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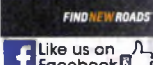
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Problem after problem caused flooding

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A cascading series of pump failures caused by electrical overheating and power interruptions allowed storm water to back up from the Neff Road Pump Station through sanitary sewers into more than 200 basements during a 2.76-inch downpour early Aug. 16, concluded the City of Grosse Pointe's consulting engineers.

Compounding overheating of three high-capacity pumps were outages of two power lines feeding the facility.

"This was an extremely rare consequence of a high-intensity rainfall in a short duration combined with three pumps

going out," said Peter Dame, city manager.

The engineers' report, dated Friday, Oct. 14, confirms their initial findings within a week of flooding.

"With the severe intensity of the rainfall, the (station's) wet well rose quickly," according to the report signed by Stephen Pangori, executive vice president of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, the city's consulting engineers.

The well collects rain and sewer water to be pumped to Detroit for treatment.

"Pump No. 7, a large-capacity pump, did draw down the wet well," Pangori said. "However, Pump 7's variable fre-

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Fall festival

Grosse Pointe Farms had its annual Autumn Harvest Oct. 8, at Pier Park and plenty of residents came out to enjoy the activities, which included a bounce house, pumpkin painting, hay rides, jugglers and more. At left, from left, Sloane McGuire, Pat Brown, Hudson Brown and Emersyn Brown roast marshmallows over the fire.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Public safety adds new vehicles

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Two- and four-legged miscreants will be getting a little better ride in official city vehicles following the approval of two new leases by the city council at its Monday, Oct. 17, meeting.

By unanimous vote, the council approved leasing a Chevrolet Impala for use by the public safety detective bureau and a GMC Sierra pickup truck for use by the city's animal control officer.

The new vehicles are needed due to the condition of the current department vehicles, according to City Administrator Bruce Smith.

"The vehicle currently used by the detective bureau is in such poor condition it is not reliable for driving outside the city," Smith said, noting the car has 72,000 miles on it.

That mileage actually pales in comparison to the truck currently used

by animal control, which has 173,000 miles on the odometer.

Under terms of the lease, the city will pay \$62,600 for the two vehicles over four years. After four years, the city will purchase the cars for \$1. The vehicles will be leased through Todd Wenzel Buick GMC of Westland and will be outfitted with in-car mobile radios that meet state of Michigan specifications, as well as appropriate vehicle identification markings.

The pickup truck will include an aluminum cap for the truck bed with rear doors and side door access.

According to Smith, the two vehicles currently in use will be evaluated and handed down to other city departments. If they cannot be used due to mechanical condition, they will be auctioned off on the Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network website.

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Above, Katherine Jerome holds the loot she scored at the candy hunt, during which kids searched for candy in the hay. Above left, 5-year-old Stella Papista used her doughnuts as glasses before eating them. Left, 4-year-old twins Bear, left, and Nigel Dove-Medows show off the pumpkins they decorated.

Park flood victims to meet

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A meeting of residents seeking answers and assistance after their basements flooded three weeks ago will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Okulski Theater at Windmill Pointe Park.

While residents will be in attendance, it is still questionable how many city officials will attend. According to Park City Manager Dale Krajniak, city officials will discuss a city-resident meeting at the next city council meeting Monday, Oct. 24.

The basement flooding, including sewage backups, occurred Thursday, Sept. 29, after city officials, fearing damage to the pumping system, shut down the pump station following torrential rains.

The Oct. 22 meeting, organized by homeowners including Pemberton resident and flood victim Wendy Ward Relan, is being held to bring residents together to share information and discuss issues people are having.

"We are reaching out to affected neighbors to see what assistance they may need," Relan said. "We are especially con-

cerned about our senior citizens who may need help but have no idea where to turn."

Residents are reaching out, Relan said, because the city has not.

"We have heard nothing from the city," Relan said. "It has been very frustrating, no one is getting any answers." She noted while meetings have been set up by attorneys to discuss class action law suits, the city has offered little information.

Saturday's meeting will address five issues deemed the most important to victims of the water and sewage

backup that affected about 250 homes in the area of the city bordered by Jefferson and Windmill Pointe Drive. The agenda includes discussion of damage assessment forms which must be turned into the city by Nov. 12; assistance options for those still in need of remediation and clean-up; legal options and discussion of information supplied by two law firms that have been in contact with residents as well as lessons learned from flooding incidents on Bedford and in Grosse Pointe Farms;

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MHS facility named for Farms resident

The Michigan Humane Society announced its new, 35,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art animal care center in Detroit will be named the Mackey Center for Animal Care, in recognition of \$2 million in donations from Grosse Pointe Farms resident Thomas A. Mackey, a member of the MHS honorary board of directors.

"We are grateful for the tremendous commitment and generosity of Thomas Mackey towards making the city of Detroit a healthy pet community that will become a model for animal welfare nationwide," said Matt Pepper, president and CEO. "The Michigan Humane Society's Mackey Center for Animal Care will provide animals in our community with the highest quality care for generations to come."

In December 2010, Mackey made a \$1 million gift that allowed MHS to purchase four acres of property for the new campus. The donation served as a catalyst for the project and in March 2016, Mackey again donated \$1 million, which completed the \$15.5 million capital campaign to build the new facility. However, his compassion for animals and support of MHS began decades earlier when, as a child in the 1940s, he first attended MHS' annual Horse Christmas Party.

The Mackey Center for Animal Care includes separate entrances for the Dresner Foundation Adoption Center, Grosfeld Veterinary Center and animal surrender/intake lobby. The facility replaces MHS' former Detroit Center for Animal Care, which had served MHS since 1931.

Located at 7887 Chrysler, the center provides progressive care and housing, an expanded veterinary center open to the public, a new home for the MHS cruelty investigation and rescue department, dedicated canine and feline rehabilitation areas and secure and spacious shelter dog play yards.

The new facility opened its doors to the public March 14, 2016. For more information, visit michiganhumane.org.

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Harris joins Grosse Pointe News

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes Mary Jo Harris to its team as public relations director, effective Monday, Oct. 17.

Harris joins the Grosse Pointe News after working eight years with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce. She also worked many years in human resources at Detroit-based Young & Rubicam Advertising.

Harris earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in business from Wayne State University.

The lifelong Grosse Pointer and her husband, Alan, have four children and live in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"Growing up here, I



Mary Jo Harris joins the team at the Grosse Pointe News as its public relations director.

PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

remember reading the Grosse Pointe News as a kid," she said. "It was really the only way to find out what was happening in Grosse Pointe. Now I love my kids reading it It's the only paper we have that's for Grosse Pointe that really tells you what's going on."

"With her background, her expertise, how well-respected she is in the community, I'm

overjoyed she's elected to work within our organization," Grosse Pointe News Publisher Scott Chambers said. "She will definitely enhance our brand within the community."

Village hotel a long way off

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Developers are about to be solicited for plans to build a hotel and parking deck in the Village.

Construction is targeted on two pieces of City of Grosse Pointe-owned land north of Kercheval used currently as parking lots.

A hotel consisting of at least 60 rooms is to replace Lot 3, located off the east side of St. Clair between businesses on Kercheval and the Neighborhood Club at the corner of Waterloo.

The parking deck is

slated for Lot 2, behind businesses between St. Clair and Notre Dame.

City Manager Peter Dame drafted a request for proposals seeking assurance from the Downtown Development Authority that new construction won't overwhelm adjacent stores, restaurants and other operations.

"There are concerns if you put a hotel in front of the Neighborhood Club or businesses, it's going to be hard to see them," Dame said. "So, we put in the request to ensure visibility and enhance the viability of business around them rather than detract from them."

Dame said last month two locally-based developers approached him about constructing a hotel in the central business district.

"A high-quality overnight place to stay is a long-standing community need, identified as part of the city's master plan in 2004," Dame wrote in the request for proposals. "The closest top-of-the-line hotel is at the Renaissance Center, 20 minutes away in downtown Detroit."

He intends to start distributing the solicitation this week.

"A substantial amount of work has to happen before anyone will be staying in a hotel," Dame said.

Competing developers have 60 days to respond.

"The developer needs a lot of time to do due diligence," said Mayor Dale Scrace.

City staff thereafter reviews proposals and vets developers.

An opportunity for public comment follows.

"The council will select a developer with which to negotiate further," Dame said, "during which the developer will show the financial ability to carry out the project and demonstrate there is a hotel market in Grosse Pointe."

The public has more opportunity to comment while city officials consider site plans.

Once site plans are approved, building permits, construction and a grand opening follows.

"I'm excited about it," said Councilman Chris Walsh.

"The hotel project is going to be very exciting," said Councilwoman Sheila Tomkowiak, appointed this month to fill an opening on the council created by the resignation of Jean Weipert. "I'm glad to be part of that process."

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Beaumont cuts ribbon on new facility

Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the new Beaumont Medical Building on the hospital's campus at Cadieux and Jefferson. Beaumont will have offices on the lower level with a pain clinic, a hyperbaric oxygen chamber for wound care, outpatient diagnostics, cardiology, dermatology, OB-GYN and more. First and second levels will include individual private doctors and ophthalmology, along with Beaumont surgical specialists. Hours vary for each private doctor. For more information, call (313) 473-1000.

Curbside leaf pickup schedules

GROSSE POINTES — Which weighs more. A ton of lead or a ton of leaves?

The answer's leaves, if you're a public works employee assigned to residential leaf collection.

Three DPW crews in Grosse Pointe Farms collect up to 150 tons of leaves daily, according to municipal officials.

Leaf pickup is underway in the Farms.

Leaves are collected the weekday after scheduled rubbish collection days, according to the municipal website, grossepointefarms.org.

Residents are to place leaves in the street next to the curb, but no earlier than 5 p.m. before the appointed day of pickup.

Don't park vehicles in the road on collection days. They block leaf pickup.

City

Autumn leaf collection

in the City of Grosse Pointe starts Monday, Oct. 24. Collection continues at more than 2,100 households in the city through Dec. 15.

The schedule is:

◆ **Monday:** south side of Cranford Lane, Village Lane, Loraine, Fisher and all roads south of Jefferson;

◆ **Tuesday:** Notre Dame, St. Clair, Neff Road, Grosse Pointe Court, Neff Lane and the north side of Cranford Lane;

◆ **Wednesday:** Lakeland, University and Rivard and

◆ **Thursday:** Washington, Lincoln, Roosevelt and Charles.

