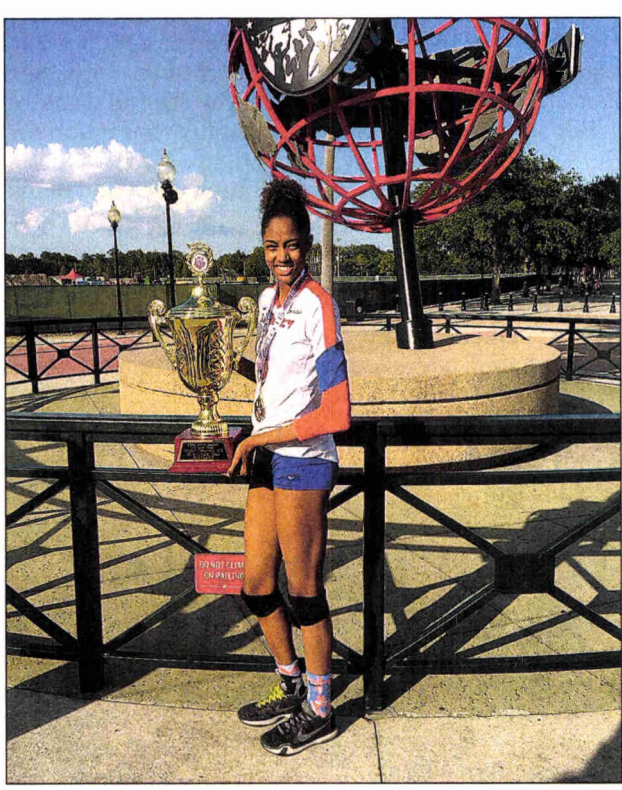


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Sweet run

Grosse Pointe South junior Chandler Duff and her 16U Legacy Volleyball Club Elite teammates finished runner-up in the recent AAU Junior Nationals in Indianapolis. In the finals against A5 16-Gabe, the No. 1 ranked team in the country, Legacy lost the first set 25-22, but rallied to win the second set 25-19 to force a third set. They lost 16-14, despite playing with only eight players as setter Erin O'Leary and defensive specialist Holly Morris did not travel with the team due to injuries. Coaches are Ricky Cottrill, Jen Cottrill, Jessica Mueller and John Kalugar. Duff recently gave a verbal commitment to play her college volleyball at the University of Oregon.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Benson off to Howard

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North graduate Sydney Benson had a goal and that was to be a collegiate track and field runner. After performing in first gear her first two years of high school, Benson put her game in overdrive and the dedication to improve allowed her to earn a track and field scholarship at Howard University in Washington, D.C. "I had a goal to achieve and I did it," Benson said. "It was a lot of hard work and my hard work will even improve as I intend to get faster at Howard," the 17-year-old Benson said. Benson isn't the tallest track and field athlete, standing 5-feet, 2-inches, but she makes up for it with a heart of a champion. She had a stellar senior year, making All-

Conference and All-Region in the 800-meter run with her first-place time of 2:18.73. She qualified for the Division 1 state championship meet and ran a 2:14.75 to take 10th. "I take a lot of pride in running the 800 and it was great to hit the 2:14 mark at the state meet," Benson said. "I intend to lower that in college." Benson also earned All-State in 2014 as a member of the Norsemen's 3,200-meter relay team consisting of Julia Rustmann, Katelyn Carney and Sarah Rustmann. They were sixth with a time of 9:20.62. "I run each race with a plan," Benson said. "I get out fast in the first 150, then hold a pace for 200 meters and then finish fast." Benson ran a 2:13.7 at the recent U.S. Nationals and wants to continue her trend of lowering her



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Recent North graduate Sydney Benson is taking her track and field talents to Howard University in Washington, D.C. time during her freshman year running at Howard under head coach Marc Harrison and assistant coach Karpice Williams. The Bison compete in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference against Coppin State, Delaware State, Hampton, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Morgan State, Norfolk State, Bethune-Cookman, Florida A&M, North See BENSON, page 2C

SAILING

Pointers take aim at Mackinac

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Below is a list of local sailors entered.

Division 1 - Cove Island

Dozens of Grosse Pointers have been preparing for the annual Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race, which starts Saturday, July 16, in Port Huron. Two courses, the Shore Course, which takes sailors along the shoreline of Lake Huron, and the Cove Island Course, which takes participants to the Cove Island Mark before making a left turn to the finish line in Mackinac, offer challenges for all ages.

