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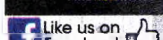
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Moving history forward

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The white cotton gloves with which Isabelle Donnelly handles paper artifacts at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society resource center symbolize her respect for the innocence of the last known written thoughts by a Grosse Pointer killed in the Japanese attack on

Pearl Harbor. “He’s just a kid,” said Donnelly, wistful and smiling about the five-sentence letter Ens. Ben March of the USS Arizona posted to a hometown friend at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, 1941: “This is a swell place, if there were only more women Say hello to your folks and also any of the lads.”

In less than two weeks, Marsh was dead, his body never found in the blown-up battleship whose remembrance became a war cry for all-out victory. “It’s so darling — ‘Say hello to the lads,’” said Donnelly, reading the letter for the nth time in her 7 1/2 years as the society’s director of education and collections manager.

“This is what people entrust to us and we covet it,” she said. “It’s an honor to take care of these.” The society has acquired so many things to care for during its 71 years that the resource center, in commercial space rented at the corner of Kercheval and Lakeview in Grosse



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

A document entrusted to her care brings history home to Isabelle Donnelly, the Grosse Pointe Historical Society’s director of education and collections manager.

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Fall Fest

Grosse Pointe Woods had its annual Fall Fest Saturday, Sept. 17, and the clouds cleared in time for the festivities. Hot dogs, brats, chips, corn on the cob and beverages were offered for attendees and Paul Carey’s Rhythm and Blues Krewe entertained the crowd.



Fifteen-month-old Dylan Scott eats a piece of corn on the cob.



Face painting was offered for kids and many took advantage, getting their faces painted with spiderwebs, dolphins and butterflies. Abby Abraham, Chloe Power and Addie Lovel decided to go a different route and asked for mustaches, goatees and “unibrows.”



Luke Vandjelovic was all smiles as he ate a hot dog at Fall Fest.

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RENEE LANDUYT

Assessing services examined

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The city council is expected to vote next month on transitioning the city’s assessing duties to a private company that serves several other Wayne County communities.

City Assessor Tom Colombo announced he will retire the end of October. That prompted discussion as to whether the city should keep an assessor on staff or follow the lead of several other municipalities and contract the assessing duties to WCA Assessing, a private company based in Westland.

City Administrator Bruce Smith said with

Colombo’s departure and a new city treasurer coming in, it may be time for the city to examine how other cities handle their assessing duties.

“With both leaving, it provides a time for a clean break,” Smith said. “This is the perfect time to explore other options.”

WCA Assessing serves 26 cities in the state, 21 within Wayne County, including the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Park.

“For 34 years we have provided a complete range of assessment services to local governments,” WCA representative Aaron Powers told the city council at Monday’s

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Check-in time for a hotel? Part II

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The more things change

A rebounding economy and revitalized downtown are luring hotel developers.

“I have been approached by two separate locally-based developers interested in developing a hotel in the

Village,” said Peter Dame, manager of the City of Grosse Pointe.

The overtures resurrect a vibe at city hall that hasn’t been felt since the Grosse Pointe News chronicled “Check-in time for a Village hotel?” on page 1, May 1, 2008.

That pre-recession account from eight years ago, about the start of a six-month market feasibility study

for a five-story boutique hotel, was tempered in “Delayed check in,” Sept. 24, 2009, and, finally, dashed when interest by a Grand Rapids hotel builder withdrew into a receding economy.

“I was mayor when we had (the hotel) ready to roll,” said Mayor Dale Scrace.

“That was before the economic collapse,” said Dame, hired 10

years ago partly due to shepherding growth in a suburban Chicago commercial district.

Councilman John Stempfle also was in office when plans for a hotel, condominiums with ground-floor retail space, a parking structure and senior living facility crashed with the economy.

“This is a golden opportunity,” Stempfle said of this week’s prop-

ositions. “Timing is everything. Let’s go for it.”

Dame declined to identify the two developers, but confirmed they’re based in the Grosse Pointes.

Get it in writing

Municipal officials responded to the queries by instructing Dame to coordinate with the Downtown Development Authority on draft-

ing a request for written proposals for construction of a hotel and parking structure on municipal parking Lot 2, located north of Kercheval off Notre Dame.

The request also may invite transformation of Lot 3, also north of Kercheval but facing Notre Dame, into residential and retail space.

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Robert Barlow

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods native
Age: 31
Summited the 100 highest mountain peaks in Colorado to raise funds for the American Lung Association



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Trying to secure Santa's float

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — The Santa parade floats could be sailing away.

They're financially derelict and subject to salvage by the highest bidder.

John Stevens, a founder of the nonprofit, all-volunteer Friends of the Grosse Pointe Parade that in 2006 provided the first of many floats to the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, said the membership is "getting up in years" and seeks others to take the tiller.

The Friends issued a Friday, Sept. 23, deadline for offers to buy the main float, a 38-foot, self-propelled, full-scale representation of Rudolph, an aircraft navigation light for a shiny red nose, and eight other reindeer hauling Santa's sleigh over the Grosse Pointe landscape.

The (Friends) is primarily interested in identifying a successor organization to take on ownership and responsibilities of managing the sleigh," according to a request for proposal issued Aug. 30. "If a successor is not identified through the RFP process, it is most likely the sleigh will be sold at auction or other public sale."

Thousands line Kercheval the day after Thanksgiving watching the parade through the Hill and Village.

Jennifer Boettcher

intends to keep the float part of the tradition as executive director of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, in its fourth year sponsoring the parade through its philanthropic arm, the Chamber Foundation.

The chamber scrambled together a fundraising drive to support the cause.

"In all actuality, the community owns the parade indirectly because they're the ones who donate funds to support the parade," Boettcher said.

The Friends followed up the Santa Claus float in subsequent years with a Toys For Tots train, White Christmas carriage and more.

"We spent in excess of \$100,000 to build these floats, \$75,000 for the sleigh and \$25,000 for the train," said Stevens, a former City of Grosse Pointe councilman now living most of the year in Florida.

"Proposals will be evaluated on a variety of factors, including... whether the (purchase) proposal includes the sleigh only, or one or both of the other floats as well; and whether the (buying) organization would make an ongoing commitment to operating the sleigh in the annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade," according to the Friend's RFP.

"Our legal advisor said if there's no response, we have to liquidate," Stevens said. "I hate the

thought of that."

"We'd love to keep these floats in Grosse Pointe and not lose them to another city," said Martin West, a Farms councilman. "A couple cities have made bids for them, Grand Rapids and Mount Clemens."

Stevens said he can't discuss the offers.

"Maybe it will wake up the Grosse Pointes, I don't know," said Stevens, not his normally jolly self when discussing preparations for the Santa parade. "We love this thing and did it really well for kids. If we have any disappointment at all, we see very few younger supporters. The fundamental thing is we're giving people the opportunity to put their act together."

"We're a group of volunteers who served well for 10 years, but we can't do it anymore and want to turn it over to someone in the community," said Dick Ruzzin, designer of the sleigh and a founding Friends member from Grosse Pointe Park. "We have no plans to participate in the parade this year with floats."

This year's parade is the 41st.

"Nobody was going to continue the tradition of running the parade, so the chamber stepped up to the plate," said Boettcher of chamber sponsorship. "Now, we're responding to the RFP. Hopefully they'll consider us and it will all work out."



Raising funds for renovations

The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation had its annual event Sept. 8, raising money for renovations at the Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park. More than 130 people attended and raised \$75,000. The event took place at the Junior League of Detroit's 2016 Showhouse on Windmill Pointe and was hosted by Richard and Jane Manoogian.



John and Colleen Tompkins dance to Frank Sinatra.



Nora Kachaturoff enjoys conversation with Fred Zosel on the canopy chair.

Nicole Gize gets a Tarot card reading from Pamela Hill Taylor. Readings were one of the activities offered at the event.



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RENEE LANDUYT

Trump leader speaks to Republican group

John Stempfle, chairman of the Eastside Republican Club political action committee, announced Scott Hagerstrom, Michigan campaign director for Donald Trump, as guest speaker for the PAC's annual fundraiser to benefit local candidates.

The dinner event begins 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Stempfle, a Grosse Pointe attorney, invited local supporters to attend.

"With a little over six weeks to go before the general election, I encourage all local Republicans to get Scott Hagerstrom's firsthand report on the campaign," Stempfle said in a statement.

Hagerstrom is a Michigan attorney and political consultant. He recently served as grassroots and strategic engagement director for the coalition that successfully defeated Michigan's biggest proposed tax increase in 50 years, including a hike in state gas tax and sales tax to fund new roads and unrelated projects. Michigan voters rejected the proposal with more than 80 percent voting no in May 2015.

A lifelong Michigan resident, Hagerstrom also has worked in the Michigan House of Representatives and as director of Americans for Prosperity-Michigan.

Formally known as The Thomas R. McCleary Jr. Eastside Republican

Club Political Action Committee, the PAC is named in memory of one of the ERC's original members, Tom McCleary, who also served as PAC director.

In addition to Stempfle, PAC committee members include John Chouinard, Carol Hackleman, Lita M. McKeenhan, Jeffrey Neilson, Mike Nolan, Joe Ricci, Richard Shetler, Linda R. Solterisch and Joe Sucher.

Tickets for the dinner event are \$50 per person. According to Stempfle, proceeds will be used to support local candidates during the 2016 general election.

"It's open to the public, but because seating is limited," Stempfle said, "reservations are required."

For reservations or information, call Stempfle at (313) 657-3258.

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Flood investigation nears high water mark

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — More than 200 homeowners aren't alone with high clean-up costs from summer's sewer backup and basement flooding. City of Grosse Pointe officials this week approved a \$6,936 contract with M.J. White & Sons, of Novi, to pressure wash subbasements of the Neff Road pump station, site of electrical problems that crippled three critical sewage pumps during a 2 1/2-inch rainstorm a few hours before sunup

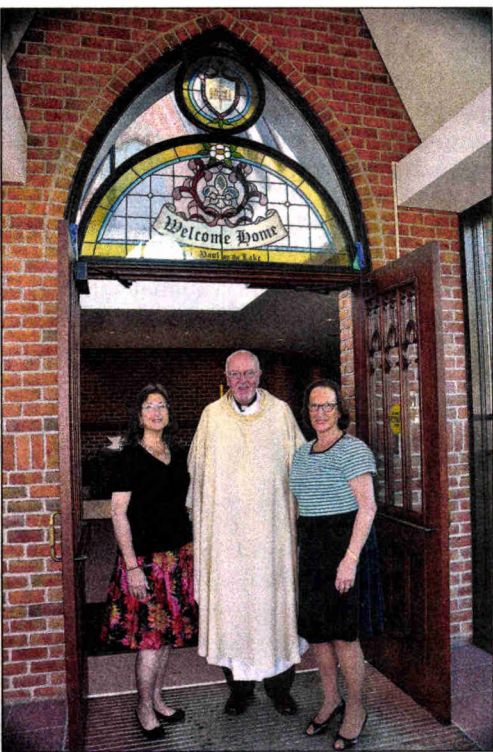
Tuesday, Aug. 21. "Lower levels of (the) station need to be sanitized and cleaned due to the backup," said Gary Huvaere, public service director. Although consulting engineers discovered evidence of a power outage and an overheated control panel within hours of the pump failures, a thorough report is due for presentation to the public in mid to late October, according to Peter Dame, city manager. Among residents intending to be at the presentation is flood victim Michael Marks, an

engineer savvy about sewer systems. "Hopefully, we can dive into the issues that occurred," he said. "It impacted quite a large number of residents." "Our focus is trying to piece together the sequence of what happened — and why — and what we can do to prevent it from happening," Dame told about a dozen homeowners attending the Monday, Sept. 19, city council meeting. "We want to get this report ready (and) have all the answers when you ask them." "I'm sorry it happened and hope we have

answers shortly," said Councilman John Stempfle. "When our consultants and staff present (their findings), they're going to have done everything to try to figure out what went wrong," said Mayor Dale Scrase. **Station work** Marks suspects unfinished installation of an underground meter at the pump station, which began about one month prior to flooding by order of the Great Lakes Water Authority, had something to do with the malfunction.

"It would be interesting to see exactly the roles and responsibility of the Authority, what exactly is happening with the pump station," Marks said. "It seems strange that this happened during a time when construction was happening at the pump station." The council also approved spending \$36,700 to install a new, 48-inch diameter backflow gate on the discharge pipe of pump No. 7, the station's largest and the one breaking down during the storm due to an overheated control panel.

"The gate will prevent water from flowing backwards into the discharge piping from pump No. 7 when the pump is not running," Stephen Pangori, executive vice president of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick consulting engineers, wrote Dame Sept. 9. **Insurance claims** Property owners have 45 days from the flooding to submit insurance claims to the city. "When the period for accepting claims is over, we forward claims to the city's insurance company," Dame said.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT
Artist Ann Baxter, Monsignor Patrick Halfpenny and Sue Davies, Altar Society president.



Ann Baxter said it took her a month to make the stained glass window and a couple months to get the design ready and approved, a design Baxter hand drew and made without the use of a computer. "There are 155 pieces of glass in the bottom of the window and about 45 in the top part. The window was hand-painted and fired in my kiln at home."

Dedication

Thursday, Sept. 15, the St. Paul on the Lake Altar Society presented a newly designed stained glass window to the parish. The unveiling was preceded by Mass, following which the window was blessed by Monsignor Patrick Halfpenny, St. Paul's pastor. The gift commemorates 135 years of continuous ministry by the Altar Society. The window, which includes the message "Welcome home," was designed and created by local glass artist Ann Baxter.

Public safety open house planned

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — For all those little ones out there who want to grow up to be firefighters, the Woods fire station is the place to be Sunday, Oct. 2, as public safety officers welcome all to their annual open house. The event runs from noon to 3 p.m. There is no charge.

The open house is both fun and informative. Children learn valuable lessons from demonstrations in the Smokehouse and public safety officers also offer fingerprinting for children and car seat safety inspections. "We will have a certified car seat inspector checking car seats and giving advice to parents," said John Kosanke, director of public safety. "We encourage everyone with

a car seat to have it inspected." While the little ones get up close to the fire trucks and firefighting equipment, adults get information on smoke detectors and advice on how to stay safe at home and away. Woods public safety officers also are involved in the newest Fire Prevention Week initiative, "Don't Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke

Alarms Every 10 Years." The three-year campaign focuses on educating the public on the need to replace smoke alarms every 10 years. Public safety officers will be on hand to answer questions regarding smoke alarms. "This is just a fun way for the community to meet our officers and see what all it is we do here," Kosanke said. "We're looking forward to meeting everyone."

Good deal on dump truck

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Optional equipment for a public works dump truck is less opulent than for a luxury sedan. No selectable cabin fragrance, as with the 2014 Mercedes Benz S550, nor starlight headliner in the Rolls-Royce Phantom. Instead, a 2017 M2 106 Freightliner with add-on dump body, road salt spreader and snow plow is what City of Grosse Pointe officials consider stylin'. "City staff researched new dump truck manufacturers and concluded the Freightliner would be the most suitable replacement for the

aging 2000 Ford dump and salt truck that has exceeded its useful life," said Gary Huvaere, public services director. "The new truck will serve as a plow truck, salt truck and haul truck for street and water services." The cab and chassis cost \$79,572 from low-bidder, the Rochester Hills Purchasing Co-op. A \$61,494 bid for options was rejected. "Instead, the city was able to negotiate a better deal with Schultz Equipment (Ithaca, Mich.) in the amount of \$43,988," Huvaere said. The total purchase price of \$123,560 is \$56,440 less than the \$180,000 budgeted.

The Week Ahead

- SATURDAY, SEPT. 24**
◆ 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Kercheval in the Park, final Saturday for the Park Market.
- MONDAY, SEPT. 26**
◆ 5 to 9 p.m. on Kercheval in the Park, St. Ambrose Oysterfest.