Shores

In Grosse Pointe Shores, weekly leaf pickup occurs on rubbish collection days.

"You can put your leaves at the curb any day you want, but we plan on picking them up on your rubbish day," said Brett Smith, director of public works.

—Brad Lindberg

Woods

The Department of

Public Works wants to remind residents of the leaf collection process.

The city began vacuuming leaves from curb areas in early October and will continue through Nov. 28. Leaf collection days differ from trash pickup, so residents are asked to check the city calendar sent to each home for the specific schedule.

Residents are asked to not rake leaves into the street until the day before scheduled pickups and avoid parking in the street from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on leaf collection days.

Only leaves are to be placed in the street. Residents are asked to use brown paper yard waste bags for all other debris, including grass clippings, flowers, plants and twigs. Tree trimmings should be stacked next to rubbish on regular rubbish collection day.

While leaf collection is scheduled to be completed Nov. 28, the city will pick up yard waste bags until Dec. 16.

—Kathy Ryan

Flood claim rulings due next month

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — It's been two months since electrical problems at a pumping station caused rain and sewer water to foul more than 200 basements in the city.

It will likely be another month until residents filing liability claims against the City of Grosse Pointe hear from its insurance carrier.

"All basement backup claims were forwarded to the insurance company at the beginning of October," said Peter Dame, city manager. "The company will evaluate claims under state law that governs municipal claims and will contact everyone directly with their determination."

He anticipates that happening by mid-November.

The city's policy is with the Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool.

"The city can't guarantee exactly when the insurance provider will respond to those claims," Dame said.

Residents reporting basement flooding Aug. 16 should receive a letter this week explaining what caused the problem.

Dame said the letters, mailed Monday, Oct. 17, also include answers to frequently asked questions.

Most questions are about the status of insurance claims, he said.

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quency drive controls overheated and shut down."

No problem, theoretically.

Pump No. 2, also rated high-capacity, kicked in and reduced water in the well until electrical components overheated and the mechanism stopped.

"Then, per protocol, pump No. 1, the third high-capacity pump, started and began drawing down the well,"

Pangori said. "Soon thereafter, however, Pump 1 tripped due to a power outage and shut down."

A mixture of runoff and sewage began backing through the city's network of pipes until the municipal water supervisor, alerted by the station's automatic alarms, arrived.

"He manually restarted Pumps 1 and 2," Pangori said. "Water level in the wet well was restored to normal."

Engineers analyzed the problem with help from

city staff, other contractors, DTE Energy and representatives of other municipalities.

"The Neff station is connected to two separate power sources," Pangori said. "Control panels show a power outage from both outside sources (DTE substations)."

Electronically, the pump station has a glass jaw. Small power interruptions can knock out its sensitive equipment.

"A power outage does not have to affect the whole neighborhood or occur for a prolonged

period of time," Pangori said.

The pumps have been repaired.

To guard against another failure, engineers replaced "some electronic equipment," which is due for more testing late this month.

"The city has instituted a practice of scheduling (staff) to monitor the station when storms are expected to occur outside normal office hours," Pangori said.

The analysis is being posted on the city website, grossepointecity.org.

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Smith also told the council public safety will be outfitting all patrol cars with Stop Sticks, a device used during police chases that can be thrown onto the street in front of a fleeing car. Spikes on the sticks cause flat tires and are

effective in what Smith described as "apprehension and pursuit termination." Smith said currently only three patrol vehicles are outfitted with the devices and there have been instances when those cars were not available when the devices were needed. All patrol cars will now be equipped with the sticks at a cost of \$1,854.

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discussion of the upcoming Oct. 24 city council meeting and an open discussion.

Residents have taken to social media sites for information and sharing experiences with contractors and restoration companies. A Facebook page, GPP 2016 Flood, has served as a town crier of sorts, announcing meetings and directing victims to resource sites. A recent post from Art Van Furniture offered a 30 percent discount to homeowners on furni-

ture and flooring. Residents need to contact a store manager or assistant manager and must present copies of insurance claims or photos of damage. The offer is good until April 2017.

Due to limited seating at the Okulski Theater, organizers of Saturday's meeting are asking for just one attendee per household.

"The neighbors have all been very supportive of each other during this," Relan said. "We want to make sure everyone knows what they need to do and is getting the assistance they need."

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Judge pushes positivity in, outside of courtroom

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

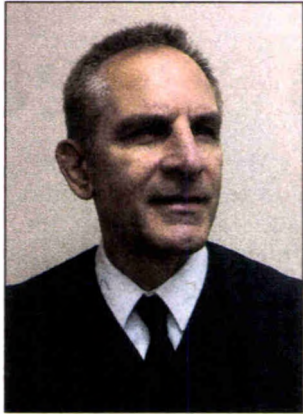
There are many mantras by which Wayne County Juvenile Court Judge Frank Szymanski lives. Among his favorites is, “We’re all here to save the world.”

It’s up to the individual to figure out what part they play, he said.

“I’m always looking for a positive spin on everything,” Szymanski said. “I focus on the joy I have that we all should be living with. The Lord wants us all to be productive and happy and when we’re not, it’s usually you getting in the way of that.”

Szymanski shares his philosophy with juveniles in his courtroom and the public through his recently published book, “Identity Design.”

In his book, he shares principles that have “been around for years,” he said. “Challenges, service, joy, responsibility — we’re all talking about the same principles, but something I say might connect with somebody else who might miss it somewhere else.”



Frank Szymanski

“This is my attempt to put together all the best advice that I can to get on track and focused on what’s important in our lives,” he continued.

Szymanski said he wasn’t blown away by self-help information right away, because he said he felt pretty OK with the life he was living. Reading a newspaper article changed his mind.

“The author basically said the fact is, the people reading these books aren’t people who haven’t had success. They’re people who’ve had some success and want more That opened the door for me to start reading these books. You don’t

have to feel like a loser to pull one of these books off the shelves.”

Szymanski said he started devouring the books and from them built a philosophy he uses on the job.

“My philosophy is, when I walk into the courtroom, I recognize no one there had the blessings I had growing up — two Polish Catholic parents who got married and stayed married, raised seven kids who all went to college and most to grad school We were a wonderful family. We were loved and supported. I work with kids who have been traumatized in such severe ways. I had none of that.

“I realize how blessed I was and come into the courtroom with that attitude,” he continued. “All these young people and their parents have had different backgrounds and not the blessings. I try to level the playing field as much as possible. I have to let them know I’m on their side, but I still have to hold them accountable. I do send some to placement, if that’s the only way they’ll

learn their lesson.”

Szymanski said he wants the youth who appear before him to be successful. He wants them to be accountable for their actions, but also wants things to go well for them in life. Nothing is gained from finger-pointing, he said.

“Even when things were not going well, I didn’t spend a lot of time on who I could blame or point the finger at,” he said, adding while writing his book, he realized everyone has “mental traps” that trip them up. “They’re always there to bother us. Writing this book, I really was able to finally jump over that fence and put it behind me. I’m happier now than I’ve ever been. I feel like I can bring the joy now.”

In addition to offering guidance for powerful and generous living, the book includes short, focused activities, which Szymanski said he uses in his own daily life.

“The thing it helped me the most with is it helped me to be present,” he said. “There is so much power when you learn to be present, to appreciate what life should be about now, not yesterday, not a minute from now, not a year from now Regrets and fears are the opposites of being present to what is happening. When you’re present, that’s where the beauty of this world exists.”

Szymanski stressed getting rid of negative thoughts and focusing on and building positive ones.

“When you start thinking about what you’re



thinking about, you can have the right approach,” he said.

The City of Grosse Pointe resident has been married to Victoria since 2004. They have two children, Evan and Michelle. He practices transcendental meditation every day and has brought the practice to high-security correctional facilities, where inmates have said it’s the most effective intervention they’ve had, he said.

He has brought other programs to the city as well, including Guitars Not Guns, a national organization offering free musical instruction and guitars to at-risk youth as an alternative to violence and substance abuse; the Youth Deterrent Program, in which life offenders counsel at-risk youth on the consequences of crime; the Keep Kids in School initiative to minimize school suspensions and truancy and improve grades; and Kids Are Reading Every Night.

“I’m a judge. I have a robe. I have a gavel. I have a sheriff. I order people into placement,”

he said. “But I am mindful enough to recognize that none of that in and of itself changes anything. The only thing that changes with these kids is when they start to see these things different. I’m more effective when I’m persuading them than when I’m ordering them.”

Szymanski said it’s important to him to make a connection with every youth in his courtroom. His job, he said, is the best job there is because, “I get paid to help people every day.”

Szymanski, who grew up on the eastside of Detroit, earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame and graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Detroit Law School. He lived in Grosse Pointe Park in his youth and has been a City resident 15 years.

“What I love about our community is, once I get home, if I’ve got to go somewhere, I’m going on my bike You can’t beat that,” he said. “There’s something about being on a bike. It’s important to not lose touch with the great parts of being a kid.”

He said another important key to happiness is giving.

“Research tells us people who are the happiest are not the richest, not the prettiest, not the strongest or the smartest. They’re the people who give the most,” he said.

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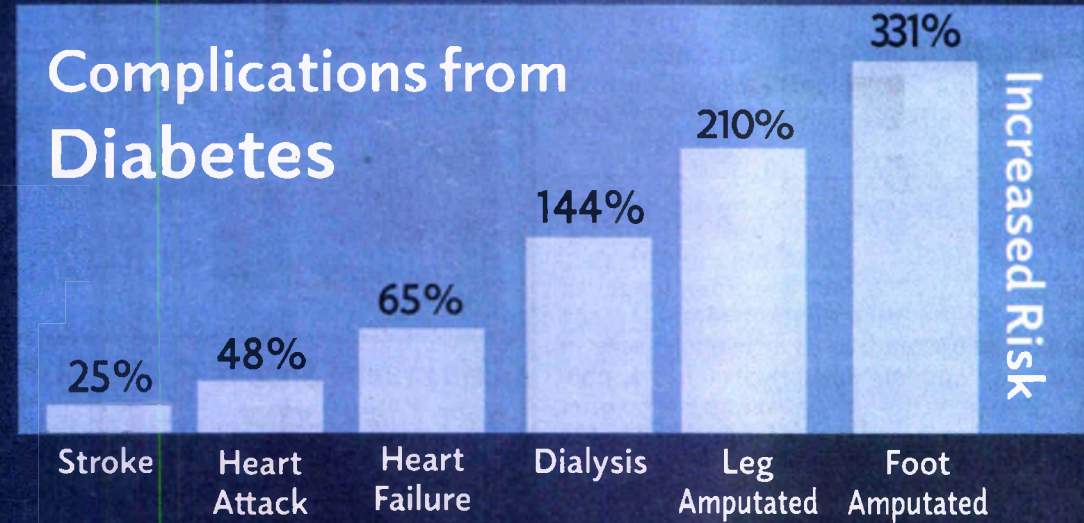


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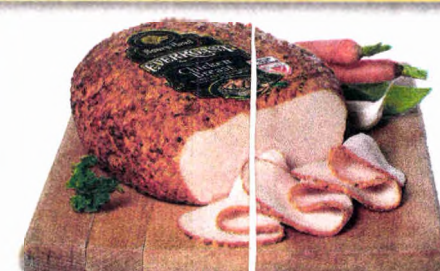
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Wayne County Commissioner District 1

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES

— Two candidates competing in the Tuesday, Nov. 8, election to represent District 1, including the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, on the Wayne County Commission should be familiar to residents of the communities.