Dave Simon, Crescent Sail Yacht Club, As You Wish
Steve Nadeau, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Brandilee
Frank Kern, Bayview Yacht Club/Port Huron Yacht Club, Carinthia
Jim and Christa Baubie, Bayview Yacht Club, Chantey
Ed and John Bayer, Detroit Yacht Club, Falcon



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointers, from left, Jeff Clark, Geoff Brieden and Matt Malley, have sailed together 30 years and are preparing the sailboat Scout.

Tim Prophit, Bayview Sail Yacht Club/Edison Yacht Club, Fast Tango
Robert Duker, Crescent Sail Yacht Club, Gail Force
Charles M. Bayer Jr., Bayview Yacht Club, Grizzly
David Shriner, Bayview Yacht Club, Legend
John Burke, Bayview Yacht Club, Manitou
Warwick Smith, Crescent Sail Yacht Club, Mostly Harmless
Ed Vermet and John Hughes, Bayview Yacht Club/Detroit Yacht Club, Nauti Boys
Gregory Thomas and John Trost, Bayview Yacht Club, Pendragon
Michael Fozo and Robin Kendrick, Grosse Pointe Sail Club, Proof
Geoff Brieden and Jeff Clark, Crescent Sail

Yacht Club, Scout William Francis, Bayview Yacht Club/Grosse Pointe Sail Club, Solution
Jack Gillis and Dick Hathaway, Bayview Yacht Club/Mackinac Island Yacht Club, Sundance
Aitken, Schultes and Dumouchelle, Bayview Yacht Club, Titan
Katie Leigh Barbour and J. Sammy Barbour, Bayview Yacht Club, Velerio VII
Curtis Kime, Bayview Yacht Club, Victrix

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Colton Weatherston, Crescent Sail Yacht Club, Weather Edge III
Tom and Melissa White, Bayview Yacht Club, White Water Dragon

Division II - Shore Course

Gordon and Andrew Morlan, Grosse Pointe Sail Club, Avatar
Gary Graham, Bayview Yacht Club, Contender
Spencer Channell, Bayview Yacht Club,

Courage P. Van Tol and B. Vandevusse, Bayview Yacht Club, Eliminator
James Cooper, Grosse Pointe Sail Club, Freedom
Doug Carlson, Lake Shore Sail Club/Grosse Pointe Sail Club, FreeWay
Robert Wood, Crescent Sail Yacht Club, Glory
Larry Petersen, Great Lakes Singlehanded Society, Jeanne Ann
Jon Shefferly, Dan Hedges and Brian Shenstone, Bayview Yacht Club, Legacy
Matthew Wenzler, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Paki Numu

Eric Slack and Matt Sealy, Port Huron Yacht Club, Passinthu
Daniel Padilla, Bayview Yacht Club, Regardless
Brian Geraghty, Bayview Yacht Club, Siochail
Joseph Kar, Bayview Yacht Club, Slainte
Cameron Lawrence, Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club, Spirit
Randy Semmler, Bayview Yacht Club/Lake Shore Sail Club, Stella Maris
Don Lang, Bayview Yacht Club, Tar Baby
Hanson Bratton, Bayview Yacht Club, TAZ
Rob Bunn, Bayview Yacht Club, Wind Toy IV

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Carolina Agriculture and Technical State, North Carolina Central, Savannah State and South Carolina State.

Both of Benson's parents, mother, Katrina, and father, Rodney, ran track at Michigan State University. Several of Benson's relatives also attended MSU, but she wanted no part of staying close to home.

"I really wanted to go away and experience that part of my life in college," Benson said. "I've been away a couple of times and this is just

another one of those times away from home. I understand it's a lot longer than a week or two, but this is what I've worked hard at North to do," Benson said.

Benson was recruited by Loyola, Syracuse and Wayne State University, as well as Howard.

She said her visit to Howard was the perfect choice after making visits to the other colleges.

Benson ran track and field under head coach Bruce Bentley at North, as well as cross-country her freshman and senior years under head coach Scott Cooper.

She pushed herself to improve and persevered to the point where she

earned the athletic scholarship. She has been on a couple of AAU track teams, New Breed and recently Motor City.