Farms police dog corners suspect

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Duke the police dog hopped to it in pursuit of a man trying to escape arrest for drug possession, according to police. "Duke's almost taken on a mind of his own lately," said Detective Lt. Richard Rosati of the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department. The dog and handler Officer Tim Harris tracked the suspect shortly after 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, from a traffic stop on Mack at Moross to a house in the 4900 block of Hillcrest in Detroit behind Comerica Bank on Mack. "When Tim brought him to where (the suspect) was seen going over a wall in the parking lot behind Comerica, Duke sniffed, put his paws on the wall, looked back at Tim as though saying, 'I got this,' and without a command jumped over," said Rosati, on scene. Officers cornered the suspect in a garage. "(He) came out (a win-

dow) after Harris issued a warning Duke would be sent in," said Officer Paul Reygaert. The suspect, a 24-year-old Detroit man, was arrested for improper transport of 1.21 ounces of marijuana and possession of dangerous drugs in the form of three bottles containing a combined 1 ounce of suspected codeine cough syrup without a prescription. He was issued a \$500 interim bond while the case is on hold until a crime lab analyzes the cough syrup. "Prosecutors wouldn't authorize charges until they know for sure if the cough syrup has codeine in it," Rosati said. The suspect had been the passenger in a car driven by a 24-year-old female. A patrolman pulled her over because the car had a defective brake light. Officers arrested her for violating 10 driving suspensions and possession of a forged auto insurance certificate from an agency in North Carolina. "The certificate is an

obvious forgery," said Officer Christopher Muklewicz. "It is printed on copy paper." She's also wanted in Detroit for assault and

battery and in Southfield for animal cruelty, according to arresting officers. "She became loud and unhappy with the arrest," Muklewicz said.

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Reaching new heights

Woods native raises money with mountain climbing challenge

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

It took 70 days, six hours and 36 minutes for Robert Barlow to make history.

The 31-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods native set out to summit the highest 100 mountain peaks in Colorado and did just that, becoming the first person to accomplish the feat without driving a car.

Barlow's self-powered journey was accomplished with a support team. Following strict rules, he biked, hiked and climbed from southeast to northeast Colorado, "as far west as 40 miles from the Utah border," he said.

The journey had to be 100 percent self-powered, so he could not use a car, though his team did, carrying rope, gear and other equipment for Barlow. He had to do his



own routing without help from the team, which was allowed to move his bike from one location to the next if Barlow was hiking or climbing. He also was required to wear a global-positioning unit. "It was 2,055.6 miles, an average of 29.25 miles per day for 70 days," he said. "In terms of what it's like, there is 41 per-

cent less oxygen at 14,000 feet, so the body is working essentially on overdrive. I ate 6,000 to 8,000 calories per day. Humans don't belong at above treeline." Barlow said there were risks to his journey, including lightning strikes, falling rocks, climbing accidents, altitude sickness, hypother-



Right, Rob Barlow perches on Capitol Peak, which he summited Aug. 11. Far right, Barlow summited Snowmass Mountain Aug. 9.

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mia, dehydration and wildlife, namely bear, moose and mountain lion.

One may wonder what inspired the 2004 Grosse Pointe North High School graduate to take on such a challenge.

"I have pretty severe asthma," he said. "I thought this was a good way to raise money for the American Lung Association. Plus I've always liked challenges. I thought this would be a good way of challenging myself."

Barlow, who's been

climbing regularly since 2010, said as a child, his asthma was so severe he wasn't allowed to go to sleepovers, "because my parents were afraid of what might happen."

His goal for reaching the summits was to raise \$10,000 for the ALA. He's raised more than half, but hopes his hometown will show support, too.

After graduation Barlow attended Northwestern University in Chicago before moving to Colorado for law school, but his parents and grandmother still

live in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"It's still open," he said of his donation page, which can be found at 1700mountainmiles.com. "It links to the American Lung Association's Champ Camp page. It's a camp to teach kids with asthma and other lung diseases ways to reduce the risk of an attack and live a healthy lifestyle. I didn't have that as a kid and obviously I feel strongly about it. It's a great way to teach kids in the community not to be afraid of what they have."

Shores funds unfunded water study

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — A bane of being at the bottom of the governmental food chain is sometimes having to pick up the tabs of higher-ranking bureaucrats.

For Grosse Pointe Shores, this means paying for an engineering study of its drinking water system required by state officials with reputations scuttled by Flint's water becoming contaminated with lead.

"With the advent of Flint, there's a heightened sense of awareness," said Jesse VanDeCreek, a principal at Hubbell, Roth & Clark, the Shores' consulting engineers.

Shores officials this month approved paying the firm up to \$20,000 for a reliability study of the

municipal water grid. "That's being mandated by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality," said Brian Renaud, city attorney.

Requirements date to the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act of 1960, which targeted suppliers of drinking water, according to VanDeCreek.

The act was extended in 2009 to communities distributing water to at least 1,000 residents.

The Shores must thereby comply with the same requirements of large cities by providing a:

- ◆ reliability study of the system,
- ◆ five- to 20-year capital improvement plan and
- ◆ general plan of the system.

"Unfortunately, this is an unfunded mandate,"

VanDeCreek said.

"There's a little more push at this time, based on the situation in Flint, to make sure there's not other issues throughout the state," said Tom Biehl, vice president of HRC.

"Part of the work has already been done," said Mark Wollenweber, Shores manager, referring to preliminary modeling during a feasibility study five years ago about switching water suppliers from Detroit to Grosse Pointe Farms.

Shores officials chose to stay with Detroit.

The forthcoming study is a computer model calibrated to field observations and measurements.

"Key components are developing a general layout of the system, the rated capacity of the system and inventorying water mains by size, material, age and service life," VanDeCreek said.

A "considerable" amount of data is on file, he said.

"Probably the most complex part of it that we haven't done comprehensively yet is creating the hydraulic analysis of the water system," VanDeCreek said. "The key is to identify areas of pressure, flow, average peak and maximum day

conditions to make sure we maintain flow and pressure to residents given all circumstances."

Engineers will establish a baseline to help city

officials draft five- to 20-year capital improvement plans to repair or replace infrastructure.

The model will be updated every five years.

"We can operate it real-time and show what's happening in one area of the city versus another as

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Fake scripts, \$910 fine

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A man in the pit of torturing pain is guilty of trying to self-medicate outside the law.

He was fined \$910 and given a deferred sentence of 180 days in jail Wednesday, Sept. 14, in City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Court on a charge stemming from his arrest for attempting to defraud an Oakland County physician and CVS Pharmacy in the Village pharmacy employee with forged narcotics prescriptions, according to police and a court administrator.

During arraignment Friday, Sept. 9, in Grosse Pointe Park court, defendant Michael Owens, 52, of Harper Woods, told Judge Carl Jarboe, substituting for the City judge, "I am a gunshot victim. I stay in pain 24 hours a day."

The courtroom was silent as Owens, bent at the waist, hobbled to the defendant's table.

He steadied himself with a metal cane in his

right hand and accepted the support of City Detective Lt. Al Gwyn on the left.

"I don't abuse drugs," said Owens, facing four counts, including felony possession of less than 1 gram of crack cocaine. "I just want to get out of pain."

"Several" doctors treat him, he said, with "30 different medications."

He told the judge his daughter, 31, and son, 19, were unaware he'd been in a holding cell two consecutive days since being arrested at the pharmacy on Kercheval in the Village downtown district early afternoon Wednesday, Sept. 7.

Jarboe issued a \$10,000 personal bond, which Owens need not post unless failing or refusing to attend further court sessions.

"Your honor, I'm in no physical condition to go anywhere," Owens said. "I can't run. I don't have any stomach muscles."

A week later, Owens, defended by a court-appointed attorney, pleaded guilty before City Judge Russell Ethridge to

a reduced charge of using a controlled substance, a misdemeanor.

Three officers investigated Owens at the pharmacy because a female employee called headquarters about a customer submitting faked and forged prescriptions from a Pontiac doctor for Xanax, the opioid Oxycodone and the antibiotic Azithromycin.

"(She) pointed to Owens as he was sitting in the waiting area," reported Officer Ken Aykers.

An employee at the doctor's office is familiar with police inquiries.

"(The employee) stated (the doctor) attempted to use a temp service when he first came to Michigan, (then) realized the temp service was a scam," Aykers said. "Since then, unknown persons have been handing out prescriptions using (the doctor's) information without his permission."

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MOVING:

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Pointe Farms for nearly two decades, is functionally obsolete.

Donnelly and archivist Kit Greening work back-to-back and elbow-to-elbow in narrow aisles between rows of chin-high filing cabinets containing alphanumerically organized old photographs, letters, real estate records, social registries, keepsake albums — the collective shoebox on the bedroom, closet shelf of the community.

"We're on top of each other," said Donnelly.

"We're doing a complete inventory of everything we have," said Greening.

The total number of possessions is "too high to estimate," she said.

Elbow room

More space is promised across Lakeview at 375 Kercheval, a 2,171-square-foot, two-story house with a built-in garage the society acquired as its new business office and archives.

Archived real estate records show the house was built by Gene and Adele Stover, owners of Gene's Party Store, now Jerry's Club Party Store, next to the current resource center.

"Our lease on the (current) building is coming to an end in early 2018," said James Conway, the society's vice president of preservation and, in his day job, project manager of Historic Fort Wayne in Detroit.

A united Farms city council Monday, Sept. 12, approved conditional use of the house, located in a single-family residential district, for office purposes.

"It's still considered a residentially-zoned structure," said William Burgess, city attorney. "Exterior changes would have to be within conformity of the residential character."

"With the change in usage, we would have to accommodate the Americans With Disabilities Act with access to the building," Conway said. "There will be a ramp."

Most renovations are interior, such as transforming the kitchen to office space and the attached garage to archival storage.



Society archivist, Kit Greening, lower, and Donnelly look forward to having more work space in the forthcoming archives.

PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

"There's no air conditioning," Conway said. "We have to invest quite a bit to bring up the environmental system to store our valuable collection."

"The environment is one of the most important features of the archive," Greening said. "It's very important to maintain a consistent temperature and, if possible, humidity, so it can be stored in the manner it needs to be preserved. The windows are 1950s vintage, very inefficient. We think we're going to upgrade those."

"Our job is to make the archives safe and sound and accessible to the public," Donnelly said.

Proposed hours of public access remain as now, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"The scale of operations proposed at this location is in keeping with the low-density character of the neighborhood," according to John Jackson, president of McKenna Associates, the Farms planning consultant.

The house's driveway can hold three parked cars.

"We recommend further consideration be given to the location of employee parking to ensure patrons have appropriate access to the office," Jackson said.

Historic district

On the east lawn of the house is an old wooden barn Donnelly said was relocated there years ago from Moross and enclosed, but not heated.

"The use and future use of the barn is still being discussed," Conway wrote city officials.

Nevertheless, the house and barn, combined with the society's Provencal-Weir museum and log cabin, bring the society's footprint in the immediate area to four structures, a significant plateau in the preservation business, according to Donnelly.

"When you have four buildings, I'm told, you have a historic district," she said. "Now that we're a historic district, we get bumped up to another category for grants."

Although the house's new usage removes it from the tax rolls because the historical group is a nonprofit organization, society representatives agreed with Farms Mayor James Farquhar to explore alternative forms of compensating the city.

"I'd like to work it out administratively so the financials are good for both of us," Farquhar told Conway.

Park hosts Harvest Fest

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The Park Market has a whole host of family activities planned for Saturday, Sept. 24, as it prepares to close out another successful season with a Fall Harvest Festival.

Pony rides and a petting zoo will be offered for young market goers, while

older shoppers will find everything needed to welcome in the fall season. Pumpkins, corn stalks and the last of summer produce will be offered. Prepared food, beverages and homemade specialty items also will be available. The market runs 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Kercheval in the Park.



PHOTOS BY PETE BALAYA

From the heart

The Grosse Pointe North girls' field hockey team hosted Grosse Pointe South in its annual Stick It To Cancer field hockey game last week. Baked goods were sold during the varsity and junior varsity games and fans donated to several cancer societies. There was an emotional ceremony between games when each team member for North and South donned a jersey bearing the name of someone who is battling cancer, died from cancer or in remission. Each player also had a representative come with them to centerfield. Top, North players and their representatives and, bottom, South players and their representatives. For complete coverage of the game, see section C.

STUDY:

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far as pressure during various times of the day," VanDeCreek said.

Engineers have no concerns about the Shores system at this time.

"That being said, we know we need to expand the size of the (8-inch) water main along Jefferson from Morningside to the Ford estate to a 12-inch."

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All members of the Foundation are invited and encouraged to attend.

Immediately following, the Meeting of the Trustees will be held at the same location.

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OUR VIEW

Paying tribute

The purpose of National First Responder Appreciation Day has grown from a day of giving thanks to also honoring the life and service of Detroit Police Sgt. Kenneth Steil, who died Sept. 17, after being shot in the line of duty.

Steil, who was shot Sept. 12 while chasing a fugitive, reportedly was to be released from the hospital the day he died of medical complications and a possible blood clot.

The 20-year DPD veteran, 46, leaves behind a wife and two young sons.

His life will be remembered, his memory honored during the National First Responders Appreciation Day event 8 a.m to 4 p.m. next Tuesday, Sept. 27, at Ray Laethem's former used car building on Mack near Hereford in Detroit.

The event also serves to thank Detroit, Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods first responders — law enforcement, firefighters and emergency medical technicians — for their myriad efforts. For protecting and serving, for rescuing and resuscitating, for giving their lives so others may live, these integral members of our community deserve our support and thanks.

The community is invited to stop by anytime during the open house to shake hands, say thank you and share a meal with our first responders, whose work, especially of late, often is criticized and rarely appreciated.

As co-sponsors of this needed and much-deserved event, we urge you to stop in and let our first responders know how much they mean to this community.



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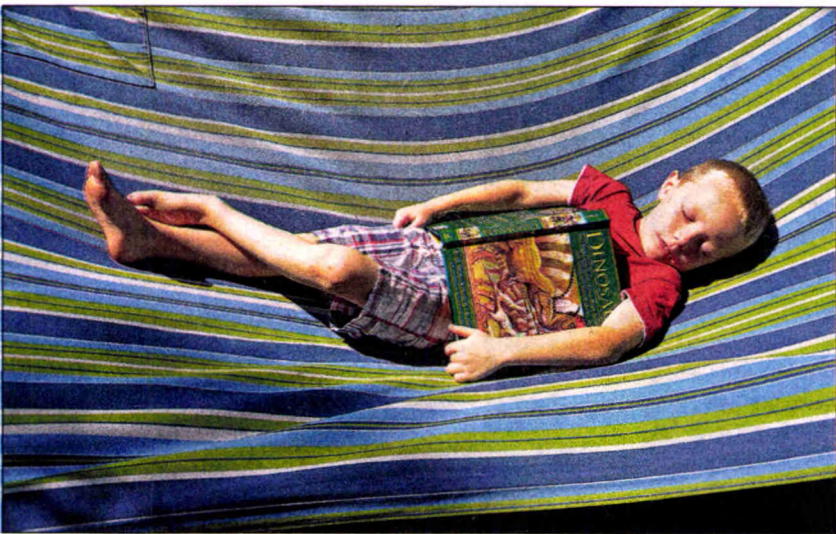
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Pure Grosse Pointe

Six-year-old Jack Popek takes a break from reading his dinosaur book and naps on the hammock in his Grosse Pointe Park backyard.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

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 day-time phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the Editor can be e-mailed to jmcveigh@grossepointenews.com.

Don't forget the down side

This letter to the editor pertains to the Grosse Pointe Shores lakefront park articles Aug. 18 and 25.