Tim Killeen, a Democrat and five-time incumbent, is challenged by John Steininger, a Republican and former president of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education.

District 1 includes a portion of eastside Detroit and is among 15 districts countywide.

Commissioners serve two-year terms.

Timothy P. Killeen

Democrat

Tim Killeen said he looks forward to serving a sixth term on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners so he can expand on work that won him five prior elections.

"I've demonstrated in the 10 years I've been in office that I do my homework," said Killeen, a Democrat from Harper Woods. "I've been responsible in two ways. One, to the 125,000 people living in my district. But, I'm also responsible

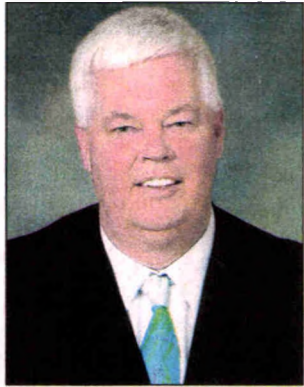


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Timothy P. Killeen, Harper Woods, Democrat for Wayne County Commissioner District 1.

to the 1.8 million county residents. The more we strengthen neighborhoods in Detroit and Harper Woods, the more we strengthen the Pointes as well."

He said he opposed construction of a new Wayne County Jail at the corner of Gratiot and Beaubien, which, due to cost overruns, sits unfinished with talk of starting the project anew at another location.

"I didn't think the due diligence presented to the commission justified the original contract on that," Killeen said. "It's going to cost more money getting it up and running again. Perhaps we should have continued, even with the overruns."

Starting over elsewhere costs another \$400 million, he said.

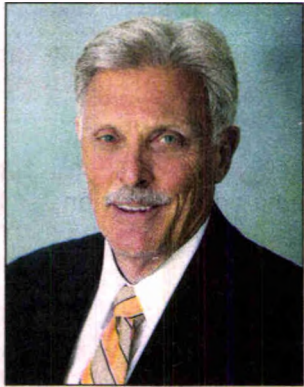


PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN STEININGER

John W. Steininger, Grosse Pointe Farms, Republican candidate for Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

"I've been four-square behind this county executive (Warren Evans) that the only place that it makes fiscal sense to complete the jail is where it was started at Gratiot and Beaubien," Killeen said. "It's unfortunate the project was stopped in the first place because there's probably going to be an additional \$100 million going to that as a result of stopping the project. It's not something the commission had a say-so over."

Former County Executive Robert Ficano lost reelection in 2014 amid accusations of mismanagement, sweetheart deals and hiring.

"We commissioners over the years have squeezed off the county executive's ability to make those kind of hirings," Killeen said. "We

also got more control over the executive benefit plan so they can't just willy-nilly change benefits to appointments in the executive branch."

He acknowledges county stewards' "mistakes" with taxpayer money, made worse during a nearly decade-long recession already costing the county an average \$90 million per year in lost property tax revenue.

"With steps the county executive and commission have taken jointly, our income statement and balance sheet are looking good," Killeen said. "We're in the black for the first time in a long time. Barely, but we're in the black. A lot of fiscal progress has been made since County Executive Warren Evans came into office."

Killeen graduated in 1975 from Michigan State University with a degree in biology.

If reelected, he intends to continue working with federal authorities on evaluating the Lake St. Clair breakwall along the Grosse Pointes.

"The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be studying the seawall to see what kind of shape it's in and improvements are needed," Killeen said.

John W. Steininger

Republican

If Republican John Steininger wins election to the majority-Democrat Wayne County Board of Commissioners, he said he'll use the

same common-sense approach to building consensus for fiscal conservatism as he did to become president of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education after only one term.

"Common sense is irresistible," said Steininger, seeking his first term on the commission. "If you speak it over and over and utilize common sense, pretty soon you're going to see a shift in your favor."

Steininger, of Grosse Pointe Farms, earned a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University and owns Grosse Pointe Moving and Storage.

He was a school board trustee 2008-2011 and president 2010-2011.

"I'm a product of the community," he said. "I've been in the community over 60 years."

Wayne County needs to operate by sound business principles, he said. Policies should attract commercial growth, provide jobs and stabilize finances.

Steininger supports tax incentives for business renovations, construction and job growth.

He criticized county administration's multi-million dollar mishandling construction of the unfinished Wayne County Jail and the board of commissioner's complicity in making taxpayers cover the consequences of withdrawing money from a pension fund.

"What they did almost borders on criminal," Steininger said. "They misappropriated funds

from a pension entity they were administering. They had legal advice at the time not to do it (and) the (Michigan) supreme court ordered them to repay the money. The county executive refused to do that. Commissioners voted to allow the county executive to place the damages on the tax roles."

Steininger said if he refused a court order, he'd likely be sentenced to jail.

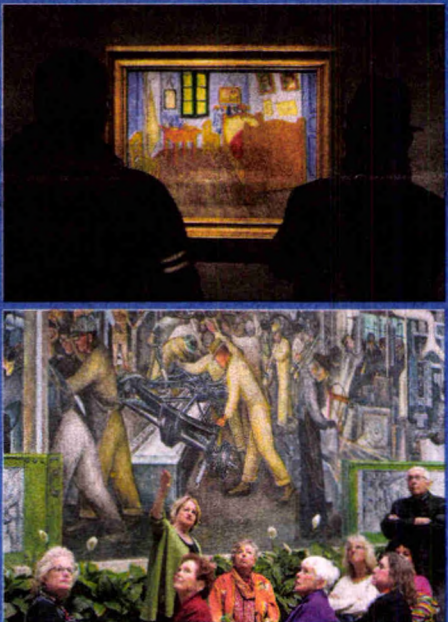
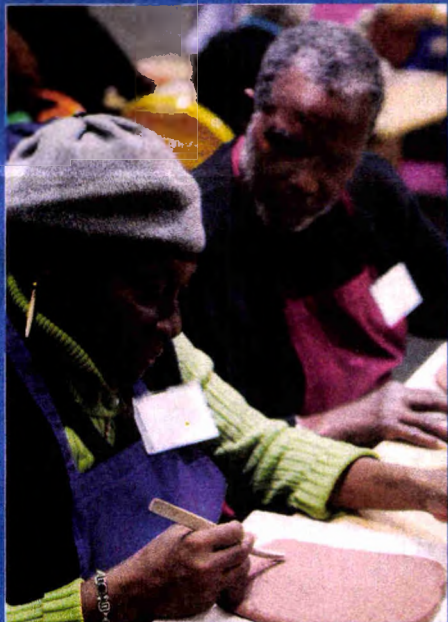
Instead, commissioners "socked" everybody in Wayne County with a tax levy in the last year, he said.

"The entire time they took that money, the clock was running on court-ordered statutory interest, which is 10 or 12 times normal interest rates," said Steininger. "If they'd borrowed the money instead of misappropriating it, they would have paid back a much, much lower number."

Steininger served on the school board during what became known as the nation's great recession.

During his tenure, the board developed a contractual formula that is still in place with the teachers' union to share the gains and pains of economic ups and downs.

"If fund equity goes up, salaries go up," Steininger said. "If fund equity goes down, salaries go down. The teachers' union has to accept 85 percent of whatever losses we have. The district has to absorb 15 percent."



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Congressional race is a westside story

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — One of two westsiders will represent the Grosse Pointes in Congress after the election Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Both candidates are from Southfield.

They're campaigning to represent Congressional District 14.

The district runs west from the shores of Lake St. Clair below Eight Mile in Detroit beyond Southfield to Farmington Hills, but not Farmington, north through West Bloomfield past Pontiac, forming something of an inverted, sideways Z.

Emergency room physician Howard Klausner, a Republican, is running against Democrat incumbent Brenda L. Lawrence, seeking a second term.

Members of Congress are elected to two-year terms.

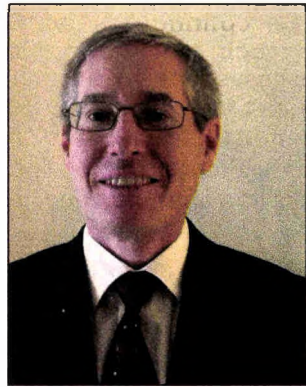


PHOTO COURTESY OF DR. HOWARD KLAUSNER

Dr. Howard Klausner, Southfield, Republican candidate for Congressional District 14.

Dr. Howard Klausner

Republican

A Republican seeking to represent a majority Democrat district in Washington, D.C., faces a mighty task, but first-time candidate Dr.

Howard Klausner has a record of achievement.

As a University of Michigan engineering and medical school graduate employed as senior staff physician in the Henry Ford Health System Department of Emergency Medicine, Klausner wants to represent Congressional District 14, comprising the Grosse Pointes and other cities within a narrow band ranging west to Southfield, his city of residence, and north to Pontiac.

"Unfortunately, the 14th District is gerrymandered," Klausner said. "Approximately two-thirds of all Congressional districts are not particularly competitive. The incumbent, whether Democrat or Republican, faces little opposition. Therefore, there's no impetus for change, which is unfortunate for our demo-

cratic process."

Klausner opposes out-of-control deficit spending.

"The deficit has grown considerably under the Obama administration," he said. "We've added approximately \$8 to \$10 trillion during that time. We are borrowing from generations not even born yet because of our consumption today."