She also leans on the support of local coach Charles Pickett for her track tips. Benson looks up to track star Alysia Montano, who is one of the nations top middle-distance runners.

She moves into her dorm the second week of August in preparation for Howard University's freshmen week and plans on majoring in marketing.

Benson also worked hard in the classroom, finishing high school with a 3.63 grade point average.

BASEBALL

Register for tryouts

The Grosse Pointe Redbirds Baseball Organization has scheduled tryouts for its 13- and 14-year-old age groups Saturday, July 30, at Grosse Pointe South.

The 13s will try out at 9 a.m., with the 14s immediately after at 11 a.m.

The Redbirds, founded by late Detroit Tiger Dave Bergman, stress teaching life skills while providing the best possible baseball learning experience. Both the 13- and 14 year-old teams will play in the Macomb Amateur Baseball Federation's A-Division, as well as participate in tournament play

throughout the season.

The 13-year-old team is managed by Tom Breutsch and Steve Tengler. The 14-year-olds are led by former South standout, University of Michigan All-Big Ten 3rd baseman, and Cleveland Indians farm hand, Adam Abraham. He will be assisted by his teammate at Michigan, Mike Powers, also a standout pitcher for the Wolverines.

Players should bring their own equipment, including catching gear, and report to South's diamond in proper baseball attire and have a parent present. They will

be evaluated by their respective coaches, as well as other Redbird staff and Director of Baseball Operations Dan Griesbaum.

If you have any questions, contact Griesbaum at 313-347-3672.

Showcase

The Michigan Baseball Showcase is Aug. 3 and 4 at Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools. This showcase gives high school players an opportunity to display their skills in front of college coaches.

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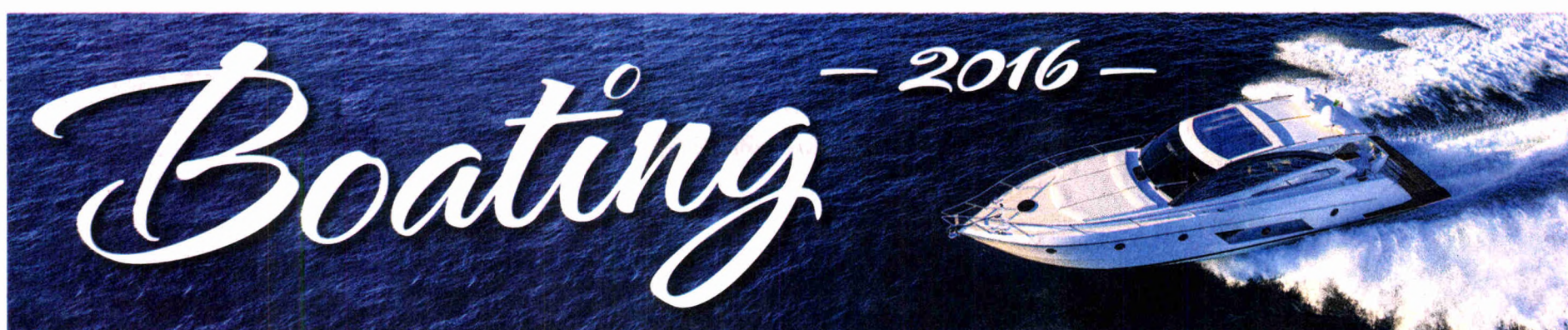
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Freedom Boat Club offers great times

By Joe Warner
Editor

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Freedom Boat Club started in 1989 in Sarasota, Fla. and is the largest boat club in the United States. Members have access to a fleet of deck boats, pontoons, cruisers, fishing boats, sailboats and bowriders. All the boats are in new and like new condition and a perfect opportunity to be on the water with family, friends or clients. Pets are also welcome on the boats owned by Freedom Boat Club.

Memberships include a one-time entry of \$5,500, followed by a monthly rate of \$249. There is no contract, only a 60-day notice to end the service. Members have unlimited access to the home fleet of boats, with reservations made on the company's website. All memberships

include professional on-the-water training to help boaters become safe, confident and educated about the boat and day trips. The only costs beyond membership is for the fuel used on the trips.

Franchise owner Steven Dobreff operates from Hideaway Harbor Marina in Harrison Township.

He said Freedom Boat Club is perfect for those who travel and enjoy the short boating season in Michigan and want to continue it into the winter months.