Unfortunately your articles did not explain any of the downside aspects or alternatives to the proposed massive changes to the Grosse Pointe Shores lakefront park now on the fast track for approval and implementation by the city council. Note also the council has only authorized a \$10,000 engineering study to develop costs and has not approved a plan. Concerns about the "blue ribbon" proposal include the new tennis court location is in a high-risk FEMA flood area that does flood, 20 percent of park greenspace is eliminated, 30 trees are lost, park hardscape increases to over 50 percent of the park area and park security actually decreases since the new gatehouse guards will not check what is being taken into the park or maintain watch over the marina. Our public safety department and park rangers currently do a great job of maintaining park security and prevent

misuse of the parking lot by carpools and commuters using the bus line. Car theft from the lot over 40 years has been zero and larcenies almost zero, so there is no justification for the high security proposed for the parking lot. The bottom line is we can rebuild the existing tennis courts and add the soccer field overflow parking to correct what is broken for close to the \$262,000 authorized by the council with the new 1-mil, 1-year property tax. Going with the "blue ribbon" proposal could cost three times as much. We have a park that works great today as it has for many years and will continue that way with the aid of the public safety department. After fixing what is broken, we can move on to the next priority, which is updating or replacing the 50-year-old and not-to-code swimming pool, which will add value to the park and community.

FRANK TENKEL
Grosse Pointe Farms

Education first

Local politics are extremely important in this period where big government controls much of how we live our

lives. We are fortunate our local mayors and city council members oversee fiscal issues that impact us, police and fire departments and more. Our local school board incorporates our community's view of what students should know and be able to do. Thus we, as resident voters, have an important say in how our cities and schools are run. Voters have an opportunity on the November ballot to select four school board trustees who are accessible to the public and accountable for students getting the best education for the tax dollars spent.

Recent town hall tours of district schools in the past year have, among other things, highlighted the neglect of routine maintenance of our brick-and-mortar facilities. This points to the district making poor decisions regarding allocation of funds. Did the district really explore all options for finding funds for priority repairs? The Trombly greenhouse demolition and rebuild seemed more like a wish-list item than a need in comparison to the leaking cast iron pipes embedded in South's plaster walls, which were shown to us on our tour.

It was indicated to town hall attendees the district will look for community support of a \$100 million bond for projects to come, chief among them safety, infrastructure and technology initiatives. Questions come to mind: Do we have safety concerns that are not being met at GP schools? Shouldn't our sinking fund be structured so it sustains infrastructure and technology

spending needs? If sinking funds are not sufficient to cover expenditures on an annual basis, the community can expect the district repeatedly to present expensive bond funding measures.

Taxpayers need to be aware the \$62 million bond passed in 2002 is only 40 percent paid off, with final payoff scheduled for 2027. Before taxpayers consider another bond proposal, they need to ask the question: How will these spending projects impact student education?

Please elect board trustees who will ensure policies and resources are targeted on students getting the best education for the tax dollars spent.

KELLY BOLL
Grosse Pointe Park

Two months

As I'm typing this, it's been two months to the day since my father died. Now it can be easy to focus on the bad in life, but one of the many things he taught me in life was to focus on and emulate the good (no matter how many times I failed to do that). Two weeks before his death, my good friends lost their mother. My father and I walked into the funeral home and hugged the family. That day I was thinking how lucky I was to still have both of my parents. The next day I didn't go to the funeral; I couldn't do it. When I told my father why I couldn't, he taught me one of the last things he'd ever teach me. He said, "It's a celebration of their life; we're there for

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I SAY By Bob St. John

Kaepernick should be ashamed of himself

San Francisco quarterback Colin Kaepernick does something which really ticks me off. He doesn't stand for the national anthem before games.

He started this nonsense during the pre-season and continued it before the 49ers opened their season on Monday Night Football against the Los Angeles Rams.

ESPN broadcast the game and cameras filmed Kaepernick kneeling with teammate Eric Reid during the anthem.

He says he is doing this not to disgrace the flag, but bring attention to the mistreatment of African Americans and other people of color by law enforcement.

His action has been praised and ridiculed by thousands of people across the country, by members of the media, people associated with the National Football League, as well as players from other major professional sports leagues.

San Francisco head coach Chip Kelly said Kaepernick's decision to not stand for the anthem is "his right as a citizen."

However, Kaepernick's refusal to stand, in my opinion, is a slap in the face to the thousands of men and women who are in the Armed Forces who fight for our freedom.

Kaepernick lives the life of lux-

ury. He signed a six-year, \$114,000,000 contract with the 49ers, including a \$12,328,766 signing bonus, \$61,000,000 guaranteed and an average annual salary of \$19,000,000.

I would like to see him spend a year as a member of the U.S. Marines in the Middle East, fighting terrorism.

I don't think Kaepernick cares about the 116,516 U.S. soldiers who died in World War I; 405,399 deaths in World War II, 36,516 deaths in the Korean War and 58,209 deaths in the Vietnam War.

During the past 20 years of fighting in the Middle East, the United States has lost some 7,000 soldiers trying to defend our rights as Americans. Their sacrifice for this country allows Kaepernick to earn millions of dollars playing a sport.

Maybe Kaepernick should talk to the husbands, wives, mothers and fathers who lost spouses and children in these wars to protect our freedom. Maybe he can convince them how his refusal to respect these men and women is more important than their lives.

He should spend a year fighting ISIS and see just how he feels when an armored vehicle he is riding in rolls over a landmine or rockets are screaming at him

while he defends a U.S. camp.

We, as Americans, have more rights than most people living in impoverished, dictator-led nations of the Middle East, Africa, Central and South America.

I interviewed three Grosse Pointe South students in recent years — Aubrey Leggat, Caleb Cimmarrusti and Josh Gray — who are students at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. I covered their high school sports careers and I know they stood for the national anthem each and every time it was played before a sporting event.

I think Kaepernick is wrong to disrespect the nation's flag. If he wants to vent about the mistreatment of people, there are better ways to do it, like maybe visit the San Francisco police department and talk to officers about this. I understand this is his right as an American, but I don't agree with it.

The next time I see a clip of Kaepernick kneeling during the national anthem, I may vomit. If San Francisco is on television and the camera pans to him kneeling, I will turn off the game.

Kaepernick makes me sick and I hope others feel the same way.

St. John is the sports editor at the Grosse Pointe News.

City of Grosse Pointe

Backpack gone

A number of items in a Grosse Pointe South High School student's navy blue backpack were reported missing and presumed stolen between 6 and 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, from either the football field or workout room.

The backpack contained a Chase Bank ATM card, \$21, house keys, a brown wallet, \$300 Samsung Galaxy Light cell phone and school identification card, according to the 16-year-old male victim from the City of Grosse Pointe.

A scene

An Armada man, 45, in the midst of a divorce, said his soon-to-be ex-wife, 46, vandalized his 2015 Ford Transit van parked Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the residence of a woman he was visiting in the 800 block of University.

"(He) observed (her) take a key and carve, 'I'm a cheater,' on the passenger side of the van," reported a City of Grosse Pointe officer, logging the complaint at 6:29 p.m.

The Armada woman also reportedly threw some of her husband's clothing on the front lawn before driving away.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Writes off mower

A man living in the 400 block of Bournemouth Circle reported his broken down red Snapper

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lawn mower and bag missing from the backyard.

The presumed theft occurred between 8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, and noon the next day.

"He estimates the mower to be worth approximately \$50 and will not be claiming this to his insurance provider," said a public safety officer.

Odyssey entered

Two pairs of Ray-Ban sunglasses worth a combined \$250, a \$150 Garmin GPS and up to \$20 cash were reported stolen overnight Tuesday, Sept. 13, from a 2003 Honda Odyssey parked in the driveway of a house in the 200 block of McKinley.

"(The female victim) believes the vehicle was locked, but there was no sign of forced entry," according to a public safety officer.

Troubled trio

A sentence toward the end of a police report helps put the whole matter into context:

"All suspects involved admit to heavy alcohol consumption throughout the day," wrote the officer.

A 47-year-old New Jersey woman claims she was violated sexually by a 58-year-old man living in the 200 block of Hillcrest while mistakenly in bed between him and his girlfriend, 59, during the night of Tuesday, Sept. 13.

The alleged victim claimed the man touched her inappropriately without consent. He said she

started it, according to the report.

"It was then the girlfriend became upset and yelled at him to stop," according to police, citing the three subjects.

Officers arrested the man for criminal sexual conduct 3rd degree.

"The witness and arrested subject state that earlier in the day, the three parties did have consensual sexual activity," reported the officer. "The victim denies that allegation."

A subsequent complaint by the girlfriend alleges the New Jersey woman stole \$220 from her purse.

Another subsequent complaint by the man alleges the New Jersey woman stole a silver and turquoise bangle worth \$100.

Toyota entered

The owner of a tan Toyota parked in front of a house in the 200 block of Muir isn't sure if the vehicle was locked when someone entered it between 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, and 5 p.m. the next day, and stole a prescription for Adderall and 15 to 20 pills from the glove box.

"(I) observed no damage to the vehicle," reported a patrolman.

Mailbox damaged

Someone between midnight and 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, removed a mailbox from in front of a house on Sunset Lane and tossed it in the middle of the road.

—Brad Lindberg
Report information

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Picky package poachers

Package thieves were probably a little disappointed at what they gleaned in two recent thefts. On Monday, Sept. 12, a package was taken from a front porch in the 900 block of Berkshire. The box contained oatmeal and furnace filters. Thieves were so disappointed in what they found in a package taken later that week from a porch in the 1300 block of Wayburn they dumped it just a few yards from the house. Apparently they had no interest in cat food, lightbulbs and dish soap.

Tires taken

Sometime overnight Wednesday, Sept. 14, all four tires were removed from a Lincoln MKX parked in a driveway in the 800 block of Three Mile.

Suspect seen on video

A suspect was caught on video surveillance removing a tool bag and purse containing \$50 from an unlocked car parked at Kercheval and Wayburn around 8:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16.

Car taken

A 2014 Dodge Durango was taken sometime overnight Wednesday,

Sept. 14, from the 700 block of Bedford. The vehicle was locked, but the key fob had been left inside.

Arrest

A 56-year Detroit resident arrested at 5 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, for a parole violation had an additional charge of being in possession of drug paraphernalia after a crack pipe was found in his possession.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Alert resident

Police received a call at 2:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 19, from an Allard resident alerting them to a suspicious individual he saw walking between houses. When police arrived, they observed an individual carrying yard equipment while pushing a lawn mower toward a

truck parked in the street. When he noticed police, he dropped the items and started walking away. The 61-year-old Detroit resident was quickly apprehended and arrested by police.

Copper thefts

At least three different houses were entered last week by unknown individuals who removed copper plumbing pieces from the houses. According to police, vacant houses on Hunt Club, Aline and Fairholme were broken into through rear doors probably during daylight hours. Police ask residents to report any suspicious activity around vacant houses.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

All quiet

No new police reports filed during the week.

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

HOTEL:

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"Density and development in the district has long been our goal," said Councilman Chris Walsh. "Now that we have the Village humming, this makes all the sense in the world."

"It's an opportunity we can't pass up," said Councilman Don

Parthum.

Dame recommended the city retain ownership of the parking deck.

"We want it to be public so it can be shared with all users," he said.

He hopes to present a draft of the request for proposals at the 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, council meeting.

Momentum generates momentum and Mayor Scrace foresees more

developers joining in.

"When we go out for a request for proposals, there may be a few other developers who come forward," he said.

Sunrise

An area of the Village not eyed for immediate development is vacant land owned by Sunrise Senior Living on St. Clair south of Kercheval. "I had a conversation a

couple weeks ago with the senior vice president of acquisitions of Sunrise," Scrace said. "(He) said, 'We're not interested in selling. We're going to do something there, we just have no idea when.'"

ASSESS:

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meeting. "We provide a cost-effective alternative to in-house assessment services."

Powers told the council the assessor who would be assigned to the Woods would be the same assessor who already serves the other Grosse Pointes.

A city assessor sets the value of property within a city for tax purposes. By law, the assessor is required to assess a property at 50 percent of its true cash value. The assessor's office keeps records of sales data, lot and building sizes and legal descriptions. Residents who disagree with an assessment can take their concerns to the annual board of review, which meets in March.

The plan under discussion for WCA's services would have an assessor on-site one day a week and available by phone at all other times. WCA's duties would include supervising the tax rolls,

conducting assessments, attendance at the Board of Review and representing the city in any cases that would go before the tax tribunal in Lansing.

While the final cost has not been determined, Smith estimates these services could be performed by WCA at approximately half what

a full-time assessor costs the city.

Smith said he contacted several different cities served by WCA and all had favorable comments, including Grosse Pointe Park.

The council is expected to vote on a contract with WCA at its Oct. 3 meeting.

In Next Week

Look for these news stories & features in next week's Grosse Pointe News

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Alleged bank robber claims victimhood

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The ironic thing about a woman's alleged attempted bank robbery is the money she sought would've covered her bail.

Instead, unable to post \$100,000 cash-only bond, she's in the Wayne County Jail awaiting the next step in her prosecution for a felony punishable by up to life in prison.

Police contend Lakisha Felicia Williams, 36, of Detroit, portrayed herself as a hostage forced to extort \$118,000 from Chase Bank on Moross near Mack at 10:45 a.m. Monday, Aug. 29.

She reportedly handed a teller a one-page, typewritten letter beginning, "This is a ransom note and listen carefully, We are a group of individuals that represent a small foreign faction, you is to follow instructions Very carefully i am asking for \$118,000 dollars from the bank ... within 72 hours unless and your family are dead.... This is not a game at all we been watching you for along period of time now."

It's not buffoonish grammar, misspellings and run-ons that prompted almost immediate disbelief by a bank manager, who called police, according to reports.

Nor was it the woman's follow-up note, hand-written on the back of a bank slip reminding employees she was being watched.

It was the \$118,000. "It's a weird figure, which I think she believed lent credibility to the note," said Grosse Pointe Farms Detective Lt. Richard Rosati.

Williams waived her right to a probable cause conference in Farms court Wednesday, Sept. 7, on four charges:

- ◆ bank robbery, punishable by up to life in prison;
- ◆ attempted use of false pretense with intent to defraud \$100,000 or more, 10-year felony;
- ◆ attempted larceny of \$20,000 or

more, a five-year felony and ◆ habitual offender fourth notice, which can double any of the other sentences.

Prosecution shifts to Wayne County Circuit Court.

"Her record is full of fraudulent activities and larcenies, but no bank robberies," said Detective Lt. Richard Rosati. "She moved into a new realm, but has larceny in her heart."

Rosati envisioned her court-appointed defense attorney claiming she never demanded money, just submitted a note asking for it.

"It's unique in that she never demanded any money, but she used false pretenses," Rosati said. "The false pretenses are the really strong part of the case."

"She calmly stated someone gave her a note to withdraw money," said Officer Edward Wierszewski, among the first of all available Farms officers on scene. "She stated she did not know the people, but that it was a white male."

Rosati and a patrolman went to Williams' house in the 12100 block of Whitehill in Detroit, about two miles from the bank, to verify the hostage claim.

"Her (teenage) son came to the door," he said. "There was no evidence of anything."

"Noting the situation was not as Williams stated and no persons were in danger, Williams was placed in custody for turning the note over to the bank demanding money," Wierszewski reported.

In the bank parking lot, a 38-year-old man identifying himself to police as the woman's husband said he drove her to the bank in a 2003 Ford Windstar.

Officers detained the husband for questioning and said they parked the Windstar at headquarters "for safe-keeping."

Farms officers alerted the FBI. Williams is wanted on an unspecified warrant from Allen Park, according to Farms officers.

City surplus goes to capital projects

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A higher than expected year-end surplus lets the city transfer \$400,000 to its capital projects fund while maintaining high reserves.