At one time, Klausner opposed a balanced budget amendment. No more.

"There are extraordinary circumstances where the federal government has to spend more than it takes in, however, it's gone to the extreme," he said. "There need to be cuts. There should be nothing off the table in terms of balancing the budget."

Being a physician gives Klausner an insider's view of Obamacare.

"Unfortunately, when

people say they're against the Affordable Care Act, that somehow means they're against people having insurance," Klausner said. "That couldn't be farther from the truth from where I stand. Everybody should have insurance."

But, Obamacare expanded coverage with no real means of paying for it, Klausner said, leaving a system where one person receives services paid by others.

"Obamacare adds to federal debt (and) means those of us who already had private insurance are paying more," Klausner said. "In order to have a system that works, everybody has to pay into it. Then, everybody is receiving insurance."

Klausner wants a stronger foreign policy.

"The Obama administration has projected a weak policy that has led

to the tragedy in Syria," he said. "There was an initial public uprising against Assad in Syria and we as a nation did not support that uprising."

A power vacuum is being filled by Russia, Klausner said.

"The Russians have seen we're not interested in supporting one side or the other in Syria and have taken it upon themselves to support Assad," Klausner said. "When we decide not to stand up for freedom around the world, that has repercussions. We're seeing that in the massive refugee crisis."

Brenda L. Lawrence

Democrat

Brenda Lawrence responded to interview requests, but could not meet before deadline due to conflicts.

West resigning from Farms

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — During Martin West's first term on the city council in the late 1990s, the main project of the city was separating storm water and sewage networks in the lakeside district, funded by bonds, to reduce the chance of basement flooding during heavy rains.

As Grosse Pointe Farms officials currently engage engineers to study the feasibility of separating sewers in the inland half of the city, West's legislative role has come almost full circle.

He announced at this month's council meeting his retirement effective after the Monday, Dec. 10 session, one year before his scheduled term expires.

"I'm glad we're doing a sewer separation for the inland district," West said. "We waited for the first bond issue to get paid and now we'll be tackling the rest of it."

Members of the council intend to line up West's replacement before he leaves.

"You can't fill it until the vacancy is effective," said William Burgess, city attorney.

Applications will be

solicited within 30 days.

"We historically go to (former) council members who decided not to run again so we would have a person who could hit the ground running," said Councilman Peter Waldmeir.

Although West didn't hold office continually these two decades, he helped steward the city to a highest-possible AAA bond rating plus 100 percent funded police and general employee pensions.

As chairman of the ordinance committee, he oversaw rezoning against bigfoot houses. During his chairmanship of the

communications committee, the city developed an "up-to-date and robust website," he said.

"He will be missed," said Mayor James Farquhar.

"In politics," West said, "it's more important to get along than to get 100 percent of what you want to accomplish. Don't go

into it weak-willed, but you have to respect other people on the council. Do that, communicate well and deal with issues, not personalities."

West, 69, retired three years ago from the insurance industry.

He'd been commuting to council meetings while wintering within earshot of Luke Air Force Base near Phoenix.

"Somebody asked me if those jets bother me,"

West said. "I said, no, when I hear them, I stand and salute."

In his resignation letter to Farquhar, West wrote, "The residents should have someone serving that is able to attend most of the meetings on a regular basis. The city has been blessed with an excellent city manager and smart, collegial council. My hope is you carry on this fine tradition of excellence."

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GUEST COLUMN By Clark Durant

Arnold Palmer and the turning point of a life well played

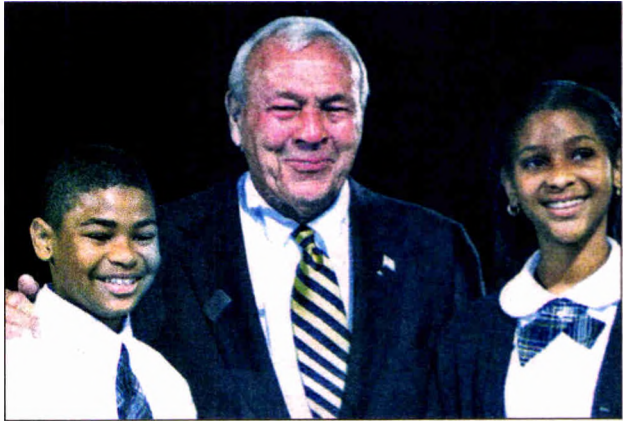
The U.S. Coast Guard chorale and gathered guests were singing with much heart the Battle Hymn of the Republic. The majestic words in this last hymn echoed throughout the high-arched ceilings and down the long nave as the Benedictines ushered more than 1,200 people, many the royalty of golf, quietly out of the Basilica. We had gathered at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Pa., on a Tuesday, nine days after the death of Arnold Palmer, to celebrate his life. Jack Nicklaus joined six other speakers at the memorial. He said in his remarks Arnold was, “the King of our sport. And always will be,” a humble testament from the man who surpassed Arnold in major victories.

As we exited the Basilica (derived from two Greek words meaning “the house of the king”), we all stood on well-worn stones across a wide, deep entrance porch. The last line of the last hymn “Glory glory hallelujah, Our God is marching on” echoed in our ears. We were — or so we thought — at the end of the memorial service. As we stood outside, the sky was a perfect blue. A sliver of pure white clouds hung alone, high above. The temperature was a pleasant 70 degrees.

We heard the engine sounds of a small jet flying low in the sky. It passed in front of the Basilica, a bit lower than might be expected. It tipped its left wing as it flew by, as if to say “thank you for being in my life.” The jet’s tail carried the familiar call letters “NIAP.” It was pilot Arnold Palmer’s Citation X. The plane flew quickly by.

The sounds of the battle hymn were gone, but the sound of the Citation engines remained. Then Arnie’s longtime co-pilot flew the Citation low by us a second time. Again, the left wing tipped toward us

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Daniel Shelton and Ashley Allen with Arnold Palmer at the Country Club of Detroit the night before the 2016 Turning Point Invitational.

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Nena Dahling of Grosse Pointe Shores and Mary Roby of Grosse Pointe Farms have been friends since they attended kindergarten together at Trombly Elementary School in 1937. The lifelong friends and Pointers, holding a photo of their kindergarten class, recently attended the sixth annual Community Luncheon at Trombly.

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LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced, signed and limited to 250 words. Longer letters may be edited for length and all letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include a daytime phone number for verification or questions.

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No bond in the works

The Grosse Pointe Public School System has no plans to put forward a bond proposal at this time. As you may know, there is a 2-mil Wayne RESA Educational Enhancement proposal on the back of the ballot this November. Our Board of Education unanimously opposed placing it on the ballot because the funds raised from within our district boundaries do not stay here, but go to Wayne RESA and are redistributed on a per-pupil basis. Of the \$5,176,166 collected from our area, only \$3,096,130 would come back for our students and schools. However, districts representing a majority of Wayne County students did approve placing it on the ballot. While our district continues to seek input on our strategic plan from the community with surveys and town halls, all completely open to the public, no decision on future funding will be made until we see the results of the Wayne RESA millage proposal.

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The Regional Master Transit Plan provides our best chance in decades to connect workers to jobs, ensure independence for seniors and people with disabilities and boost economic development.

Join me this November in voting “YES!” for

Regional Transit.”

LORNA G. UTLEY
President and CEO,
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Greater Detroit
Grosse Pointe Woods

A clear decision

This November for the first time in Grosse Pointe history, four seats will be open on the school board. This could change the makeup of our school board and the positive direction our district has gone in recent years.

In the last two years I have been on the school board, we have been able to select a new superintendent, develop a new strategic plan, build new tennis courts at North, put a new roof on South, do an analysis of the security of our buildings. I could go on and on.

For this reason I am asking you to vote for Judy Gafa, who has eight years of experience on the board and will continue to make the decisions that put our children and district first. I also am asking you to vote for Kathy Abke, George McMullen and Chris Profeta.

All four of these candidates know the issues, have been personally involved in our district, from volunteering to serving on committees, and have attended school board meetings on a regular basis.

All four recognize the value an excellent education provides to our students and their families and our community. All four will be thoughtful in the decision-making process — putting students first and foremost.

All four have a deep understanding of school finance.

We have a clear decision to make Nov. 8. We can move forward on a positive path or retreat to the days of bickering and negativity. Please cast your vote for Gafa, Abke, McMullen and Profeta.

MARGARET WEERTZ
GPPSS Board of Education

Students first

I am a single grandparent and legal guardian of my twin step-granddaughters. I brought them from a failing school system to GPPSS for the A-plus education. After attending the League of Women Voters school board candidate forum, I am worried four of the people running might stop my girls’ potential in their tracks.

John Shook should not be allowed anywhere near the decision-making process for this district. In his public comment tirades he has made his agenda is clear. No taxes, no tech and no teachers. He speaks of falling enrollment numbers, but will rally against any option the board brings up to increase enrollment. He stated there is no need for technology in the schools. I may have gone to school when purple ditto paper was cutting edge, but I know for my girls to succeed, they need the skills every district around us already has. Please take your toilet paper and go home.

Biz Williamson and Anne Vanker are running as a team. This team should not be allowed to cross the finish line. I may be wrong, but methinks if you choose to send your children to private school, you should not tell others at the public school what to do. Both are already on the St. Paul Board of Trustees. Let them stay there.

Cindy Pangborn tells people constantly about being on the board in the ‘90s. She is content in her mind living in the Grosse Pointe of old and cannot accept this district has changed without her. At meetings she is constantly confused and ill prepared.

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GUEST OPINION By Chace Wakefield

Thank them with a vote

At a time when the frontrunners for the presidential race are unappealing to say the least, we are fortunate to have what I would consider to be excellent leadership and excellent role models at the local level. Our schools are the heart and soul of the community. The correlation between property values and high-achieving school districts is obvious, but it doesn't come easy. The current president of the Grosse Pointe school board, Judy Gafa, has been the target of what I would consider to be some unfair criticism. If you look at what this district has done in the past year alone, it is impressive to say the least. Look around metro Detroit. As enrollment has dropped statewide, districts have closed many schools. Farmington Public Schools district alone has

or will have closed six schools. Not only has Grosse Pointe been able to keep all of our schools open, the school board and Superintendent Dr. Gary Niehaus have been creative in how they have addressed declining enrollment. The best example is starting the Young Fives program and majorly expanding the preschool program throughout the district. With these programs in place, buildings are full and while declining enrollment statewide is still an issue, it doesn't have to be the issue in Grosse Pointe. Also in the past year, the district has revamped and implemented an entirely new strategic plan. It is a comprehensive guiding document that more than 40 community members, teachers and administrators worked hand in hand on this past

fall/winter. Sure, as a district there is always some work to do, especially with the older buildings in Grosse Pointe, but this administration and current school board have done a tremendous job prioritizing and making sure the things that need addressing get addressed even with our limited budget. The bottom line is we have both a superintendent in Niehaus and a school board president in Gafa who we can be proud of and should be thanking, not sitting around and trying to figure out ways to attack them. I cannot wait to thank President Gafa with my vote this coming November. I urge you to as well.