"In Florida, there are 45 locations to choose from," Dobreff said. "Tampa alone has 14 with 140 boats. If you want to boat on Lake St. Clair in the summer and then head

south in the winter, this program works for so many people."

Dobreff, an owner and member, said he has personally enjoyed boating from 26 of the company's locations.

"It's really amazing because they're all different," he said "We have had a lot of support from politicians, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce and marinas along Lake St. Clair. We're bringing boaters on to the water. It's an exciting way to do it."

The boats are rotated out every three years and the club now boasts more than 12,000 members and 1,100 boats at 110 marinas.

"We increase the fleet as membership grows

and our members expect new or like new, quality boats," he said. "Last year our company spent \$13 million on boats. This year will be \$16 million."

Dobreff said the boat club isn't for boaters who want to go out and spend a week on the boat.

"Boats can be expensive to maintain and store and we take that problem away," Dobreff said. "This fits for a lot of people on the go, especially families that have travel sports or can't give a time commitment to owning a boat. And for us here, it's an inexpensive way to enjoy a wonderful jewel we have in the Grosse Pointes. Many come out here and have never experienced the beauty of Lake St. Clair."

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"Our members love the club and we continue to grow, offering more and more opportunities."

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Defer girls benefit from collaboration

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

The partnership was a natural outgrowth of two organizations whose missions blended well together. The American Association of University Women Grosse Pointe branch, galvanized by a national movement from AAUW headquarters in Washington, D.C., sought ways to bring science, technology, engineering and math to girls in Grosse Pointe. The Robot Garage on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park, a maker space teaching engineering and robotics to children in pre-K to grade 12, seeks “to create an ‘aha’ moment every day for every guest and to inspire the innovators of tomorrow with fun, hands-on engineering experiences,” according to its website.

“(The AAUW) approached us and wanted to know what we could do with girls,” said Katie Livingstone, manager at The Robot Garage. This led to a collaboration between co-owner Sarah Jacobs and AAUW local chapter co-presidents Carolyn Barth and Sandy Stanley.

The short-term answer was to sponsor a number of girls to attend The Robot Garage’s week-long Robot



Discovery Camp July 11 to 15, said Barth.

The next step was to find a group of girls who would benefit from the experience. Discussions with Keith Howell, director of pre-K and elementary instruction, led to

Principal Karen Sullivan at Defer Elementary School. Sullivan had been working with a group of fourth- and fifth-grade girls during lunch hour from January through May.

“She called them her

‘engineering girls,’” Livingstone said.

The AAUW and The Robot Garage offered full scholarships for the \$385 cost of the camp to 10 rising fifth-graders. Nine girls attended.

“We raised the money

Competing with their EV3 robots are, from left, Kate Ozar, Hanley DeSmyter, Kloie Roy, Natalie Lemmen, Lauren Lemmen, Mary-Jane Ware, Allison Novak, Lily Chapman and Millie Robarge. Below, the girls show off bridges they built using plastic straws and tape.

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in a couple of months from our book sale (proceeds) and private donations,” Barth said. “AAUW members need to know they were part of the success.”

“We’re building this love for robotics,” Livingstone said. “Through the camp they’ll learn a lot of things they need to know to compete on a robotics team.” She added the goal was to combat stereotypes of females not being into engineering. “That has changed, but there is still a shortage,” she said.

“Our collaboration is to continue to mentor the girls, give them a space to work and provide everything they would need to be successful,” she continued. The hope is to form a team to compete in the First LEGO League and train coaches to prepare the girls for competitions.

Robot Discovery Camp provided a good start. Each day held different challenges, from building a spaghetti tower to programming a robot to choose a trajectory while

shooting pingpong balls. Students learned fundamentals of robotics, beginning day one with building and programming a MINDSTORM EV3 manufactured by LEGO.

“I’m enjoying getting the experience of building robots,” said Lily Chapman.

“My brother could help me because he’s like a robotics nerd,” said Mary-Jane Ware.

Hanley DeSmyter agreed to attend the camp because she “thought it would be really fun to one, visit with my old friends and two, to learn about engineering more.”

Plans for the first year of a five-year collaborative vision include sponsoring a number of girls for a six-week robotics workshop, identifying female engineers to act as mentors and seeking additional sources of funding.

“I think it’s an absolutely wonderful opportunity and I’m looking forward to seeing where we go with it,” said Sullivan.