The transfer also is possible because payments to retiree healthcare are up to date.

"After preliminary year-end calculations of the (fiscal) year just completed June 30, it is expected there will be a surplus of approximately \$400,000," said Kimberly Kleinow, City of Grosse Pointe finance director.

The surplus exceeds

the amount needed to maintain an unrestricted general fund balance, or rainy day fund, equal to 25 percent of the current year's general fund.

Members of the city council Monday, Sept. 19, approved transferring the \$400,000 to the capital projects fund, used to purchase capital equipment, such as vehicles.

Municipal auditors generally recommend reserves equal 15 to 20 percent of the general fund. City officials maintained 20 percent reserves until raising them to 25 percent in August to strengthen the balance sheet and win a

higher bond rating — and lower interest rate — upon issuing \$2.2 million in tax-free bonds for water system improvements.

City bonds are rated AA+, one level below the highest, AAA.

Four years ago, because of the unfunded nature of the retiree healthcare liability, surpluses beyond the rainy day fund were transferred to the prior year's retiree healthcare fund, according to Kleinow.

"This year, the city budgeted the entire annual cost of current retiree healthcare payouts and the city expects to do the same next year," she said.



Unfinished house broken into

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Investigators reconstructing the break-in of a house being built in the 400 block of Lexington figure the person responsible got away with it by acting as though he belonged at the work site.

"Some neighbors saw a car there and didn't think anything of it," said Detective Lt. Richard Rosati, theorizing witnesses assumed the vehicle belonged to a legitimate contractor.

Evidence indicates the crime occurred between 7:30 and 9 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30.

Stolen were:

- ◆ \$1,500 worth of copper tubing in the basement,
- ◆ a silver-colored Thermador six-burner stainless steel cooktop worth \$1000,
- ◆ yellow DeWalt 12-inch chop saw with "Wood faerie" written on the handle and
- ◆ yellow DeWalt twin-tank air compressor with "Hedemark" written on the frame.

Front windows of the house were

left open the prior evening due to interior painting, but all other entries and exits were secured upon the builder's departure about 5 p.m., according to Officer Christopher Muklewicz, referring to the builder's statement.

"It appears unknown suspect(s) entered through an unsecured front window, removed items from (the) house and (attached) garage and exited via the front door of (the) home," Muklewicz reported.

"It's a new house and they just did the floors," Rosati said.

The property is being bought by a Farms man and wife.

The husband inspected the property at 7:30 a.m. the morning of the crime. He noted nothing unusual and locked the front door upon leaving, he told police.

His wife arrived at 9:30 a.m. to check the floors.

"(She) thought something was wrong due to the deadbolt being unlocked to the front door," Muklewicz said. "She observed mud and drag marks across the new wood floor, which was still drying."

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the family in their time of need."

It was still something I ignored until my uncle, with a look on his face I'll never forget, showed up at work and led me into the office one of those beautiful rainless July days. What followed that conversation was something unforgettable. In the hours that followed, hundreds of people reached out to me and my family. People somehow found my phone number to tell me kind words. People I hadn't talked to since high school contacted me on Facebook. And still to this day people come up to me to give their condolences. Even those who don't say anything have something telling in their eyes.

It's so easy to focus on the hateful, negative views that permeate society and our news cycles. But it seems as if all the good is drowned out by a few negative thoughts. Focusing on the bad will only lead to cyclical thoughts of depression, hatred and disdain. It's important not to become consumed by negativity. The ability to focus on only one

aspect of life or a group of people seems to be one of the hardest hurdles humans face to overcome. So the next time you become consumed, look around you. If you can't see the good things, you're not looking hard enough.

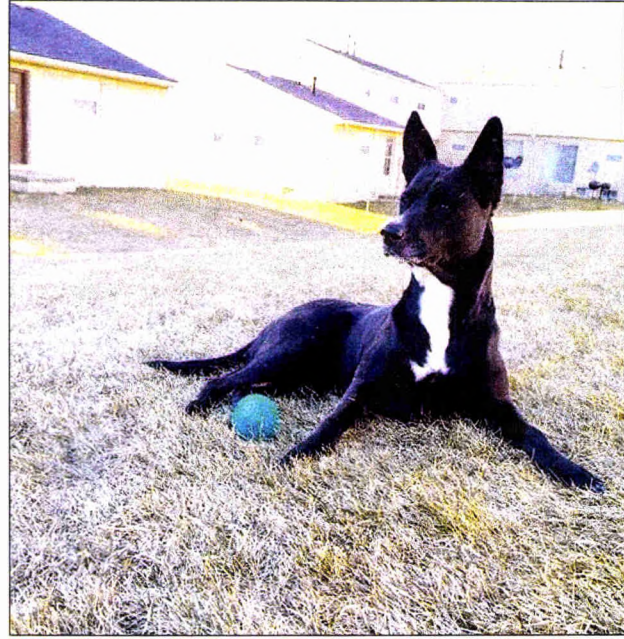
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Grosse Pointe Shores

Help please

As many people around the globe, we think of our pets as our children. They are loved and cared for more than we care for ourselves sometimes. My family lives in Grosse Pointe

Woods and our family dog of seven years was kidnapped right under our nose. We only know the model of the woman's car and what she looks like, but our neighbor was not fortunate enough to grab her license plate. We have tried everything and we still have had no luck getting any information on her since she was taken this past April. We miss and think about her every day and refuse to give up hope We are offering a \$500 reward for her return and are willing to go higher if necessary.

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The Kercheval Trolley will be running the evening of Oysterfest. Catch the Trolley from any of the three business districts in the Grosse Pointes and hitch a free ride to Oysterfest. There will also be free shuttle van service from the St. Ambrose parking lot to the Oysterfest.

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Home again

Expat family adjusts to life back in the U.S.

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

When the Engstroms left for Ukraine in 2010, the plan was to return in a year. They packed accordingly.

On Aug. 17, a moving van, filled with household and personal items the family had stored for six years, arrived at their house in Grosse Pointe Park.

"It was like unpacking a time capsule," Miriam Engstrom said.

Children Ian, Sophie and Miles were entering ninth, seventh and fourth grade, respectively, when they left. Today Ian is a junior at Kalamazoo College, Sophie a freshman at University of Michigan and Miles a sophomore at Grosse Pointe South High School.

The family moved to Kiev when John Engstrom, a prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Michigan, accepted a position to work with the Ukrainian government on reforming its criminal justice system.

"We got a lot done," he said. "We accomplished a

lot and I think gave a voice to civil society in the process."

They left Ukraine September 2013, a few months before the Maidan revolution, where protests centering around Kiev's main square culminated in the ousting of President Yanukovich in late February 2014.

John Engstrom's next post was in Ankara, Turkey, working with the Turkish government on counterterrorism issues. The family remained three years, witnessing near the end of their stay the unsuccessful coup attempt by a faction within the Turkish Armed Forces against state institutions.

It began 10 p.m. July 15. The Engstroms had a clear view from their apartment window overlooking the sea. Sophie Engstrom had friends over.

"There were helicopters shooting at the building," she said.

"It unfolded in front of us about a mile away," said Miriam Engstrom.

"We saw the parliament (building) get bombed. They were setting off



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Above, the Engstrom family at Sophie's graduation from Ankara High School June 11. Above right, Miriam and Sophie Engstrom in 2011 in front of the Wall of Love in Montmartre, Paris. Right, Miles, 9, was photographed in 2010 with the Cossacks at an ethnographic museum in Kiev at Christmastime.

sonic bombs right over our apartment. They weren't targeting us, but they were flying directly over us and the windows were rattling with each explosion. At one point we started putting on our shoes and saying, 'let's get out of here' and then we started laughing and realized we had nowhere to go. We stayed in the apartment looking out the window, waiting, wondering. We moved

the beds away from the windows and the kids finally went to sleep around 3 a.m. There was an explosion at 4 a.m. that literally knocked me out of bed. It was so percussive that everything shook."

By noon the next day, "it was really done," John Engstrom said.

In spite of the dangers they witnessed — the attempted coup, a car bombing and two suicide



"There's terrorism and there will continue to be terrorist acts. Non-terrorist acts will happen here more likely. A car-jacking? I can't imagine that happening in Turkey, ever. And I deal with crime. They don't do things like that.

bombs that killed more than 100 people, "all visible from our apartment window" — Engstrom said they felt safe.

"It's not a real dangerous place," he said.

The drug use is lower. It's not as dangerous."

"People would ask us, are you safe, are you scared?" Miriam

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Women's Connection

The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe hosts a dinner meeting and presentation 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The group welcomes Mary Jo Johnson, who discusses "We the People: What to Expect When We're Electing." Johnson is secretary of the nonpartisan League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe. Dinner begins 6:30 p.m. For information, call Jan Baumann at (586) 243-

2241 or Ellie Kaye at (586) 463-2463.

BNI

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, Sept. 23, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 7 a.m. Friday, Sept. 23, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Rev. Andrew Van Culin of Christ Church Grosse Pointe speaks. Call (313) 530-8656.

Libraries

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

◆ 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, Tween Afterhours for ages 10 to 13. Registration is required.

◆ 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, Senior Coffee House. Talk about recent reads or pick up tips on what to read next.

◆ 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, Storytelling with Karen Czarnik.

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

◆ 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, "Super Hero

Tee Party," snacks, games and crafts. Children should wear superhero T-shirts.

◆ 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, sea glass bracelet adult craft, instructed by Diane Spratt.

◆ 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, zipper flowers adult craft, instructed by Amy Jorgensen.

◆ 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, "The Grandeur of Growing Garlic," presented by Nancy Weigandt and Tom Milano. Learn about types of garlic, when to plant, how to feed it, when to harvest, how to cure, storage tips and more.

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

◆ 6 p.m. Monday, Sept.

26, "Pajama-Rama," stories, songs, finger plays and props for children.

◆ 1:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, Woods 4th Monday Book Discussion Group. The group discusses "Turner House," by Angela Flournoy.

SOC

Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents the following programs:

◆ "Alternatives to Blue Cross Blue Shield Legacy C Plan," 4 to 6 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22; 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26; and 4 to 6 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, with facilitators Micki Nowinski and Deborah Wagner.

◆ 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Fridays, Sept. 23 to Nov. 11, Spanish for the Traveler. This Wayne County Community College Continuing Education class is an introduction to practical conversational Spanish.

◆ 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, and Friday, Sept. 30, "The Martian" is shown. Cost is \$2.

◆ 1 to 3 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 29 to Oct. 20, Jewelry Bead Designer for beginners. This Wayne County Community College Continuing Education class offers a hands-on approach to completing three sets of jewelry. Participants must purchase their own supplies.

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Engstrom said. "And we would say, we're safe until we're not. We can't predict terrorism, but we're safe because we can predict the crime statistics are very low. We were not in danger there."

As a practicing psychologist working with refugee women, she gained new perspective on what her clients endured. "I lived through nine hours of bombing and they lived through years of bombing," she said.

In Ukraine, she had a private practice and worked for the American Peace Corps Volunteers. She returned to Kiev after they were evacuated to work with Ukrainian staff suffering from post-traumatic stress. She also helped set up a memorial for protesters, known as the "Heavenly Hundred," killed during the Maidan revolution.

In Ankara, she created an educational scholarship for women, funding four years of tuition at a Turkish university for one of her clients. Another fundraising effort will pay a year's rent for a woman and her children previously living



Miles, back in his home in Grosse Pointe Park, inspects the bicycle he left behind when he was 9.

COURTESY PHOTO

in a basement with no electricity, heat, water or windows.

"It was horrible living conditions," Miriam Engstrom said. "There's no support for refugees. They're pretty much living on their own." The family is on the resettlement list to come to the United States.

Her counseling work with refugee women in Ankara earned her the 2016 European Bureau Secretary of State Award for Outstanding Volunteerism.

She hopes to continue her work in Grosse Pointe, counseling clients via Skype, fundraising and working with Canada on a family reunification program. John Engstrom, having undergone

debriefing in Washington, D.C., returned to Turkey through the end of October before assuming his duties at the U.S. Attorney's Office. Sophie and Miles Engstrom are in the process of reading just to the American educational system and life in the United States, while Ian Engstrom returned two years ago to attend college.

Miriam Engstrom wrote a chapter on the family's adjustment to life overseas for a book published last year by the State Department called "Raising Families Overseas." Students living abroad are known as third-culture kids, she said, a term for children raised in a culture outside of their parents' cul-

ture for a significant part of their development years.

"Research shows that the most difficult part of being a TCK is coming home to your country — reentering and reuniting," she said. "It's literally a reentry. It's a thing; it's a phenomenon. When you're living overseas, you have an identity. You have to redefine yourself, because we are a product of our environment, so when we grow up, our neighbors inform us about who we are. Our community informs us, the style of clothing we're comfortable wearing. All of that defines who we are. So when you move into a foreign country, you don't have anybody to reflect back to you. You're kind of floating out there and have to refigure out who you are."

Sophie Engstrom said she had the hardest time adjusting. "I was the one in the family who most didn't want to leave," she said.

Added her mother, "She had a perfect life here when she left She had the Grosse Pointe dream life. Sidewalks, bicycle, freedom."

"I made one specific friend and that changed everything," Sophie Engstrom said. "One

friend made the difference and all of a sudden I started making more friends And then I ended up loving Ukraine as much as everybody else. It was hard to get me to leave."

With school populations made up of 70 percent international students and 11 nationalities represented in her graduating high school class of 20, she made friends from all over the world. She remains connected with classmates from Kiev, reuniting with them in the summer at locations around the globe.

"We met up in Budapest this year and Bordeaux in southern France the year before," she said. "We went all over Portugal, southern Portugal and Lisbon the year before that." She hopes her friends will visit her in the United States next summer.

"I'm really happy I left," she said. "I wouldn't trade this experience for anything."

Her only regret was at times feeling she had missed out on the American experience. "Sometimes I would see pictures on Facebook and think, oh I wish I was there or I came home for the summer and would see my friends and get readjusted," she said.

The family member experiencing the most difficulty with reentry, according to his mother, is Miles, who was only 9 when they left. He has reconnected with friends from first grade at Defer Elementary School and second and third grade at Grosse Pointe Academy and started classes at South.

Reentry can be difficult for adults, too.

"Coming back to the U.S. is probably frustrating for people," said John Engstrom. "The issues you care about and think about overseas for an adult like me are kind of the big world issues and you come back here and I don't think people are going to care a whole lot about any of that. You expect people to be interested and they might be for 10 minutes and then they're back to their lives."

The family is in the process of moving back into their house — refinishing floors, painting rooms, unpacking their belongings and awaiting delivery of rugs and furniture from their home in Ankara.

"We are starting with a clean slate," Miriam Engstrom said. "We are not the same people who moved away six years ago, that's for sure. We're a third-culture family."

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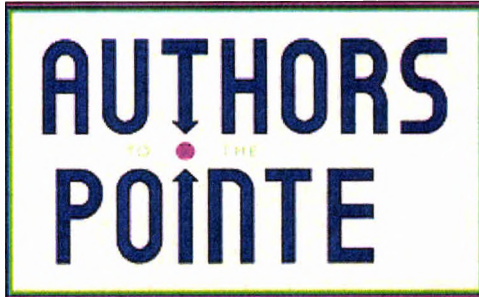
By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Public Library's Authors to the Pointe program returns to the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, the event features an afternoon tea and talks by two national, historical fiction authors.

Paula McLain is author of bestsellers "The Paris Wife" and "Circling the Sun," among others.

"She is very well known," GPPL Assistant Director Peggy Kitchel said. "Her books have



ward to having them."

A book signing follows the authors' talks and books are available for sale at the event. The afternoon also includes raffles.

"It was so delightful last year," Kitchel said. "We're hoping it's just as delightful this year.... And we're very grateful to the Friends for sponsoring this event."