Wakefield is the Grosse Pointe Public School System Strategic Planning co-chair 2015-16.

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pared. At the forum, her answers were always about what she did "in the past." While I am sure she did great things for this district, it is now 2016 and time for her to sail off into the sunset.

There are candidates who care about the most important thing in this election: the students. The four above are not those people.

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Good for children

Many thanks to the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe for putting on another very informative school board candidate forum. What an exciting opportunity to see how passionate our community is about our public schools. This is an extremely important election for our school board with four open seats. Our community has a unique opportunity to ensure our school board leadership continues in a positive direction for many years to come. That is why I will be voting for Judy Gafa, Chris Profeta, Kathy Abke and George McMullen.

At the forum these candidates showcased their dedication to our students. Consistently their responses put the children first. They displayed their understanding of the difficult issues facing our district by answering questions with facts, not rumors. I also was impressed by the amount of time they all have personally invested in the district. Judy Gafa has been involved in the schools since her kids were in elementary school and has served on the school board the last eight years; Chris Profeta has sat on many important committees, from the very successful preschool advisory committee to the superintendent search committee; George McMullen has attended an impressive 90 percent-plus of all school board meetings for the last nine years; and Kathy Abke has been a past president of the Blue Ribbon Award-winning Mason Elementary School PTO and currently serves as the unanimous pick to fill Lois Valente's school board seat since July. These candidates are simply the most qualified to continue to move our district forward.

As Chris Profeta said at the forum, "What is good for our children is good for all of our stakeholders." Gafa, Profeta, Abke and McMullen will be good for our children and our community.

ALLISON BAKER
Grosse Pointe Park

Bring new blood

I'm writing in support of Christopher Profeta for Grosse Pointe school board. He has the experience of being an adjunct professor, as well as the knowledge of our school district, having graduated from North. His kids attend Grosse Pointe schools and he knows what it will take to return our school system to its once-lofty, top-tier position in the state. Our proficiency percentages in English and math are trending in the wrong direction. Mr. Profeta's vision will help reverse this trend.

When asked what his

most pressing issues were by the Voter Guide, he replied, "We must work to improve technology, expand our pre-K programs and support our special education students. The district now has a strategic plan developed with the input of over 40 community and staff members that offers a clear path forward for addressing these challenges and we need to follow it. We need a specific plan for technology that is consistent from building to building and progressive from grade to grade. We need to address the large wait list for our preschool programs by finding ways to expand. And we need to provide all possible supports for students with special needs." He has a plan; visit the website. You'll see many of his opponents have offered us nothing.

It's time to bring new blood to our school board. Some candidates have been on the board for years and must take ownership of the district's falling proficiency results. Christopher Profeta brings new ideas and innovation to the table. Join me in voting for Christopher Profeta for Grosse Pointe school board.

DAN H. TRIPP
Grosse Pointe Farms

The fleecing of me

If you haven't had the chance to read Mary Anne Brush's Oct. 13, article on the regional educational millage which will appear on the Nov. 8 ballot, you might want to.

Cliff notes version: WRESA seeks a 2-mil levy for six years (until, of course, it ends up on the ballot again after six years, asking for another six. I've finally figured out Wayne County politics having lived here for 25 years) beginning this year. For the average Grosse Pointe homeowner this would result in an approximate monthly increase of \$18, or \$216 annually, or more dependent on the assessed value of

your residence. Further, the tax revenue collected from Grosse Pointe residents would be disproportionately distributed across Wayne County schools, meaning Grosse Pointe would receive less than what is collected. Thus, we would be a donor district, aka getting "the short end of the stick."

WRESA, RTA (20-year millage request on the Nov. 8 ballot to fund regional transit — minimum \$150 annual on your tax bill), DIA, Detroit Zoo, WCCCD, 2015 SMART millage renewal. My tax bill looks like an itemized vacation statement after having been away for a week.

Priceless.

JEFF HENEL
Grosse Pointe Farms

Trust character

I support the school board re-election of Judy Gafa and Kathleen Abke and the election of Christopher Profeta and George McMullen. I have known each for years and trust their judgment and character. They are all extremely knowledgeable about the complex issues facing our district. They have each indicated a desire to upgrade the technology in our schools, which I believe is critical in maintaining our reputation as a destination school system and community for young families.

KEVIN KETELS
Grosse Pointe Woods

Elect independent advocates

On Nov. 8, voters will decide four seats on the

Grosse Pointe Public School System school board. The board position is actually "trustee."

They are entrusted with oversight of public education in our community and held accountable to voters and taxpayers.

Their responsibilities include oversight of the administration and the labor contracts with the unionized staff, Grosse Pointe Education Association.

I advocate electing trustworthy candidates who will be independent advocates for students and taxpayers, without being indebted to either the administration or the GPEA. That's why I support Cindy Pangborn, Biz Williamson and Anne Vanker MacKrell.

JAY HACKLEMAN
Grosse Pointe Park

Diversity is a strength

My mistake to have stated Judy Gafa was president at the time of the tech bond. She was not. The fact remains Gafa, McMullen, Profeta and Abke were united in their support of the 2014 tech bond that was voted down roughly 3 to 1, showing they were not in tune with the electorate. After the defeat, the district made immediate improvements to technology infrastructure using existing funds, not a bond issue.

Candidates Williamson, Vanker, Saigh, Shook and Pangborn would bring to the board a sober assessment of school needs and the means to pay for them. These candidates advocate for responsible oversight of our schools, working to maintain and

repair buildings within budgetary limitations while keeping the focus on quality education.

Diversity often is promoted as a source of strength and applies as well to diversity of opinion and outlook. Independent thinkers on the board who are able to question policies, other board members and the administration would bring that same strength of diversity to the governance of our school system.

KELLY BOLL
Grosse Pointe Park

Remember the past

How quickly we forget. In the dead of winter 2014 when many residents were out of town and unsuspecting, the Grosse Pointe Public School System tried to pull a fast one by asking voters to approve an excessive \$50 million tech bond. Who led the stealth effort to pass it? Current school board president Judy Gafa and school board candidates George McMullen and Chris Profeta, with support from Kathleen Abke — the same slate endorsed by the teachers union.

If this community elects the union endorsed slate, I suspect we can expect

more of the same.

New spending scenarios well in excess of the failed tech bond are in the works even though we still owe nearly \$40 million on our 2002 \$62 million school bond. Are school improvements and investment needed? Absolutely. But we need watchful, independent school members who will spend our tax dollars responsibly, not members who tried to pull the wool over our eyes.

Board Trustee Cindy Pangborn and board candidate Biz Williamson are involved and proven community leaders who helped sound the alarm that defeated the tech bond by an overwhelming 70 to 30 margin, thereby saving Grosse Pointe taxpayers millions of dollars of wasteful spending. They will provide the independent oversight our schools need. They are lifelong residents, attended Grosse Pointe schools and have children and grandchildren in the system. They, along with Anne Vanker and John Shook, have my vote. I hope you give them yours.

MICKEY MONTAGNE
SHIELD
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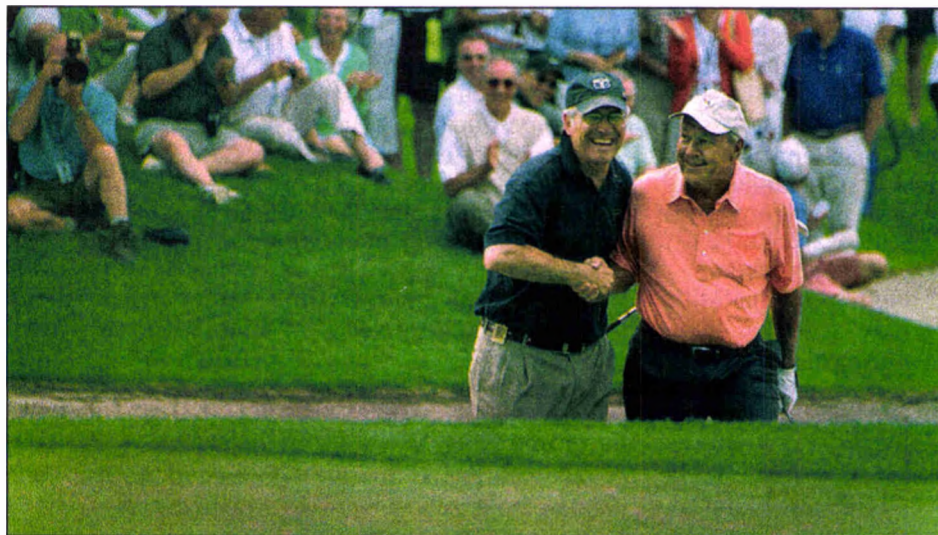
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Palmer shakes hands with Clark Durant in the sand trap by the green on the 18th hole at the Country Club of Detroit.

PALMER:

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as if to say to Arnie's Army around the world, "Don't be sad. Love life." The jet then accelerated quickly and headed straight up, rising rapidly, full speed ahead.

Arnie's Citation briefly was hidden by the whisper of clouds, perhaps shrouding a meeting with the angels. The plane reappeared like a rocket and headed to the outer edge of heaven. For moments more we saw the plane. Then Arnold was gone, signing off as "N1 Alpha Poppa" one last time, boldly heading into the next journey of his life. "God is marching on," but "The King" was

about to visit.

I saw all of this standing with two Cornerstone students in the midst of some of our victorious Ryder Cup team members and their captain. The team had brought the Cup to sit in the Basilica as a tribute to one of America's great Ryder Cup captains. No one quite wanted to leave the porch. It was as if Arnold Palmer's life was not over. Then a single bagpiper emerged and stood on the church steps. "Amazing Grace" was the sweet sound we heard. A warm chill was in the air. How precious that grace appeared.