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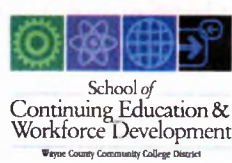
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Board of education swears in new member

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Kathleen Abke, appointed to the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education in a 6-0 vote Wednesday, July 6, was sworn in Monday, July 11. Abke replaces the vacancy created by Trustee Lois Valente's resignation prior to the end of her term, Dec. 31. A long-term replacement determined by the results of the Nov. 6 election will fill the seat beginning Jan. 1, 2017.

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe moderated panel-style interviews with 21 candidates Wednesday, June 29. President Judy Gafa asked each board member to bring a list of top five choices to the July 6 meeting for discussion and a vote.

Following a brief discussion of the top three candidates — Abke, George McMullen and LaShanda Thomas — Ismail made a motion to nominate Abke, seconded by Roeske. A roll-call vote resulted in the unanimous decision.

"I'm very happy that it was a unanimous decision," Roeske said. "I think that speaks to the process ... Mrs. Gafa shepherded us through and the transparency of that process. If you believe in the



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Kathleen Abke was appointed to the Board of Education July 6.

process, the results will be the ones that they should be."

Roeske said a similar process was used to appoint Summerfield when Brendan Walsh resigned from the board. Further evidence of the transparency of the process, according to Roeske, was the fact information on all applicants was available online, interviews were conducted in one night by a moderator, questions from board members were submitted directly to the moderator and no candidate saw any of the questions in advance.

Roeske said Abke "came prepared, knew the issues and was able to articulate those issues."

"I was looking for somebody who would most represent like Lois," Gafa said. "Lois did a good job of balancing out the board I thought with (Abke's) interests and background she would be the best fit."

"Kathy was the right way to go. We wanted the board to work together," she continued.

While Gafa knew Abke as a fellow Mason Elementary School parent, she said she would not have supported her if she did not think she was qualified, citing her service to the community as

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Mason's PTO president, selection for the Distinguished Volunteer Award in 2014, committee work in the district and attention to school board issues over the years as what distinguished her as a candidate.

"She was really thoughtful about her answers," Gafa said. "She didn't have a knee-jerk answer She researched. She went on the MASB (Michigan Association of School Boards) website to exactly understand what a school board member's role is. I thought that was a good indication of a really good board member."

"I have worked with Kathy and she does work well with everyone," Gafa continued. "She's not so stuck in her ways or so certain of her opinions that she won't listen to every opinion and then make her decision ... She's really a great person — a great human being."

Abke is a licensed professional counselor with experience as a practicum supervisor and counseling supervisor at Oakland University, at two not-for-profit crisis agencies and as violence prevention coordinator

in the Pontiac School District. She currently is at home with her children and said timing helped drive her decision to apply for the position. Her sons, Brett and Cole, will enter ninth grade at Grosse Pointe North High School and sixth grade at Parcels Middle School, respectively.

"The timing was right," she said. "I think it's a tremendous job. The scope of it is immense. My children were young and I put in a lot of time volunteering at Mason. Before now, I never considered it. I recognize how big this job is. This is a huge task and a huge service for the schools and for the community."

Abke said she believes the two biggest issues facing the district are upgrading technology along with the infrastructure necessary to make new technology possible and increasing fund equity.

"The fund equity has been on the rise and continues to rise, but we need to get that back to 10 percent," she said. "We're headed in the right direction, but that is something we can't take our eyes off of."

For the six-month appointment, she hopes to "continue to support the positive track we're on." She already has met with Superintendent Gary Niehaus and North Principal Kate Murray in preparing for her new role, with other meetings with key constituents scheduled.

With four seats up for reelection, Abke plans to run in November. Several candidates indicated during the interview process their intention to run as well. McMullen and Christopher Profeta filed as of press time. Incumbents Gafa and Pangborn also filed to run. Roeske, whose four-year term was extended one year, declined to declare whether he plans to run for another term. The filing deadline is Tuesday, July 26.

While she helped high school classmate Valente with her own school board election, Abke said the last time she herself participated in an election was when she ran for a National Honor Society position in high school.

"I didn't win and it kind of broke my heart," she said. "I'm hoping I have more life experience and perspective now."

Abke said she has the support of "a lot of great people who have offered to help, which I'm so grateful for It would be nice if these six months could be my learning curve and if I'm elected ... I can start January with my feet under me."