Tickets are limited to 115 and only are available at Central library, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, beginning 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 22. Cost is \$30, payable by cash or check only.

"We sold out last year

been used for many book groups and clubs across the nation."

Lauren Willig is author of the bestselling "Pink Carnation" series of historical romance/spy novels and several stand-alone historical fiction books.

"They're both wonderful speakers," Kitchel said. "They'll talk about their books and their paths to becoming a writer. We're looking for-

Additional Ford family bridal gowns added to 'Down the Aisle' exhibit

Edsel and Eleanor Ford's centennial wedding celebration comes to a close Sunday, Nov. 6, at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, with the final weeks of "Down the Aisle: 100 Years of Ford Family Weddings." The exhibit, featuring bridal gowns worn by four generations of Ford women, along with never-before-seen wedding memorabilia and photos from the family's private collection, currently highlights three additional gowns added to the exhibit since it opened in June.

Visitors still will be

able to view Eleanor Ford's House of Lucile-designed gown, as well as Martha Firestone's Carrie Munn-designed gown, in addition to dresses designed by Oleg Cassini, Vera Wang and Angel Sanchez. Images from the family's personal collections, footage from Edsel and Eleanor Ford's rehearsal dinner, wedding favors and accessories from throughout the decades offer an insider's look at these celebrations.

"The exhibit has been an overwhelming success," said Kathleen Mullins, president of Ford House. "Visitors have been attending the

exhibit from all over the region to reminisce about their own weddings or gather inspiration for an upcoming one. The exhibit is bringing multiple generations together just as it was created to do."

For more information, visit fordhouse.org or call (313) 884-4222.

Correction

A photo that appeared with the story "Lecture series kicks off," in the Sept. 15 edition of the Grosse Pointe News, depicted Eleanor Ford and her son, Henry Ford II.

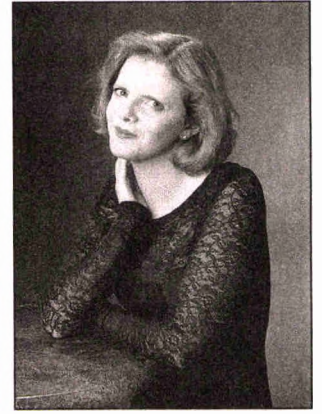
within a week," Kitchel said. "It sells out quickly."

For more information about the event, call (313) 343-2074.

"We always want to offer the community an opportunity to meet and talk with authors," Kitchel said. "This community has always been very receptive to this type of event. And authors actually love to come here."



Paula McLain



Lauren Willig

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◆ "Flower Power ... Think Sunshine ... Think Summer ... Be Happy," 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Mondays, Oct. 3, 17 and 31, with the Grosse Pointe Farm and Garden Club.

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association presents "Painting and Drawing Fundamentals with Al Sonnenberg," 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays, Sept. 24 to Oct. 15, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial art studio, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. GPAA also offers "Plein Air Painting Workshop with Marianna Defer-Pfeiffer," 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 7 and 8. Call (313) 881-3454 or visit grossepointeartcenter.org.

Woods Community Center

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, presents a trip to the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park Thursday, Sept. 29. The day includes lunch at the garden's gourmet cafe and a guided tram ride through the gardens. Cost is \$40 for

Woods residents, \$45 for non-residents, and includes motorcoach transportation. Registration deadline is Thursday, Sept. 22. Call (313) 343-2408.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielke at (313) 884-4201.

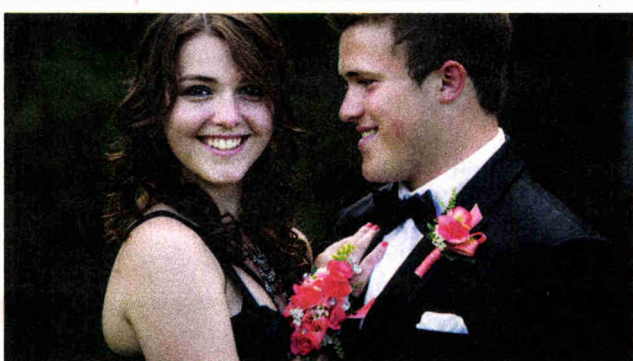
Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Group meets 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe hosts its September kickoff meeting 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, at Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. Wayne State University Law School Dean Jocelyn Benson discusses "What Makes Democracy Work?" Benson is an expert in civil rights law, education law and election law.

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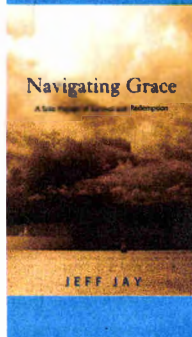
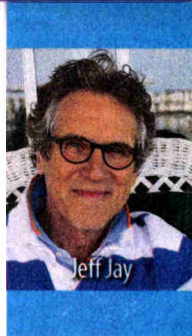
Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for Meet the Author Grosse Pointe War Memorial This Americana Series, 32 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms

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Music at Memorial begins new series

“Music of the Angels” is the theme of the 2016-17 Music at Memorial concert series at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. The series features works ranging from Vivaldi to Pinkham and Paul Winter, as well as two world premieres from James and Marilyn Biery. The season launches 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, when organist Marilyn Biery teams with oboist Stephanie Shapiro for “Angelic Music for Oboe and Organ,” including works by J.G. Krebs, Josef Rheinberger, Henk Badings, Piotr Grinholc and Daniel Pinkham. At 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, Minister of Music James Biery directs the 50-voice Lakeshore Chorale and Orchestra, soloists and orchestra in Antonio Vivaldi’s “Gloria in Excelsis,” followed by the world premiere of the Bierys’ new chancel opera, “The Better Part,” a musical portrayal of Jesus’ visit to the home of Martha and Mary. “In the Abrahamic faiths, angels are messengers from God,” James Biery said. “We want to think that all of our talented performers are like angels. They certainly do serve as messengers of the beauty in the divine.”

At 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, “The Christmas Story” returns — a popular seasonal offering featuring the Grosse Pointe Memorial choir, bell choir, orchestra and organ. The concert includes an audience carol-sing and traditional favorites, as well as classical and more contemporary works. Music at Memorial continues 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, with “Tasty Treats,” a Valentine’s concert featuring the Grosse Pointe Memorial staff singers, with treats for the ear and the palate. For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

Assumption hosts Senior Expo

The 23rd annual Senior Expo, a lifestyle and health expo for active adults, comes to Assumption Cultural Center 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6. The expo provides informative exhibits, educational seminars, valuable resources, a luncheon and entertainment. Each year, Senior Expo welcomes more than 1,500 seniors and their families. Amenities include more than 50 exhibits about health-care, retail products, managed care, workshops, Ask the Experts, onsite health screenings, community resource center and activities. This year’s theme highlights Detroit, its renaissance and history. Landmark companies and organizations will be represented, such as Detroit Experience Factory, Detroit Institute of Arts, Belle Isle Conservancy and National Coney Island, with representation of popular products as well like Faygo, Vernors, Better Made and Sanders. Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy gives a keynote address at 9 a.m., sharing about her life, Detroit and the county she represents. At 12:30 p.m., WDIV “Live In The D” host Chuck Gaidica shares his experiences. A National Coney Island lunch is provided by ShorePointe Nursing Center and Marchiori Catering. Gentlemen of Swing entertain. A variety of screenings also are available. Ask the Experts includes a nutritionist workshop and Medicare Supplemental Insurance guides. Others will address topics relevant to seniors throughout day. The Resource Guide, a book of available services throughout the metro area, is a reference for the year. The guide is developed by the Senior Expo Committee and is made available at hospitals, city offices and committee facilities. Senior Expo Committee members include Joan De Ronne and Olga Cardasis, Assumption Cultural Center; Dr. Ken Hamilton, Sarah Mcghie and Bill Hamilton, Harper

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CHURCH EVENTS

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a prayer vigil for the peace of Jerusalem, Israel and Palestine at 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25. The vigil is in recognition of the International Week of Prayer by the Palestinian Israel Ecumenical Forum. Copies of the book “Faith in the Face of Empire” by Mitri Raheb and other advocacy materials will be available. Call (313) 881-6670.

St. Ambrose
St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, presents its 26th annual Oysterfest 5 to 9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26. The event includes food, jazz music and more. Call (313) 822-2814.
Memorial
Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms,

invites the community to a park bench and tree dedication at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park, in memory of Flo Stahl. Call (313) 882-5330.
Jewish Council
The Grosse Pointe Jewish Council offers High Holiday services, observing the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashana, Sunday, Oct. 2, and

Monday, Oct. 3, followed by services on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, Tuesday, Oct. 11, and Wednesday, Oct. 12. Rabbi Joe Klein officiates with cantorial soloist Bryant Frank. Both holidays offer children’s services. Call (313) 882-6700.
St. Clare
St. Clare of Montefalco Church, 16231 Charlevoix, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts

Oktoberfest Friday, Oct. 7, to Sunday, Oct. 9. A euchre party takes place 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday and costs \$15 per person. Oktoberfest is 6:30 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8. Cost is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. A free tailgate party takes place 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. Evening Mass is 6 p.m. Sunday. Call (313) 647-5000 or email oktoberfestscm@aol.com.

Keeping your brain healthy as you age

Q: Are there things I can do to keep my brain healthy as I age?
A: There is a growing concern of development of cognitive impairments such as dementia and mental health issues as we age in the United States. With age, we often discuss promoting physical health, but we also must focus more on the body-brain connection and factors that prevent mental and cognitive decline. The brain is an amazing organ. Medicine has yet to understand many of its complexities. However, we do understand the importance of prevention and the

SAVE the DATE
“A Healthy Brain for the Ages” is presented by the Family Center and Beaumont at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, at Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. To register for this free event, visit familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832.

notion we are capable of having “A Healthy Brain for the Ages.” Focusing on prevention and factors that promote a healthy brain as we age is possible. Aging can be filled with wonderful opportunities: finding new activities and hobbies beyond retirement, spending more time with family and developing new

skills. Health maintenance is key, such as keeping annual exams, taking medication properly, having a balanced diet including proper hydration and developing a regular exercise program. These are preventative strategies in which to maintain a healthy brain as we age. We also need to focus on our mental health. Finding ways to combat stress, remaining connected to friends and family and giving of our time and talents promotes well-being and a sense of accomplishment. We need to consider our spiritual and emotional well-being, getting help if we are becoming depressed or having trouble coping, sleeping or experiencing grief. Christine P. Chelladurai D.O., is a geriatric medicine physician at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe and Royal Oak. She heads the Beaumont Geriatric Evaluation Center and is

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the medical director of and professionals. Its ShorePointe Nursing Center in St. Clair Shores. Jennifer Lacasse R.N., B.S.W., is the geriatric clinical nurse specialist at the Beaumont Geriatric Evaluation Center. They can both be reached at (586) 447-8021. Beaumont Hospital is a member of the Family Center’s Association of Professionals. The Family Center serves as the community’s hub for information, resources and referral for families, individuals and professionals. Its mission is to serve the community through programs and resources vital to today’s families. As a nonprofit organization, it is completely supported by community donations. All gifts are tax-deductible. To volunteer or contribute, visit familycenterweb.org, call (313) 432-3832, email info@familycenterweb.org or write to: The Family Center, 20090 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

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OBITUARIES

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Kurt O. Tech

Kurt O. Tech, 94, died peacefully Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016, at St. John Hospital & Medical Center in Detroit.

Mr. Tech was born Nov. 19, 1921, in Detroit, to Otto and Anna Tech, who emigrated from Germany in 1914. He graduated from Detroit's Denby High School in 1938.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Lawrence Institute of Technology, where he was president of the senior night school class. In 1981, he was elected as an Eminent Engineer Member of Tau Beta Pi National Engineering Honor Society. In 1990, Lawrence Technological University awarded him the honorary degree, Doctor of Business Administration. Mr. Tech served on both the board of members and board of trustees of the university.

He worked more than 40 years for The Cross Company, a maker of machine tools, starting as a drill press operator and retiring as president of the company.

He was a member of the Engineering Society of Detroit, the Society of Automotive Engineers and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and served as chairman of the government relations committee of the National Machine Tool Builders Association.

He was a life member and past chairman of the Salvation Army's Metropolitan Detroit Advisory Board. In 1997, Mr. Tech received the Salvation Army's William Booth Award for outstanding contributions to the betterment of humanity.

He was a member of the board of trustees of the St. John Health System Foundation. In addition, he was a trustee and former chairman of the board of trustees of the Judson Center.

He was the founding president of the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation and served on its board of trustees. He was appointed to the Grosse Pointe Shores Employee Retirement Commission in 1987 and served for 20 years, 10 as chairman.

He was a member of Lochmoor Club since 1952 and a longtime member of the Country Club of Detroit, where he much enjoyed the company of

his friends.

Mr. Tech is survived by Carole, his wife of 59 years; sons, Kurt (Polly), Karl (Cindy) and Eric (Beth) and grandchildren, Kurt (Jane), Dieter, Konrad, Max, Karl, Drew, Chad, Christy, Zoe, Piper and Devon.

A memorial service will be held at noon Sunday, Sept. 25, at Country Club of Detroit, 220 Country Club Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Salvation Army at salvationarmy.org, Judson Center at judsoncenter.org or the Michigan Humane Society at michiganhumane.org.

Florence McDonald

Florence McDonald, 105, passed away peacefully in her sleep Monday, Aug. 29, 2016, at her home in Columbus, N.C., in the presence of family.

She was born and raised a proud Detroit and moved after World War II with her husband, David R. McDonald, and two young daughters to their home in Grosse Pointe Farms. Another daughter was born shortly after. While living in "the Pointes," Florence was active in school and church activities, first at St. Paul on the Lake and later at Our Lady Star of the Sea.

Florence was a skilled and in-demand bridge player in groups locally and in North Carolina well into her 90s. Her love of gardening was evident in her many years' membership in the Trowel and Error Group of the War Memorial Garden Club. She continued volunteering until she gave up driving at 95.

Florence was predeceased by her husband, David.

She is survived by her daughters, Diane McDonald, Doreen McDonald Aiello and Deborah McDonald Morisawa; grandchildren, Trevor Bennett (Pam) and Nic Aiello Hart (Adam), as well as nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and many friends.

A memorial will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 7, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Eleanor K. Hastie

Mackinaw City resident Eleanor K. Hastie died Saturday, Sept. 3, 2016, in hospice care at the home of her son in Ashaway, R.I. She was 91.

Eleanor was born June 19, 1925, in Grand Rapids, to Michael Klein Jr. and Florence Taft Klein. She graduated from high school in 1943 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry at Olivet College in 1947. She married Frederick George Wakefield, college sweetheart and high school orchestra director, in 1948. Eleanor and Fred lived in Mackinaw City and then Traverse City until his death in 1955.

Eleanor returned to Olivet College to pursue a teaching certificate. She met and married the Rev. Charles Bradford Hastie, the college chaplain at Olivet, in 1957. Eleanor and Charles moved to Gaylord in 1961 and lived there, raising their children, until he retired from the ministry in 1978.

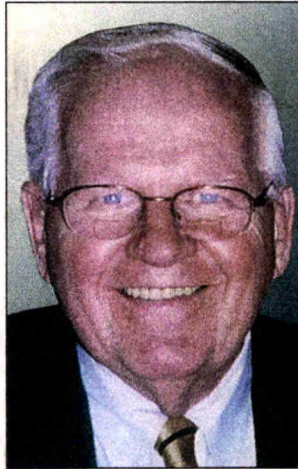
Eleanor loved to spend her summers with family and friends in Mackinaw City; upon retirement, she and Charles decided to make their summer home their permanent residence.