Arnold's life will continue. Jack Nicklaus, with a tear in his left eye as he concluded his

remarks from the pulpit, asked us to remember how Arnold Palmer touched our lives and to forget not why. Twelve years ago my friend Arnold Palmer touched the Cornerstone Schools with his visit to our main campus, not far from where he landed his Citation at City Airport. That 2004 visit inaugurated the Turning Point Invitational. With 26 other past U.S. Amateur champions, the largest ever gathered, we celebrated Arnold's U.S. Amateur 1954 victory at the Country Club of Detroit. That victory he said was the "turning point" in his life. The Turning Point Invitational continues and gives new life to many each year. Thank you, Arnold, from us, and from all of those whose lives you touched across our land. Yours was indeed a life well played.

Durant is a lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe and co-founder of Cornerstone Schools in 1991, which today serves 2,900 students in Detroit.

LETTERS: On the right path

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Signs an eyesore

Please allow me to introduce myself as a 42-year resident of Grosse Pointe Farms. I am a consultant to and member of Ford Motor Co.'s board of directors.

I am writing to you today, with dismay, concerning St. Paul (on the Lake) Church's use of their front lawn between the church and Lakeshore for advocacy of their political/moral/ethical position against abortion by the placement of signs and crosses in the church's front yard.

It is my understanding that even rudimentary zoning ordinances normally prohibit signs and structures such as those utilized by St. Paul in their front yard and setback areas.

As one proceeds down Lakeshore, the view and expanse of front yards along the road in Grosse Pointe Farms has been one of the great assets of our city and region, which our community has taken great efforts to protect. Signage and structures such as those erected by St. Paul Church denigrate the character of our neighborhood and quality of life for residents and visitors.

Again, while I respect and defend the right of St. Paul Church to its position on the issues involved, I firmly believe the rights to protect the aesthetic value of our community require that the city of Grosse Pointe Farms take action to remove this improper blight on the beauty of our community immediately.

EDSEL FORD
Grosse Pointe Farms

As a member of the Grosse Pointe Public School System's strategic planning committee, I was honored to collaborate with other community members on moving the district toward a positive, proactive route toward building community and strengthening our schools. Throughout those sessions, we examined the district's strengths and weaknesses, reviewed important data on student performance, retention and enrollment and took a long, hard look at our infrastructure and spending.

We need a school board that is committed to all the Grosse Pointes, maintaining the standards of excellence we hold for each of our students and, most importantly, a school board that will work together to forge a path toward 21st-century learning.

I believe Judy Gafa and George McMullen will help place us on that road. Judy puts in her due diligence on every issue that comes before the school board. Her effort over the last eight years speaks for itself—she has assisted in rebuilding our fund equity, rendered tough choices on spending when necessary and has gone to testify in Lansing against schools of choice. George is a dynamic community member whose volunteer work and support of many organizations, including the Family Center and Grosse Pointe Rotary Club, demonstrate his dedication to service.

Grosse Pointers are fortunate to have a strong community that supports wonderful schools. I believe Judy and George will keep us on the right path and I hope my friends and

neighbors will join me in supporting them Nov. 8.

MICHELE LINDSAY
Grosse Pointe Park

Be fiscally responsible

As a 17-year school board observer and active participant on many school committees, I know too well school boards focused on special interests forget the promises they make to taxpayers.

Remember the 2002 \$62 million bond of which we still owe nearly \$40 million? The school board funneled money to numerous pet projects, including expanding the scope of the South pool to a \$12 million natatorium partly to accommodate water polo, a sport we don't have, and a Brownell multipurpose room that morphed into a full-blown auditorium that serves as a church by an outside group on Sundays yet lacks restrooms.

Despite millions in bond and sinking fund dollars spent over the last 15 years, many of our buildings are still in various states of disrepair and enrollment has fallen more than 10 percent.

This school board election will be an important one. We do not need more wasteful funding proposals like the 2014 \$50 million tech bond which the union-endorsed slate of Gafa, Profeta, McMullen and Abke earnestly promoted.

The literature, social media posts and League of Women Voters comments of the union-endorsed slate suggest its primary constituents are students and teachers. What about the rest of us?

We need thoughtful candidates who have pledged to seek input from all stakeholders and make decisions for the good of the entire community in a fiscally responsible manner. Those candidates are Pangborn, Williamson, Vanker, Shook and Saigh. CHRIS KACZANOWSKI
Grosse Pointe Woods

Students top priority

My name is Chris Profeta and I'm running for Grosse Pointe school board because I believe strong schools create strong communities for all our residents. But what we have to remember is that every issue we talk about as candidates and board members ultimately comes back to our children.

I want to improve technology in our schools because all our kids have the right to the same opportunities to achieve success. I want to expand our pre-K programs because quality preschool has a significant impact on student achievement later in life. And I want to support our special education students because all children deserve to have an advocate for their needs.

When we talk about finances and contracts, this too impacts our students. We have to make sure our budget is balanced, but if it doesn't reflect student-centered priorities, then even if the numbers add up, it isn't really balanced.

Some say we cannot support our students while also protecting the investment of our taxpayers. I don't buy that. What's good for our children is good for all our stakeholders. The stron-

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ger our schools are, the more families will want to move to Grosse Pointe to send their kids to school here. This is what builds the strong, stable and safe community we have come to expect in Grosse Pointe.

I promise as a school board member I will listen to and work with anyone who has the success of our students as a top priority.

CHRISTOPHER PROFETA
Candidate for Grosse Pointe school board

Time for change

It seems to some Grosse Pointers that for too long the Grosse Pointe Public School System has been controlled by insiders — the school administration and friends of the local teachers' union. Now as voters approach election day and the filling of four seats on the Grosse Pointe school board, your paper suggests campaign comments be verified, "checked," by the same group of insiders?

I believe there is something wrong with this picture.

Break free. Vote for independence. It's time for

a change and the election of independent candidates Biz Williamson, Anne Vanker Mackrell and Cindy Pangborn.

RUTHKADE
Grosse Pointe Woods

Embrace the hard decisions

As a local election returns to the Grosse Pointe Public School System, it's wonderful to see the engagement of the community on substantive issues. I submit, however, that no issue is even close to the significance of the pending employee bargaining unit contracts.

The current agreements expire after this school year. Successor agreements will be negotiated by the board members who will be elected in November.

Our district possesses the single most powerful contract term of any district in the state. It ties employee compensation directly to the funding we receive from the state. Despite protests from factions, by definition no contract clause could be more fair since the state defines our funding.

Since employee compensation consumes 85 percent of any school system's budgets, districts without this protection, particularly those in de-

clining enrollment like the GPPSS, have resorted to school closings and massive staff reductions to solve what our powerful clause solves. And it came at a price to taxpayers as well. To secure this clause, the GPPSS surrendered \$10 million of fund equity.

No one wants to see anyone take pay cuts, but sharing the cost reduction through this clause is preferable over massive job cuts and associated larger classes and closed schools.

I encourage voters to press these nine candidates on their position on this issue and the voting record of the incumbents on it. Trustees must embrace the hard decisions of their roles. Sometimes the least popular decision is best for students and the community.

BRENDAN WALSH

Support, not stifle

Imagine yourself as a 17-year-old with a passion for public service and a dream of bringing a different political perspective to your school. Now imagine being bullied by adults for it. One of these bullies is a candidate for school board: Chris Profeta.

As a 2014 graduate of North and current student at the University of Michigan, it is appalling a bully is running for school board to advance a political agenda. Profeta vehemently fought against student leaders of Young Americans for Freedom, which under my leadership brought Steve Forbes to speak at North and under Langston Bowen's leadership Rick

Santorum to speak at South.

Profeta declared on Facebook that YAF is "...a minority fringe group not representative of our community as a whole" (April 21, 2013), "extreme" (July 30, 2013), "out of control" (July 30, 2013), "inappropriate and destructive" (May 27, 2013) and our school district is "suffering as a result" (May 28, 2013). He also made numerous attacks toward school board member Cindy Pangborn, who stood by student leaders, saying she is "not welcome" to a teacher of the year recognition (June 4, 2013).

As a high school student, I never imagined the bullies were the adults. We need board members who encourage open debate among students with differing viewpoints rather than stifling them as

Profeta and other school board members tried to do. This is why I support Anne Vanker, Biz Williamson and Cindy Pangborn.

GRANT STROBL
Grosse Pointe Shores

Doing due diligence

I am supporting Cindy Pangborn for school board. She studies the issues and asks questions. Instead of railroading an agenda through to a vote, when she senses the community is not on board, she motions to table the issue for further input and discussion. We need independent thinkers like her and Biz Williamson who will represent residents in the district who desire quality education with fiscal accountability.