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The City of Grosse Pointe Park will be conducting the 2016 July Board of Review and will convene in the City Hall at 15115 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

July 19, 2016 @ 9:00 AM

This is a correction Board of Review and will cover all clerical errors and mutual mistakes of fact during the meeting.

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Geerer is among 21 teachers from around the state attending a number of intensive summer workshops to help develop a radically new middle school science curriculum. The Mi-STAR curriculum emphasizes teaching students to learn science by thinking and acting like scientists

and engineers while investigating phenomena and developing solutions to real-world problems.

At the workshops, teachers work side by side with scientists, engineers and curriculum development specialists at three universities: Michigan Technological, Saginaw Valley State and Grand Valley State. Together, teachers deepen their understanding of how to teach science through doing science, as called for by the new Michigan Science Standards. Geerer is becoming a statewide leader in advancing this new approach to science education.

“The teachers play a vital role,” said Michigan Tech Provost Jacqueline Huntoon, lead investigator on the Mi-STAR Project. “Their input is essential to Mi-STAR’s twin goals: enhancing students’ engagement in science and giving all students the critical-thinking skills they will need to be effective citizens.”

Led by Michigan Tech, the Mi-STAR consortium includes seven Michigan public universities and nine K-12 districts throughout the state. It is funded by a \$5 million grant from the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation.

Liggett names Shammass Memorial Scholarship recipient

Rising sixth-grader Summer Orłowski of Macomb Township is the 2016-17 recipient of the Nicole Marie Shammass Memorial Scholarship at University Liggett School.

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This is the 30th anniversary of the scholarship, part of the school’s endowment program, made possible by a gift from the Shammass family of Grosse Pointe Woods and others who knew Nicole Shammass, who passed away while in middle school.

Orłowski, an artist and performer, begins at Liggett this fall.

“This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Nicole Marie Shammass Memorial Scholarship, which has helped to provide a Liggett education to many middle school students over the years,” said Kelley Hamilton, associate head of school for advancement. “We are thankful for the generosity of the Shammass family and others who knew Nicole. With this scholarship, Nicole is remembered throughout the Liggett community and especially in our middle school.”

Liggett Middle School’s other Shammass Scholarship recipients include eighth-grader Harisen Davis and seventh-grader Kendall Spivey.



PHOTO COURTESY OF LIGGETT
New Liggett student Summer Orłowski received the Nicole Marie Shammass Memorial Scholarship.

Residency verification due Aug. 1

The Grosse Pointe Public School System requires families of new students and sixth- and ninth-graders transitioning in the fall to middle and high school, respectively, to verify residency by Monday, Aug. 1. Families who have already verified their address this school year due to an address change are exempt from this process.

The office of residency and enrollment, 389 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe, is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday.

Working parents

unable to come during those hours should call (313) 432-3083 to make an appointment, said Superintendent Gary Niehaus.

Residents must present a driver’s license or state ID showing a current address in the district; two bills (i.e., bank statement, utility, cable, renters/homeowners’ insurance, credit card, cell phone or car registration); and proof of car insurance with address.

Homeowners must present one of the following:

- ◆ a closing statement (if less than 12 months old),

- ◆ a current property tax bill or
- ◆ a current mortgage statement.

Renters must show one of the following:

- ◆ a current lease with expiration or
- ◆ a notarized landlord affidavit.

Residents are encouraged to complete the residency verification process as soon as possible.

“We can get lines in the residency office,” said Jon Dean, deputy superintendent of educational services.

Students whose residency is not verified will not receive their class lists.

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Trombly greenhouse project underway

The efforts of Trombly Elementary School's PTO have come to fruition with the construction of a new greenhouse planned over the summer. The volunteer group led an effort to restore the greenhouse, with nearly 40 percent of the cost of the project funded through private donations, according to PTO President Michele Lindsey.

The greenhouse was built in 1927, the same

year as the school building, and was a unique feature of the school. Demolition occurred early July with reconstruction to be completed by the start of the 2016-17 school year.

"All of the families that I have spoken to are so excited to see the project underway," said Lindsey. "It's very fulfilling to drive by and see the progress each day."

—Mary Anne Brush



The Trombly greenhouse, built in 1927, the same year as the school building, was in dire need of restoration.



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Demolition of the Trombly greenhouse occurred early July. Completion of the project is slated by the start of the school year.

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