Shortly thereafter, Charles discovered he missed preaching and returned to the pulpit. Over the course of 25-plus years he took on several interim pastorates in the Upper Peninsula, northern and central Michigan, and northern and central Illinois. Eleanor followed Charles in his endeavors, supporting his efforts by volunteering her time and energy in numerous church activities and organizations. Together they enjoyed the fellowship of these churches and making many new friends.

Eleanor took delight in touring lighthouses, collecting Wedgwood china and Shelley Blue Rock teacups, tracing her family genealogy, playing lively games of Hearts and Double Solitaire, preparing elaborate meals for her family, canning, spending time with her cousins, decorating the Christmas tree, working late into the night on her sewing projects and renovating her historical home in Mackinaw City. She was a long-standing member of the Mayflower Society, the Colonial Dames and the Beatrix Potter Society.

Eleanor will be remembered for her Scottish shortbread and the hundreds of velvet and corduroy frogs and snakes she made and donated for fundraisers at the First Congregational Church in Gaylord. The Gaylord church still celebrates its annual Pilgrim service each November. The more than 80 authentic costumes parishioners wear were painstakingly researched, designed, machine-sewn and hand-stitched by Eleanor.

Eleanor is survived by her children, F. Michael Wakefield (Joanna Burkhardt), Elizabeth T. Hastie and Charles' daughter, Mary Carol



Kurt O. Tech



Florence McDonald



Molly Malecek Yerger

(nee Hastie) McKinney (John); grandchildren, Kathryn T. Wakefield, William B.H. Loner, Andrew C.H. Loner, Victoria L. McKinney, Matthew J. McKinney, Kathryn S. (nee McKinney) Teddy (Ray) and Sarah J. McKinney; great-grandchildren, Lincoln Teddy and Benjamin Teddy and feline companion, Cole.

She was predeceased by her parents; Fred, her husband of seven years; Charles, her husband of 48 years and sister, Kathryn Klein Hoffmaster.

The family thanks Ed Trudeau, Ron Wallin, Jim Hastie, Janet Herman and John and Ann Churchill for the friendship and loving care they gave to Eleanor.

A memorial service celebrating Eleanor's life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix, 101 State St., Charlevoix, Michigan. There will be a graveside service at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, in the Lakeview Cemetery of Mackinaw City.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Crisp Point Light Historical Society, 450 W. Marr Road, Howell, MI 48855 or at crisppointlighthouse.org.

Molly Malecek Yerger

Former Grosse Pointe resident Molly Malecek Yerger, 47, died Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016, in Hackensack, Minn.

She was born July 22, 1969, in Grosse Pointe to Robert M. and Josephine Malecek. She graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1987, earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell College and a Master of Science degree from the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

Her family said growing up, Molly was the "Pied Piper" of Muskoka Road. Her personality and love of people, especially children, was contagious. Her smile lit up a room.

She spent her summers at Bay View Association in Petoskey and served as an educator at the University of Michigan's Biological Field Station and as a member of the university's Camp Michigan staff.

Since 1991, Molly was the assistant director and educator at Deep Portage Learning Center, a residential environmental education/outdoor recreation center in Hackensack. She was an integral part of the environmental program impacting the

lives of thousands of students of all ages. She was a leader in her field, yet humble. She recently celebrated 25 years working at Deep Portage.

Molly loved the outdoors including skiing, fly-fishing, hiking, bird watching and gardening. She also enjoyed wood-working, reading and Pysanky egg decorating.

She was a member of the Audubon Society.

Molly is survived by her husband, Dale Yerger; mother, Josephine Malecek; sister, Megan Elise Harry; niece, Millicent Grace Harry and nephews, Cameron Robert Harry, Karl Schaumann and Erik Schaumann.

She was predeceased by her father, Robert.

A memorial service celebrating Molly's life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Deep Portage Learning Center, 2197 Nature Center Drive NW, Hackensack, Minn. Another memorial service is planned for early next summer at Bay View Association in Petoskey.

Donations may be made to Deep Portage Learning Center, 2197 Nature Center Drive NW, Hackensack, MN 56452 or Grosse Pointe Academy Montessori School, 171 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

On the 40-Day Liturgy of Tarik F. Ibrahim, M.S., M.D., son of Drs. Fikry and Mona Ibrahim, the family will host a commemoration at St. Mary's Coptic Orthodox Church on Saturday, September 24, 2016 (details below).

Tarik was born on September 2, 1981 at Bon Secours Hospital in Grosse Pointe, Michigan and was delivered by Dr. Susan Radtke. He began a long and distinguished academic career at the Grosse Pointe Academy (kindergarten through third grade) and graduated high school from University Liggett School in 1999. He completed his undergraduate studies at Michigan State University in 2003, followed by a Master's of Science in 2006 from Wayne State University. He left Michigan for medical school, obtaining his medical degree from Penn State University in 2010.



Since June 2015, Tarik was the Chief Neurosurgery Resident at the Loyola University Medical Center in Chicago, and was to begin a specialization in base-of-skull surgery at the Swedish Medical Center in Seattle, Washington in 2017. Additionally, Tarik completed a six-month training in cerebrovascular and microneurosurgery with the world-renowned neurosurgeon, Dr. Juha Hernesiemi, in Helsinki, Finland. Tarik chose to challenge himself with this most demanding specialty, motivated by a selfless drive to tackle the most devastating afflictions. Despite the hard work and sacrifices he made in pursuit of this path, Tarik was known throughout his career as "Dr. Love" to patients and colleagues alike because of his warm smile and affectionate demeanor. In commemoration of Tarik's accomplishments, the Loyola Medical Center held a memorial for Tarik on August 6, 2016, where the Associate Professor and Neurosurgery Residency Program Director, Anand Germanwala, M.D., presented Drs. Fikry and Mona Ibrahim with Tarik's diploma, marking Tarik's completion of all residency requirements. Despite having a year left, his colleagues felt that Tarik had acquired all the technical skills, character, drive, and judgment to be an independently practicing neurosurgeon a full year ahead of schedule.

Beyond his academic and medical career, Tarik was equally successful and well-loved in his personal life. He was an avid fan of Detroit sports and the Michigan State Spartans, his alma mater, in addition enjoyed skiing, traveling, literature and music. A loving son, cousin, nephew, uncle, godfather and friend, Tarik's energy and love of life was infectious, and his loss has left the deepest void in the hearts of all who knew him.

Drs. Fikry and Mona Ibrahim invite all that wish to honor Tarik's memory to a 40-Day Liturgy Service taking place at St. Mary's Coptic Orthodox Church, 3603 Livernois Road, Troy, MI 48063, at 9:00 am on **Saturday, September 24, 2016.**

Additionally, the Loyola Medical Center has established a scholarship in Tarik's honor, the "Tarik Ibrahim Graduate Education and Research Fund," or T.I.G.E.R. Fund, to commemorate Tarik's dedication to both his patients and the residency program.

Those that wish to contribute may contact tigerfundfortarik@gmail.com.

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6B | COMMUNITY

Royal event

The Alliance3 — The Holley Institute, Lakeshore Ear Nose and Throat and the Michigan Ear Institute — hosts the Royal Family of Serbia, Crown Prince Alexander and Crown Princess Katherine, for "An Evening of Hope," at 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. The event benefits international hearing health by collaborating with leaders of Greece and Serbia to promote and share research, coordinate physician training, partner to provide education and support programs in the United States and overseas.



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured back row, from left, are Dr. B. Jill Wells Courson, City of Grosse Pointe; Maureen McCabe, Grosse Pointe Shores; Kalli Cooksey, Grosse Pointe Shores; Maria Melhem, Grosse Pointe Shores; Mary Downie, Troy; Tina Craparotta, Grosse Pointe Farms; Dr. Penni Barker, Grosse Pointe Shores; Dr. Ginnie Rice; and front row, from left, are Sister Jacquie Wetherholt, Eastpointe; Dr. Branka Megler, City of Grosse Pointe; Melodie Scherer, Grosse Pointe Farms; and Shery Cotton, Grosse Pointe Park.

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Chiropractic; Rachel Schafer, Heartland, Grosse Pointe; Marianne Langlois, Henry Ford Health System; Terri Murphy, Certified Senior Solutions LLC; Marian Battersby, Home Instead Senior Care; Heidi Uhlig, Services for Older Citizens; Sean Southers, ShorePointe Nursing Center and ShorePointe Village, Premier Health Care Management; Tracey Steeves, St. John Providence Health System and Suzanne Szczepanski-White, writewom anllc.

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Doors open at 8:30 a.m. Free shuttle service is provided by ShorePointe Village for parking at Grosse Pointe Woods Lakefront Park.

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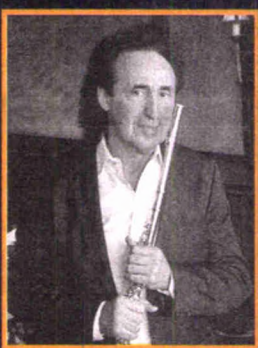
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FIELD HOCKEY

South bests North

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

An evening of emotional highs and lows ended with a high school field hockey game as Grosse Pointe North hosted Grosse Pointe South in the annual Stick It To Cancer game Sept. 14.

The junior varsity squads started the festivities and the game was followed by a ceremony where each player was introduced with a person to whom they dedicated the event.

"It's quite an emotional evening," South head coach Monica Dennis said. "It's amazing how many of us know someone who has cancer. This evening is meant to honor those individuals and raise money for cancer research."

To add to the festivities was an impromptu singing of the national anthem by South players.

The song was supposed to come out of the PA system, but never did.

With fans waiting for the anthem, South players started singing it and the rest of the fans and North players followed



PHOTO BY PETE BALAYA

South's Carson Dennis, left, carries the ball in the Norsemen zone, while North's Lindsey Ramsdell plays defense.

cue and began to sing.

South used a three-goal outburst early in the first half to beat city rival Grosse Pointe North 7-0. "We came out focused, which I was pleased about since we didn't have that same intensity in our previous game (a 6-1 loss at Saline)," Dennis said. "We were able to get the lead and work on some things. I moved some players around and it turned out to be a great evening."

For the Blue Devils, Rose Williamson, Megan MacLean and Carson Dennis scored two goals apiece, while Julia Gough had one.

During the three goal outburst in the opening seven minutes, Gough, from Hannah Voytowich

and Dennis; Williamson, from Voytowich; and MacLean, from Voytowich; scored to put the Norsemen on their heels.

North co-coaches Paula Cornwall and Shelby Stone regrouped at the half and had their players ready to go in the second half.

They didn't score, but the ball movement was better, as was the defense.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 3-4-1 overall.

Last weekend, Grosse Pointe North won its first game of the season, 1-0, over visiting Oakland.

Lindsey Lesha scored the lone goal as the Norsemen's defense and goalkeeper played well as North improved to 1-4 overall.

TENNIS

Knights win battle of No. 1 vs. No. 2

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

In a battle between the top two teams in Division 4, it was visiting University Liggett beating Ann Arbor Greenhills 5-3.

The Knights came in second to Greenhills the past two years in the state finals and this was the season to jump ahead of the perennial state power.

Head coach Mark Sobieralski watched his singles players win 3-of-4 matches and doubles split to gain the 5-3 victory, moving to No. 1 in the Division 4 state

rankings.

"I told the kids before the match they had to play with poise and have good body language on the court," Sobieralski said. "We wanted to win, but I wanted the kids to play well, win or lose. It was important to put forth a solid effort against a team which has really dominated Division 4 the past decade."

T.J. Dulac won 6-2, 5-7, 6-2 at No. 1 singles and Christian Ilitch crushed his foe 6-0, 6-0 at No. 2 singles

Casey Scoggin lost a close match 7-6, 3-6, 6-4 at No. 3 singles, while

Andrew Staricco cruised, winning 6-1, 6-3 at No. 4 singles.

Thomas Van Pelt and Maddie Fofo took care of business at No. 1 doubles, winning 7-6, 6-2 and Matt Lesha and Victor Logan needed three sets before settling into a 4-6, 6-2, 7-5 win at No. 4 doubles.

Alec Azar and Davey Sekhon lost 6-2, 6-2 at No. 2 doubles and the No. 3 doubles squad of Spencer Warezak and Craig Buhler lost a close one 6-4, 7-6.

The following day, Liggett, 16-1-1, beat Frankel Jewish Academy 8-0.

South gets best of North in 'big' test

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For the first time in a decade, the city rivalry between Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South had a lot riding on the outcome.

A win by North would create a three-way tie for the Macomb Area Conference Red Division regular season championship and a victory for South puts it in the driver's seat toward winning the outright title.

When the dust settled, Grosse Pointe South put itself in control of the regular season title, beating Grosse Pointe North 6-2.

"The boys were ready today," South head coach John Willard said. "They knew what was at stake and they played well."

"Some of the bounces didn't go our way and that is the way it goes sometimes," North head coach John VanAlst said. "The boys were ready to play and played well, but just came up short."

The Norsemen's victories came at No. 1 doubles, where Jack Williams and Ben Zacharias cruised to a 6-3, 6-2 win over Patrick Bourke and Teddy Sweeney, and Max Stallings came from behind to beat Patrick Willard at No. 1 singles, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

As for the Blue Devils, John Sullivan cruised past Hunter Williams 6-1, 6-1 at No. 2 singles and Sean Miller won 6-3, 6-2 over Abhinav Nannapaneni at No. 3 singles.

At No. 4 singles, South's Michael Willard won 6-0, 6-1 over David Daher.

It was Turner Sine and Tommy Sine beating Adam Berry and Blake Danna 6-0, 6-1 at No. 2 doubles and David Scupholm and William George defeating Blake Graham and Ethan Aziz in a tight match 6-4, 7-6. At No. 4 doubles,



PHOTO BY PETE BALAYA

North's Adam Berry returns a shot during the Norsemen's league match with St. Clair.

South's Sam Packer and Kenny Prather beat Joe Haney and Sonny Mulpuri 7-5, 6-2.

In the exhibition match, No. 5 doubles, South's Mickey Kuchta and Alex Acker beat Bill Steigelman and Kenny Heaton 6-1, 6-1.

In division matches last week, Grosse Pointe North beat Utica Eisenhower 7-1 and St. Clair 6-2.

The match of the day against Eisenhower was at No. 4 doubles where Haney and Mulpuri won a 2 1/2 hour marathon, 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-2).

At No. 1 doubles, Jack Williams and Zacharias finished off an easy 6-0, 6-0 win and the No. 2 and No. 3 doubles squads of Berry and Danna, and Graham and Aziz, were equally dominant.

Stallings won 6-2, 6-3 at No. 1 singles and Hunter Williams won 6-4, 6-0 at No. 2 singles.

Daher won 6-1, 6-2 and he turned in the match of the day against St. Clair. He beat Troy Distelrath 7-5, 6-0.

Distelrath entered the day with only one loss this season.

Grosse Pointe South also had a busy week, losing 5-3 to Troy, ranked in the top five in Division 1, beating Port Huron Northern 5-3 and Sterling Heights Stevenson 8-0.

Against Troy, Patrick Willard won 6-1, 7-6 at No. 1 singles.

Miller, at No. 3 singles, won 6-3, 6-2, and Michael Willard pulled off a 6-3, 6-4 victory at No. 4 singles.

In the win over MAC Red Division rival PHN, it was Bourke and Sweeney winning a tough third set 6-4 to win the match.

Miller and Michael Willard beat their PHN foes 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 and 6-0, 6-0, while the other two doubles teams to win were No. 3 and No. 4 squads of Scupholm and George, 6-2, 6-4, and Packer and Prather, 6-4, 6-2.

South is 3-0 in the MAC Red Division and North finished 2-2.