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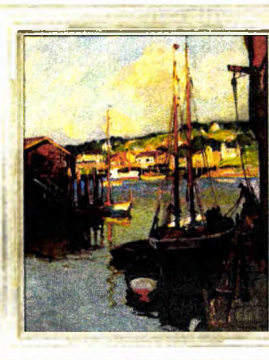
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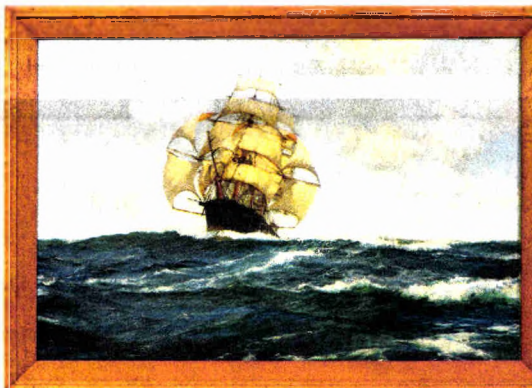
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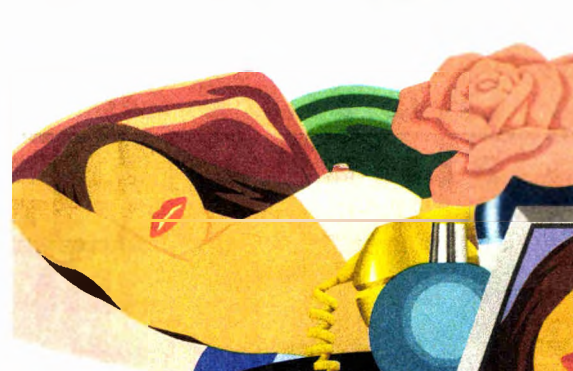
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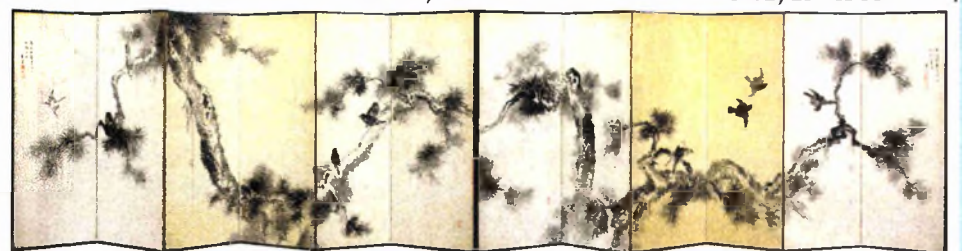
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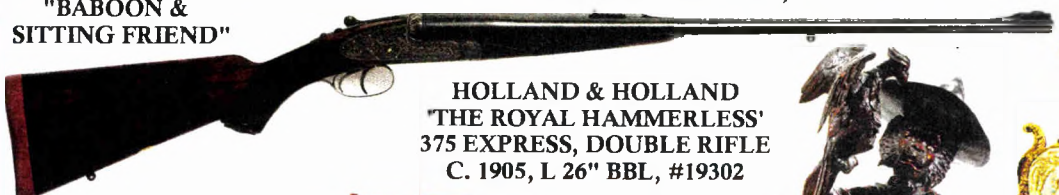
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Trees at the foot of most roads intersecting Lakeshore guard motorists from driving over the curb into Lake St. Clair.



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Lakeshore due for redo

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — One of the community's most visible examples of landscape design following function is on Lakeshore.

Notice how at the foot of most roads intersecting the lakeside boulevard, two or three mature trees stand near the shores of Lake St. Clair. They guard drivers from missing turns onto Lakeshore and landing in the water.

Landscaping on the Lakeshore median has a different role.

The median's ground-level lawn and flowers, middle canopy of ornamental fruit trees and taller shade trees layer their namesake with patterns and variety of plant life that members of the Grosse Pointe Farms Beautification Advisory Commission intend to spruce up.

"Some beds are a little tired. Some are overgrown," said commission chairman Councilman Lev Wood. "One of the goals for our committee next year is to

assist the city in a redesign and upgrade of beds along Lakeshore."

Being considered is a conceptual design by landscape architect and former Grosse Pointe Shores resident Sue Grissim, vice president and principal of Grissim Metz Andriese Associates in Northville.

Grissim's four-fold inspiration for Lakeshore comes from naturalistic landscapes, Impressionism, the Lurie Garden of mainly low-lying perennials and grasses at Millennium Park in Chicago and Wisconsin plant grower Roy Diblik, known for green thumbs, popular garden books and a practical mind.

Diblik is not only concerned with color and dimension, but how gardens develop over time.

He calls his gardening method the "know maintenance" approach: "We must have the capability to maintain what we plant."

The result includes grasses and native-looking plants that are easily manicured.

"It's kind of like doing a Monet

painting," said Grissim. "If we do this right, we can have a new, impactful look. We can maintain it well."

Monet's garden at Giverny is a high standard.

He called it "my most beautiful masterpiece."

"This is preliminary," Wood said. "It's going to be a while before we know the cost and all the plantings. On one of the most obvious and beautiful venues in the Grosse Pointes, this is going to be a huge improvement."

"It's similar to the endeavor we undertook with Mack Avenue years ago," said Shane Reeside, city manager. "Those traffic islands had become somewhat overgrown. We were looking to freshen it up, bring in more color and plant more material."

The Mack project was paid with municipal road funds and support of the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation.

"We may look to private funding for support," Reeside said of Lakeshore.

Council seat filled

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The city council returns to capacity with the appointment of Sheila Tomkowiak to complete the term of Jean Weipert.

Weipert resigned recently to move with her family to Chicago.

Tomkowiak's appointment runs until November 2017.

"Happy to be here," she said at her inaugural City of Grosse Pointe council meeting Monday, Oct. 17.

"We're officially a full council," said Mayor Dale Scrace.

Some 15 people applied for the opening,

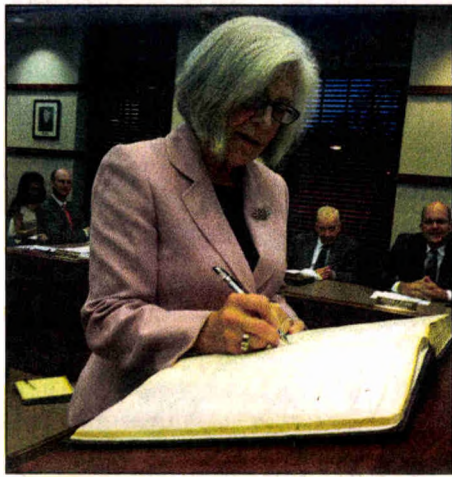
according to Scrace.

Tomkowiak described herself as "a professional journalist" and teaches grammar in the Wayne State University journalism school.

"Happy to have you on board," said Councilman Andrew Turnbull.

She said she worked at both Detroit dailies and operated the former website, grossepointe today with the late Ben Burns of the City.

"They folded grosse pointetoday when Ben died," Tomkowiak said. "I needed a little time to recover and started looking around for something to do to contribute to the community. This came up and I thought it would be a good fit."



Sworn in and signing on, Sheila Tomkowiak begins a one-year appointment to the City of Grosse Pointe council Monday, Oct. 17.

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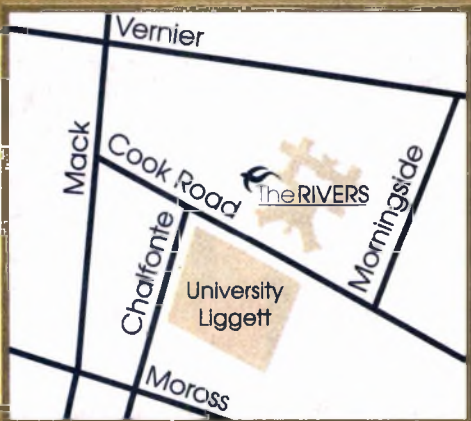
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Michigan State Representative District 1

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — A former candidate for the Grosse Pointe Board of Education is challenging a two-time incumbent on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 8, to represent the area and more in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Challenger William Broman, a Republican from Grosse Pointe Woods, faces Harper Woods Democrat Brian Banks for a two-year term representing House District 1.

The district is among 110 House jurisdictions statewide and consists of Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods and part of eastside Detroit.

Brian Banks

Democrat

If Democrat Brian Banks wins a third consecutive term as state



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Brian Banks, Harper Woods, Democrat for Michigan State Representative District 1.

representative, it will be his last due to mandatory term limits.

He attributes winning his first and second terms in the Michigan House of Representatives to acting on the needs of his district.

"I understand the diversity of the district," said Banks, of Harper Woods. "Concerns and needs of the district



PHOTO COURTESY OF WILLIAM BROMAN

William Broman, Grosse Pointe Woods, Republican candidate for Michigan State Representative District 1.

vary."

Within that diversity are common interests.

"People want safe neighborhoods," Banks said. "They want good schools for their kids; lower car insurance. They don't want their pensions taxed. Even though we have a lot of diversity, we have a lot of similarities."

He said he's "toned down" while in office, is "not easily offended" and enjoys helping constituents that are critical of him.

"When they've done all manner of evil against you, then need something, it's a great pleasure to do what they ask," Banks said. "Dirty politics doesn't work in this community. I spend my time talking about what I'm going to do, not talking about my opponents."

The elephant in the room during this election cycle isn't Banks' Republican opponent. Instead, it's Banks' arraignment in August in Wayne County Circuit Court on charges of putting false information on a bank loan application six years ago.

"It's a legal matter," Banks said. "I'd be more than happy to give you my attorney's time to speak on that, but I'm not going to speak on that."

One of Banks' priorities is improving education.

"As a member of the appropriations committee and Department of Education subcommittee, I was able to work closely with the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods to ensure there was an increase in per-pupil funding," he said. "This year, all districts received an increase. Although it was only \$60 per pupil, we haven't seen that in a while."

He advocates more funding for at-risk students.

"We were able, as well, to increase appropriations for Meals on Wheels for homebound seniors," Banks said. "They rely on that. The appropriation was \$836,000, about a 5 percent increase."

Students also need access to vocational training. "There are jobs that start at \$50,000 for beginning skilled tradesmen," Banks said. "Electrical workers, carpenters, operating engineers, culinary arts, cosmetology — those professions provide

a living wage."

Schools missing the grade should be held accountable.

"We have charter schools and public schools that haven't met the mark," Banks said. "We need to provide them additional resources, maybe through the state school-room office for districts that need assistance — wrap-around services with social workers and tutors."

On his agenda is lowering auto insurance costs.

"There's still work to do to improve our insurance and no-fault insurance system to get lower rates without compromising consumers' benefits or protection," Banks said.

William Broman

Republican

William Broman, an automotive industry

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On the ballot

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Voters are being asked to decide several issues, including a Headlee override for public safety and four amendments to the city charter.

Headlee Override Millage Proposal for Public Safety

Residents are being asked to vote on a proposal to override the

state mandated Headlee Amendment in order to raise money for public safety. The Headlee Amendment was passed by Michigan voters in 1978 and tightly controls property tax increases, tying those increases to the rate of inflation and requiring any tax increases to be approved by voters. In July, the city council approved the ballot proposal, citing the rising pension costs for public safety employees. The Park participates in the Michigan Employee Retirement System at an annual cost that keeps increasing. While the cost to the city in 2016 is \$1.4 million, projections put that amount at \$2 million in five years. According to city officials, without a Headlee override, the city would be forced to draw down money from reserves and could face cuts in city services to meet the

pension obligation.

The city is asking residents to approve a maximum 2.75 millage levy, \$2.75 per \$1,000, for 15 years.