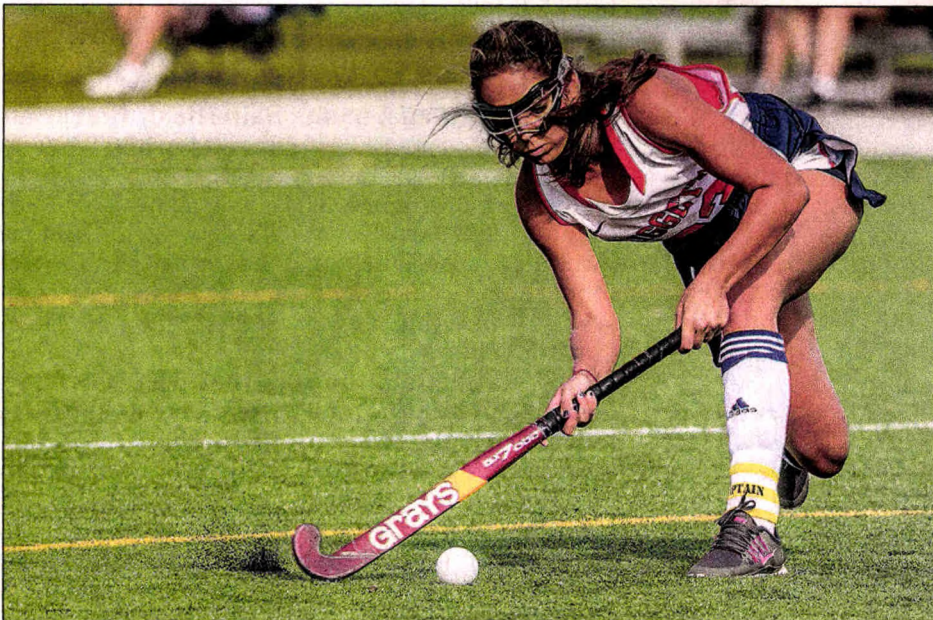


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Liggett senior Katie Fruehauf has been one of the team's leading scorers this season.

Knights rebound from loss to beat Saddlelites

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' field hockey team struggled in a 4-0 loss to division-leading Detroit Country Day last week.

The Knights came back with a vengeance, beating Warren Regina 7-0.

"We played a good game today and we needed it after our tough loss to Country Day," senior Lucy Alpert said.

Juniors Alexandra Diggs and Kaitlin Fox, as well as sophomore Katie Birgbauer, scored two goals apiece to lead the offensive charge, while senior Katie Fruehauf

had one tally.

The host Knights dominated the game on both ends of the field. The offense had the ball in the Saddlelites' zone for a majority of the game and boasted a season-high seven goals.

The defense, anchored by Alpert, was solid in front of senior goalkeeper Haley Malewicz.

Head coach Jayant Trewn has two of his best players, senior Kara Francis and junior Naomi Yoshida, on the injured list.

They will not play this season, but picking up the slack are eight freshmen and three sopho-

mores behind the senior leadership of Alpert, Fruehauf and Ivy Meraw.

"We're working with the freshmen and sophomores to help get them on the same page with the juniors and seniors," Fruehauf said. "It's going to take some time, but in the end we will all be on the same page."

"I look up to our seniors and it's nice to be one of the girls whose job it is to score goals," Birgbauer said. "It's a little pressure, but I don't mind it at all."

Liggett is 3-1 in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 2 standings.

Soccer

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Victory

Grosse Pointe North's Andrew Sheffield, above, and his teammates beat Lakeview 3-0 last week. Tommy Teftsis, Andrew Sheffield and Jamal Langrock scored goals. The Norsemen also played Utica and Anchor Bay last week, losing 6-1 and 3-0 to fall to 2-3 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 4-6 overall.



PHOTO BY PETE BALAYA

LIGGETT

Knights stay focused

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' soccer team hosted Pontiac Notre Dame Prep last week. Head coach David Dwaihy, assistant coach Andy Knot and the players knew this would be a statement game. Prep came into the game playing solid soccer and its accomplishments included a win over Grosse Pointe North. The senior duo of Spero Kefalonitis of J.J. Jerry provided just

enough offense to lead the Knights to a 1-0 win. Kefalonitis scored the goal with Jerry assisting. "It was a tough game and we feel great about coming out with a win," Dwaihy said. "Notre Dame Prep is a very good team and this was the kind of game we have played recently, tough, close games." Junior goalkeeper Anthony George was solid in net, making a couple of nice saves to keep Prep off the board. Two days later, Liggett hosted division rival

Birmingham Roeper. It was all Knights in a 6-1 victory. "We kept on the pressure and were able to score some goals early," Dwaihy said. "We're playing well." The Knights led 4-0 at the half as seniors George Thanasas and Christian deRuiter had two goals apiece. Kefalonitis and junior Nick Connell scored one goal apiece. Liggett is 6-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 7-0 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils play tough

By Fletcher Sharpe
Special Writer

The Grosse Pointe South boys' soccer team suffered a heartbreaking 2-1 loss to Utica High School last weekend. Head coach Francesco Cilano was honest and terse with his assessment of the match, saying, "You saw what happened. I'm proud of my players and how they played but we can't prepare to play 12 against 11." Cilano's statement was about the referees' numerous missed calls around the field. The main one was around the 8th minute. Senior Ryan Kotas flicked a ball toward freshman Connor Stencel, whose play led to a pass to senior Morgan Clevenger on

the right side. Clevenger's cross appeared to catch the defender's hand in the box, as the line judge signaled for a penalty kick. The head official came over and after discussion ruled that the foul occurred just outside the box. The ensuing free kick was knocked out by Utica. The Blue Devils got on the board in the 24th minute as junior Peter Buhl played a ball to Kotas, who fed him right back. Buhl beat the goalkeeper Peter Frick for a goal and a 1-0 lead. Utica answered back 11 minutes later with a penalty kick. Goalie Sean Ellis went for a punch save, but apparently one of the South defenders was holding the forward next to the

goalie. Christopher Cjajcaj stepped up and beat Ellis high and right to even the score at 1-1. Soon after halftime, there was a play on the edge of the box with Kotas chasing down a ball as he bared down on Frick. It appeared the goalie cleared him out while going for the ball, but the ref signaled a goal kick, allowing the half to end shortly after. The game didn't stay tied much longer as Brennan Dinnan swung a ball in from the left side of the pitch and found Ty Cerget in front of the net. The Utica sophomore put it home to put the Chieftains up 2-1 in the 45th minute. Grosse Pointe South fell to 1-3 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 3-10 overall.

Cross country

RIVALS

South, North girls rock and roll

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It was a wealth of success for the Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South girls' cross-country teams in last week's first Macomb Area Conference Red Division jamboree meet. South won it with a 7-0 mark and North was right behind at 6-1. For the Blue Devils and head coach Steve Zaranek, senior Reanna Raymond was fifth with a time of 20:31 and teammates, sophomore Abbey Guevara and senior Emily Dodge, placed eighth and ninth with times of 20:57 and 21:14, respectively. Also finishing in the top 15 were senior Marie High, 12th with a time of 21:21; freshman Kaleigh McCarron, 14th with a time of 21:33; and senior Sayanna Roy, 15th with a time of 21:33.5. Other Blue Devils who participated in the varsity race were sophomore Sarah Bellovich, junior Abby Hurst, freshman Allison Vern, sophomore Devon Krasner, senior Emma Russell and junior Natalia Szura. "Our first jamboree went extremely well," Zaranek said. "We have much more parity this year in the Red Division and we felt Romeo, Ike and North, along with us, all had the ability to go undefeated in this jamboree." For the Norsemen under Scott Cooper, junior Lauren Sickmiller was third with a time of

19:51. Sophomores Michaela Cosgrove and Julia McLellan finished 16th and 17th with times of 21:34 and 21:35 to give the Norsemen another duo with a top 20 finish. Sophomore Katie Louwers placed 22nd with a time of 22:20 and another trio finished back-to-back with junior Kate Wozniak, freshman Meg Pangborn and senior Erinne Lubienksi taking 23rd, 24th and 25th with times of 22:31, 22:32 and 22:34, respectively. Other competitors for the Norsemen were junior Jenna Miller, junior Josie Ciaravino, sophomore Sara Michalik, junior Stephanie Schaefer and senior Valerie Matula. "Last year we were 2-5 at this jamboree, so coming home 6-1 made me very proud of my runners," Cooper said. "They have been working so hard to better themselves and to run in packs. We have been working at practice on that pack mentality, and they did just that today in the race. I could not have been more pleased with the results." In the boys' meet, Grosse Pointe North, under head coach Diane Montgomery, placed fourth at 4-3 and Grosse Pointe South, under head coach Mark Sonnenberg, took sixth at 2-5. Leading the way for the Norsemen was junior Mike Ciaravino, who was third with a time of 16:42. Sophomore William

Hofmann was 10th with a time of 17:07, while junior Calvin Riley was 21st with a time of 17:38.5. Sophomore Garrett Schreck was 24th with a time of 17:42 and senior William Ferguson was 29th with a time of 18:08. "We were very happy with our times (five of our varsity seven ran their fastest times ever) and our results," Montgomery said. "We were only six points away from Dakota and three points away from Romeo in the dual meet scoring. These meets are scored as seven individual dual meets, so we finished the day with a 4-3 record." For the Blue Devils, junior Rockim Williamson was 17th with a time of 17:36 to lead the team. "In one of the hardest boys leagues in the state our varsity came out with a 2-5 record," Sonnenberg said. "More importantly, the boys times were very good." Other scorers were junior Bradley Geist, 33rd with a time of 18:17; senior Kurt Huebner, 40th with a time of 18:48; senior Alexander Szura, 41st at 18:51; and freshman Dominic Dulac, 42nd at 18:54.

Correction

In last week's Muskrat Invitational article, North's Calvin Riley was third for the Norsemen, while Jake Fischer was their fifth finisher. Also, Mike Ciaravino's time was 16:54.

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Golf

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH & GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Ladies getting better

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls' golf team continued its winning ways with their second straight victory last week, beating Macomb Dakota 192-213 at Pine Valley Golf Course in Ray Township. Kaitlin Ifkovits paced the squad with an impressive 41, which led all scorers. Ellie Connors was second with a 47, followed by Gray Rahm's 50. Cailey Paull continues to improve and had a 54. South is 2-1 overall.

North results

Head coach Pete Kingsley preaches patience and hard work and both were at work last week when his Grosse Pointe North girls' golf team battled Macomb Dakota and Port Huron Northern. The Norsemen began the three-match week with a 206-210 loss to Dakota as Meghan Gallagher was the medalist, firing a 42. Maria Paluzzi and Sophia Mihaylova each shot a 55, while Lauren Miller had a 58 in the match played at Pine

Valley.

The Norsemen returned home to face Port Huron Northern and lost 197-208 at Lochmoor. Gallagher led the way with a 40 and she was followed by Samm Karowicz with 52, Miller with 57 and Paluzzi with 59. The Norsemen played the final match of the week at Lochmoor, losing 200-207 to Dakota as Gallagher shot a 39 to lead all golfers. Anna Simpson shot a 53, while Karowicz and Paluzzi had a 56 and 59. North is 0-4 overall.

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Swimming

NORTH & SOUTH

Norsemen get win, Blue Devils drop two

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls' swimming and diving team won its second straight meet last week, beating L'Anse Creuse 119-61.

Starting in the 200-yard freestyle, the Norsemen won events as Angelina Cavaliere was first with a time of 2:16.48.

In the 200-yard individual medley, Julia

Gehlert won with a time of 2:27.31.

Olivia Peruzzi won the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 27.87, and the Norsemen had the only two divers as Isabelle Nguyen won with 208.15 points and Abigail Gretkierewicz was second with 144.60.

In the 100-yard butterfly, Sam Villani won with a time of 1:05.13, and there was a tie in the 100-yard freestyle as Peruzzi and the Lancers' Helen

Korneffel touched the pad in a time of 1:00.54.

Villani came back two events later to win the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:33.37.

The Norsemen put a firm grip on winning the meet after Cavaliere, Bella Gallant, Alyssa Carlino and Mattes won the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:53.93.

Hannah Mattes and Maggie Mattes placed first and third in the 100-

yard breaststroke with times of 1:19.12 and 1:29.18.

The Norsemen also won the final event as Cavaliere, Gallant, Peruzzi and Gehlert had a time of 4:13.67 in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Grosse Pointe North, under head coach Dan Hafner, improved to 2-1 overall.

South results

Grosse Pointe South girls' swimming and diving team hosted two of

the top teams in the Midwest last weekend, Bishop Fenwick out of Franklin, Ohio, and St. Ignatius Prep out of Chicago.

The Blue Devils lost 99-87 to Bishop Fenwick and 123-63 to St. Ignatius, falling to 1-3 overall.

Despite the losses, head coach Eric Gunderson knows competing against great teams only makes you a

better team.

Renee Liu won the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 24.54 and Clarice Fisher took top honors in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 58.64.

Ava Boutrous also won an event, posting a time of 5:15.85 in the 500-yard freestyle.

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23 10am- 3pm;
Saturday,
September 24
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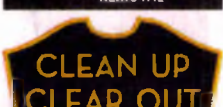
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Understanding Montessori

The Academy's approach to early childhood education

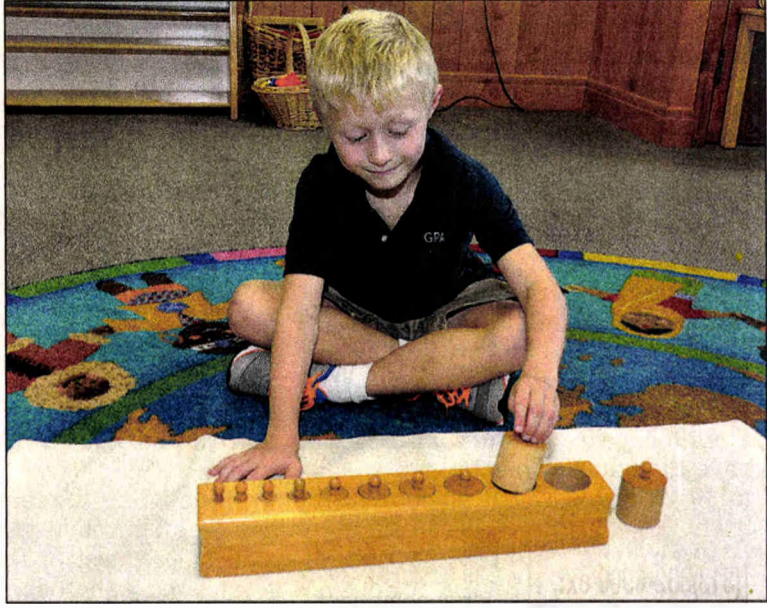
By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

When Maria Montessori, an Italian physician and educator, developed the Montessori method in the early 1900s, there wasn't a lot of research to back her theories. A pioneer in early childhood development, her theories would later be supported by the research of cognitive theorists, including Swiss clinical psychologist Jean Piaget.

In 1907, she opened the first Montessori school in Rome, where she created the "prepared learning environment" she believed was conducive to sense learning and creative exploration. Teachers were encouraged to stand back and "follow the child" — that is, let children's natural interests take the lead.

Montessori emphasized the importance of independence, freedom within limits and respect for a child's natural psychological, physical and social development. She is often credited with the quote: "The greatest sign of success for a teacher... is to be able to say, 'The children are now working as if I did not exist.'"

At Grosse Pointe Academy, the longest continuously operating Montessori program in Michigan, teachers do exist, but as guides and facilitators rather than the voice of authority. Teachers and classroom assistants introduce the materials and the children direct themselves to choose work of interest to them, according to Jennifer Kendall, assistant head of school for early school education and admissions.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Above, Gianna Decker traces sandpaper letters in a sand tray in the language area as part of a pre-writing exercise. With consonants in one color and vowels in another, children develop writing and reading skills, learn visual discrimination of letters and connect the shape of the letter with the sound it makes. Right, Martin Krall works with knobbed cylinders for the purpose of helping the child's development of reason and building the intellect. The knobbed cylinders teach the visual discrimination of different dimensions, prepare for writing by developing muscular control of the hand and arm, in particular the thumb, and prepare the mathematical mind.

"We have every material a Montessori classroom would ever desire and a strong faculty that is able to use the philosophy in the correct way," Kendall said. "We try to model every part of our building and classrooms after what Maria Montessori was looking to achieve."

Each of the materials presented by the teacher has a purpose, Kendall said. For example, while many preschool classrooms, including play-based preschools, contain blocks, the blocks in a Montessori classroom develop specific skills. Knob cylinders help children persevere through what Kendall called a "control of error." There is a spot on a wooden block for every cylinder, with only one cylinder fitting in each spot.

Another quintessential Montessori material, the pink tower, has 10 varying shaped block units. By building the tower, children are developing coordination, setting a basis for the number system and increasing awareness of dimension.

'Perseverance is an underlying benefit of a Montessori environment.'

JENNIFER KENDALL
Assistant Head of School for Early School Education and Admissions

"The children learn how to fail when the work isn't going well," Kendall said. "Every work allows for that — (for them) to continue to persevere and work through it."

"Perseverance is an underlying benefit of a Montessori environment," she added. The classroom is divided into separate areas building on a

child's natural desire to learn. In the practical life area, according to classroom teacher Cindy Mayilukila, children develop fine motor skills

through care for their own needs and the physical environment, along with respectful and responsible communication with others.

In the sensorial area, children learn color, size, texture and weight through their work and academic materials in language arts, math, science and social studies. Materials in this area build a child's concentra-

tion and coordination along with sense of independence and order. They also prepare "the mathematical mind through exploration of its exact dimensions, one-to-one correspondence, the decimal system and orderly process," said Mayilukila.

Academic subjects at GPA revolve around

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Jennifer Larson

School: University Liggett School
Years at Liggett: 2
Grades/class/subjects: Neuroscience, Genetics and Biology
Nominated by: Karl Palmgren, Head of Upper School
Palmgren's quote:

"Dr. Jennifer Larson joined the Liggett team last year from the world of neuroscience bench research. She earned her Ph.D. in neuroscience from Colorado University and spent two years doing postdoctoral work at the University of Washington. Following her postdoc work, Dr. Larson served as the outreach and educational specialist at the Institute for Learning and the Brain in Seattle, Wash. Dr. Larson brings her expertise in research to bear each day during class and lab time. She has

developed and will be teaching a new course here at Liggett: neuroscience. Within a week of registration opening, neuroscience I hit its cap of 18 students. Dr. Larson is the quintessential Liggett teacher: an expert in her field, a lifelong learner and someone with a deep caring for and investment in each of her students."

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

The thing I most enjoy about teaching is forming meaningful and engaging relationships with students.

Describe a teaching accomplishment you're proud of or a "teachable moment" you experienced.

There isn't a single moment per se, but I love seeing students get excited about science. It's very rewarding when a



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student who describes themselves as "hating science" ends up enjoying the material and discovering a love for science they never knew was there.

Favorite author or influential person:

I enjoy many authors, but I find myself influenced by great scientists more. My favorite scientist is Santiago Ramon y Cajal, a neuroanatomist who drew beautiful anatomical diagrams of the brain. His attention to detail and precision was truly something to be admired.

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South students take the stage in Marine City

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

It's not unusual for high school students in Grosse Pointe to dance, sing and act their way to critical acclaim on stage. What is unusual is when they do it professionally.

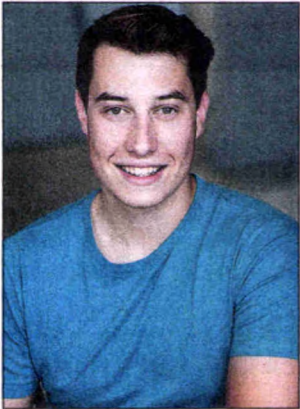
Grosse Pointe South High School students Luke Bove, a senior, and Grayson Kennedy, a sophomore, are part of a 14-person ensemble cast in a professional production of "The Drowsy Chaperone" at the Riverbank Theatre in Marine City.

"They're terrific kids," said Kathy Vertin, who owns the theater along with her husband, Tom Vertin. "I would never have guessed (Luke) was a senior in high school. In a million years I would have thought he was 26 to 30 years old. What a talent."

When the couple opened the 98-seat Snug Stage in 2013, followed by the 180-seat Riverbank Theatre in 2014, Vertin said she "thought the hardest thing about theater wasn't filling seats, it was getting a high level of talent onstage. We have been absolutely blessed with the level of talent we've been able to secure and our patrons will attest to that."

Bove and Kennedy are among that level of talent, according to director Aaron Smith.

"When we got Luke and Grayson it was like, whoa, we hit the jackpot," he said. "They're



both extremely talented — great singers — and show great promise.

"Both are great dancers," he continued. "There were times I looked at Grayson as we were doing the choreography and he knew it even better than I did."

According to Kennedy, he's no triple threat.

"I'm not as natural a singer and dancer as I am an actor," he said, adding he learned some dance after a year of South's show choir and attending classes at Kercheval Dance in the City of Grosse Pointe. He also picked up the theater bug late, starting spring of eighth grade at Brownell Middle School.



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Luke Bove, top left, and Grayson Kennedy, below, appear in a professional production at the Riverbank Theatre. Above, the cast of "The Drowsy Chaperone."

"I immediately fell in love with it and I decided to roll with it. That summer I did another performance. I started picking up steam and kept loving it and now I'm here," he said.

Smith said Bove "is a fine tap dancer as well. He had to tap dance in the show and that was one of the contingencies of getting the role. He had to look a certain way, be a leading man and be a good-looking guy. He had to roller skate as well. He tackled it really well and is a true professional. He never even had any qualms about it. He did what needed to be done."

"The roller skating was interesting because they're like antique skates," Bove said. "I roller skate with a blindfold on while singing."

Bove said he has not had any formal dance training except what he learned through three years of South's show choir and musical productions, including playing the lead in last year's musical, "Thoroughly Modern Millie." This led to an invitation to audition for "The Drowsy Chaperone" in August. Rehearsals began in mid-August and the show opened Sept. 16.

Bove hopes to pursue musical theater in college and is narrowing his list of applications to 12. He is not participating in show choir this year to devote time to preparing for auditions. Outside of school, he and Kennedy also are directing a play together called "Peter and the Star Catcher."

Kennedy, in his second year with the show choir, is student director of South's fall drama, "Lost in Yonkers," scheduled to be performed Nov. 17 to 19. He also is a member of Pointe Singers. He, too, hopes to "get into a nice college for theater and pursue it as far as I can take it."

Both Bove and Kennedy agree the experience has been a good one.

"They really treated us as professionals there and it was a really cool step," Kennedy said.

For Bove, the experience will be a boon to his college application.

"Since we are a professional theater, this will look great on his resume," Smith said, adding, "We wish him the best. We'd love to get him

back on our stage before he goes to get some more professional credits."

Smith, who has an acting role in the show, said he has enjoyed getting to know them as their director and also a fellow cast member.

"They are both the nicest young men and the nicest asset to our show and our theater group," he said.

Final performances for "The Drowsy Chaperone" are 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, and Saturday, Sept. 24, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25. Tickets are \$26 and available at riverbanktheatre.com or by calling the box office at (810) 278-1749. The theater is located in the historic Marine Savings Bank building, 358 S. Water St., Marine City.

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Montessori's theories as well. Under the premise children are most sensitive to language from birth to age 6, exposure to French begins with the 3-year-olds. The physical education program is developmental in nature, encouraging cooperative play by introducing organized games and physical activities, with emphasis on motor skills, object control, fitness and development of personal and social skills.

The music curriculum encourages participation in singing, reciting rhymes and poetry. Songs, drums, stories, recorded music, finger



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Thomas Ben-Elohin transfers noodles from one bowl to the other in the practical life area. Practical life activities are designed to aid in the integrated growth and harmonious development of mind and body.

plays and nursery rhymes all contribute to a child's introduction to singing and pitch, rhythm, beat and patterns. Finally, art for kindergartners encourages exploration, creativity and self-expression.

Montessori believed younger children benefit from the community formed with older children. GPA has a multi-age classroom with 3- and 4-year-olds modeling their behavior from 5-year-olds and older students having a chance to reinforce their own knowledge by helping younger students.

"A multi-age environment is such a dream," Kendall said. "A child who is ready to start learning their sounds or start the process of reading is allowed to. That's a huge benefit."

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Other benefits are "the ability to have the children nurtured, challenged and inspired," said Kendall. "There are great challenges within the classroom academically, but they're also given the skills to be public speakers and critical thinkers. They do problem solving, conflict resolution — things they don't realize they're doing." Skills build over time, culminating with the kindergarten year.

"A lot of people don't understand Montessori,"

Kendall said, adding some parents think there's no creativity or play while others believe it's a free-for-all, with no direction or guidance from the teacher. For Kendall, neither perception is true.

"It's the best of both worlds," she said.

GPA offers a three-day program for 2 ½-year-olds and young 3-year-olds along with 3- and 4-year-old extended-day programs and a full-day kindergarten. It is a full member of the American Montessori Society and licensed by the Michigan Department of Social Services. For more information, contact Kendall at (313) 886-1221 or jkendall@gpacademy.org.

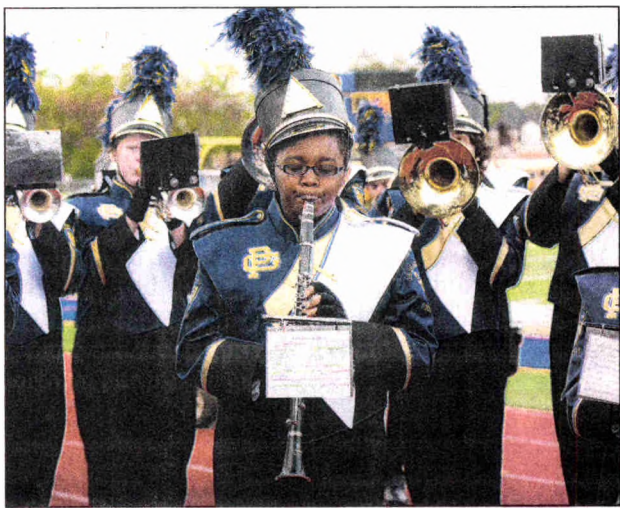
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Blue Devil marching band debuts uniforms

Grosse Pointe South High School's marching band, under the direction of Christopher Takis, showed off its new uniforms at the varsity football game against Henry Ford II Saturday, Sept. 17. The Blue Devil marching band is present at all home varsity football games and occasional away games and playoff games. The band consists of woodwinds, brass, drumline, front ensemble and color guard.



PHOTOS BY PAUL KANIA

South's marching band debuted its new uniforms at the varsity football game against Henry Ford II Saturday, Sept. 17. Clockwise from top, clarinetist Lenise Freeman leads the horns; drum majors Seth Adams and Hadley Hermon model their new uniforms; the band builds school spirit in the stands; snare drummers, from left, Nick Vallan, Teddy Loosvelt and Dino Caradonna and tenor drummer Mathieu Fikany perform before the game.

Parents who host lose the most

During homecoming season in the fall and prom and graduation season in the spring, the Grosse Pointe Public School System, in conjunction with Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe and the Community Health Alliance, distributes postcards and posts banners reminding parents of the risks of serving alcohol to minors at parties.

The motto is: Parents who host lose the most.

"Don't be a party to teenage drinking," the postcards read. "It's against the law."

Here's what parents should know:

- ◆ As a parent, you cannot give alcohol to your teen or their friends who are younger than 21 under any circumstance, in your own home, even with their parent's permission.
- ◆ You cannot knowingly allow a person younger than 21 to remain in your home or on your property while consuming or possessing alcohol.
- If you break the law:
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 - ◆ Others can sue you if you give alcohol to anyone younger than 21 and they, in turn, hurt someone, hurt themselves or damage property.
 - ◆ Officers can take any alcohol, money or property used in committing the offense.

Things you can do as a parent:

- ◆ Refuse to supply alcohol to children.
- ◆ Be at home when your teen has a party.
- ◆ Make sure alcohol is not brought into your home or property by your teen's friends.
- ◆ Talk to other parents about not providing alcohol at other events your child will be attending.
- ◆ Create alcohol-free opportunities and activities in your home so teens feel welcome.
- ◆ Report underage drinking.

Courtesy of the Community Health Alliance, formerly Beaumont Community Health Coalition.

Week Ahead

FRIDAY, SEPT. 23

◆ The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts a tailgate 5 to 7 p.m. at Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Food, drinks, games and entertainment are provided. The North vs. South varsity football game follows.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24

◆ The Athletic Booster Club of Grosse Pointe South High School presents the 14th annual Run the Pointe, a fun run/walk around Grosse Pointe Farms. Race day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and races begin at 7 a.m. Proceeds benefit student athletes.

MONDAY, SEPT. 26

◆ The district is hosting a community reception to honor Christian Fenton, Grosse Pointe Public School System deputy superintendent for business and operations, 5 to 7 p.m., at South Commons (formerly the pool), 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Everyone is welcome. The regular meeting of the board of education will follow in South's Wick Library.



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Liggett sixth-graders gather in front of the Warner Pioneer Homestead, an 1855 Greek Revival-style farmhouse, during their archeology dig.

Liggett sixth-graders dig archeology

During their study of ancient and medieval cultures, students often wonder, "How we know what we know about the past?" University Liggett School's sixth-grade archeology dig — an annual tradition for more than 40 years — is a hands-on way to answer that question.

Sixth-graders visited the Warner Pioneer Homestead farm in Brighton last week to conduct an archeology dig. They worked alongside the family and volunteers to screen artifacts from the mound of topsoil excavated from a former garden area of the farm.

Students found bricks, nails and window glass; ceramic pieces, shards of pottery and glass and an iron clasp; peach pits, animal bones and even a pig's tooth, among other items. Many of the artifacts date to the 19th century with some spanning to the mid 20th century.

"The students love the aspect of digging in the dirt and holding real artifacts in their hands," said middle school social studies teacher Becky Gast. "They enjoy learning how to be archeologists and many express a desire to do it again."

On the farm is the family's 1855 Greek Revival-style farmhouse that dates back to 1841 and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

"After their hands-on experience with archeology, students gain a deeper understanding of how archeologists piece together — sometimes literally — the stories of the past," Gast said. "Their day at the dig site remains a highlight of their middle school years."

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North student nominated for national film award

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A film by Sebastian Cubillejo, a junior at Grosse Pointe North High School, was nomi-

nated for the National Student Production Awards by the National Academy of Television

Arts and Sciences — the organization that gives out Emmy awards.

Cubillejo's animated short film, "2187," was among five films nominated in the high school animation/graphics/special effects category. There were a total of 23 categories, from public affairs/community service to music videos.

With high schools across the country embracing media

courses, the number of regional entries to the National Student Production Awards has grown to exceed 1,500, according to a NATAS press release. The inaugural national competition was created to acknowledge a new media-savvy generation whose work has proven to be extraordinary. Judges, from industry professionals to university professors, have

determined winning entries are worthy of national television exposure. Tuesday, Oct. 4, NATAS will host the National Student Production awards at the Newseum in Washington, D.C. This will be streamed at 12:30 p.m. at livestream.com/tndvtelevision/StudentProductionAwards.com. Student honorees will receive a certificate from NATAS and a crystal pil-

lar award with the Emmy® logo will be presented to the school.

Cubillejo won the animation category at NATAS's Michigan Chapter Student Production Awards last spring and received a Best of Show award at the Michigan Student Film Festival.

"This is a huge honor for Sebastian," said television production teacher Brian Stackpoole.

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