The question put to voters is: "Shall the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan, be authorized to levy for a period of 15 years commencing in 2016 a new additional millage on the taxable property within the City not to exceed the annual rate of 2.75 mills (\$2.75 per thousand dollars of taxable value), thereby allowing the levy of Charter-authorized millage in excess of the limit to which it was reduced by Section 31 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, all of which tax revenues will be disbursed to the City of Grosse Pointe Park, for the purpose of maintaining public safety operations, facilities and equipment? In each of the first two years of this authorization, 1.5 mills will be levied resulting in estimated revenue of

\$855,000 for each of the two years."

City Charter amendments

Voters are being asked to approve four amendments to the City Charter.

Proposition 1 — Shall Section 5.14 of the Charter of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, entitled "Merit System; Department of Personnel," be removed from the Charter as it is obsolete due to collective bargaining laws?

Proposition 2 — Shall Section 6.1 of the Charter of the City of Grosse Pointe Park be amended to change the number of regular monthly meetings from two to one?

Proposition 3 — Shall Chapter 14 of the Charter of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, entitled "Supervisors," be removed (and the remainder of the Charter(s) be renumbered) as it is obsolete because it relates to representation on the County Board of Supervisors and there is no longer a County Board of Supervisors?

Proposition 4 — Shall Section 15.4(a) of the Charter of the City of Grosse Pointe Park be amended to change the existing limitation on the compensation of the Municipal Judge to a Six Thousand (\$6,000.00) Dollar a year minimum and a Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.00) Dollar a year maximum from the existing Six Thousand (\$6,000.00) Dollar a year minimum and Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollar a year maximum which was adopted in 1988?

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engineer running for a first term in the Michigan House of Representatives, intends to legislate with proven problem-solving methods if elected to speak for District 1 in Lansing.

"We've gotten away from root-cause analysis and coming up with policy solutions that have as little influence from special interest groups as possible, in the sense that the special interest is getting something that negatively affects the public," said Broman, of Grosse Pointe Woods.

As a recent college graduate, he's concerned about the future and, particularly, who's going to pay for it.

"The millennial generation is being saddled with a lot of financial burdens to pay back debt from large spending programs," Broman said. "The majority of Americans over age 50 will not be around in 30 years to deal with or even worry about the costs of programs in place today."

Broman intends to address some problems by creating a Detroit policy research initiative. He described it as a partnership with businesses, academic and non-profit organizations.

"People in the legislature are not experts in every field," Broman said. "But, if there's a researcher or research team focused on reducing auto insurance rates in major cities, or ways to reduce crime or any of the plethora of problems facing Detroit, I'd provide connections in the city to make sure they

were funded while they were here. Then, utilizing the office of state representative, get researchers the data they need from various state departments."

Solutions matter, not taking credit.

"They come up with the policy and I push it on the House floor until it comes to a final vote," Broman said. "If I don't agree with it or don't think it's going to work, I don't vote for it. But, my commitment to the researchers is I will push (their) policy as far as I can until I have to make that final vote."

Broman ran for Grosse Pointe public school trustee in 2012 while enrolled at George Washington University.

"A main reason I ran was the board lacked the perspective of both a recent grad and somebody who was going to live with policy decisions the board put in place," he said. "I still hold that feeling."

An example of his problem-solving strategy is his tactic of the "five whys":

To wit: Why are Detroit

third-graders not proficient in reading? "Students are too disruptive for learning to occur," Broman said.

Why is that? "They struggle to focus and are distracted."

Why? "Because students are not getting proper nutrition in school or at home."

Why? "Because parents are unable to afford a balanced diet."

Why? "Fruits and vegetables are not easily accessible, nor are they affordable. (Potato) chips, pop and other calorie-dense foods are cheaper and can be found in shops closer to home."

"So," Broman said, "we've been able to link the ripple effects of a poor diet to classroom performance. Challenges kids face at home find their way into the classroom, and the classroom is often the most stable part of a young person's life in much of Detroit. By not asking those questions, we miss out on a lot of potential places to start problem solving and start reducing these issues."

Patrolman scores big with MADD

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A patrolman on the midnight shift is a drunken driver's worst nightmare.

Officer Richard Rosati led the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department last year with 20 arrests of drivers under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

"I like being a proactive police officer," said Rosati, hired nearly five years ago and working mainly midnights ever since.

Rosati's efforts earned an award during Mothers Against Drunk Driving's Lifesavers



Mothers Against Drunk Driving honors Patrolman Richard Rosati for leading the Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Public Safety last year in arrests for drunken drivers.

PHOTO FROM GROSSE POINTE FARMS PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Award Luncheon Sept. 29 in Mount Pleasant.

His inspiration isn't from knowing somebody injured or killed by a drunken driver,

although one nearly ran him off the road.

"A year or two after I got hired by the depart-

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Halloween in the Park

Reservations accepted through Oct. 28

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Young Park ghosts and goblins are invited to the city's annual Halloween in the Park, Saturday, Oct. 29, when the picnic grounds at Windmill Pointe Park become a festive pathway for trick or treating, leading from one candy station to another.

There will be three different start times, 4 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. The cost is \$7 per child. Reservations will be

accepted through Oct. 28. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the outside gatehouse at Windmill Pointe Park. Tickets can be purchased until 2 p.m. the day of the event for \$14 per child.

This event is for Park residents from preschoolers through elementary school students. Children must be in costumes, accompanied by an adult and bring their own trick or treat bags.

— Kathy Ryan



Laurie MacDonald and her family participate in the bridge walk every year. Walking with her are husband Richard MacDonald, daughters Katherine and Abigail, son Ian MacDonald and her mom, Loretta Antieau.

Pictured from left, Pat Ihrie, Janet Gingrich and Carol Holloway walk in the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Bridge Walk wearing T-shirts from last year when they all walked in the bridge walk across the Mackinac Bridge.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

What a walk

Grosse Pointe Woods had its annual Community Bridge Walk at Lake Front park on Labor Day. Afterward, walkers were treated to bagels, bananas, apple slices and juice. More than 300 people attended the Community Bridge Walk in the Woods.



Three-year-old big sister Claire Plumridge helps 1-year-old Caitlyn Plumridge along the path.

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ment, while driving home on the freeway around 2 a.m., a car swerved into my lane

and put me sideways," Rosati said. "Luckily, I gained control of my car. He went into the wall. He was very intoxicated, double the legal limit."

There's a saying about nothing good happening past 2 a.m.

"I'm not out there to ruin people's good time," Rosati said. "The problem is when they're intoxicated. Almost all my arrests for drunk driving are people (with blood alcohol levels) more than double the legal limit."

Drivers are asking for it if they weave between

lanes, don't turn on headlights or scrape along the roadway on tires flattened by hitting the curb.

"Sometimes it's as simple as a minor traffic violation and, while speaking to the driver, there's a strong odor of alcohol," Rosati said. "It's not just me. I have good bosses and work with a good group of guys. We back each other up."

Rosati's father, Farms Detective Lt. Richard Rosati, accompanied him to the award ceremony.

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A Royal Family Visits Grosse Pointe

DETROIT, October 12, 2016 - Their Royal Highnesses, Crown Prince Alexander and Crown Princess Katherine of Serbia, came to Grosse Pointe recently to support an intercontinental hearing health initiative led by the Alliance3, a partnership between three leading organizations with strong ties to the Grosse Pointe community (The Holley Institute, Lakeshore Ear, Nose and Throat Center and Michigan Ear Institute).

Over 300 guests attended A Royal Event - An Evening of Hope on Sunday, Sept. 25, which began with a private reception for Alliance3 benefactors and the royal guests of honor. The evening's festivities continued at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, where guests enjoyed dinner, a presentation of the Matilda Dodge Wilson jewelry collection by Ahee Jewelers, and musical entertainment featuring Michigan Opera Theatre soloist Angela Thies and internationally acclaimed pianist Ivan Moshchuk.

The event drew guests from throughout the Grosse Pointe community including James and Patti Anderson, John and Marlene Boll, Peter and Camille Cracchiolo and Nora Moroun from Grosse Pointe Shores; as well as Doug and Tracy Blatt, Jane Cracchiolo, and Alfred and



From L-R: Their Royal Highness Prince Alexander and Princess Katherine of Serbia

Barbara Fisher III from Grosse Pointe Farms. The local medical community was well represented with nearly 70 doctors supporting the event. Among the many Grosse Pointe physicians present that evening were Drs. Steven Minnick, Hadi Sawaf, William Rice, Kevin Grady and Richard Perry just to name a few.

The event grossed nearly \$200,000 for enhanced physician training, joint research and medical services that will ultimately benefit hearing-impaired children and adults from both sides of the Atlantic. Princess Katherine, who was born in Athens, Greece and her husband Prince Alexander, captured the hearts of their fellow guests, many of whom were moved to tears, when they spoke of the desperate need for better medical care for their country's youngest

and most vulnerable citizens and the plight of thousands of orphaned Syrian refugees now living in Greece. Whereas the partnership known as the Alliance3 was formed in 2010, its global hearing health initiative is a more recent endeavor that has already made significant strides in its outreach efforts by connecting Detroit-area doctors that specialize in conditions related to hearing health with physicians from several North American and European countries including Canada, Mexico, England, Spain, Switzerland and Italy. Funds raised in conjunction with the royal couple's visit, which culminated with A Royal Event - An Evening of Hope, will support the project's continuation while expanding it to include the countries of Serbia and Greece.

As Ardis Gardella, President of The Holley Institute explained, "With hearing loss affecting 360 million people worldwide, this collabora-

tion has the potential to benefit countless people on both sides of the Atlantic." She added that the Alliance3 team is eager to get started; hence the group's cofounder, Dr. Daniel Megler, visited Serbia during the week following the royal fundraiser to meet with Serbian doctors and otologists about the collaborative project. Over the last two years, Megler has made several trips to Serbia in relationship to this initiative.

Megler said there are numerous details that have to be taken care of, such as arranging for doctors from both Greece and Serbia to visit southeastern Michigan where they will study under distinguished otologists, leading surgeons and respected researchers from Lakeshore ENT and Michigan Ear Institute.

During his earlier visits to Serbia, Megler connected deaf students, their parents and teachers with The Holley Institute, which runs some of the most successful deaf youth and parenting support programs in the U.S. at its Carls Family Village in Brooklyn, Michigan. A process has since been established that allows rotating groups of deaf Serbian children, their parents and teachers to visit southeast Michigan each summer so they can take part in these specialized residential programs and can help establish similar ones in their home-

land following their return. Another group of deaf Serbian students and educators is scheduled to participate in Family Village programs in 2017. Consequently, this educational exchange project is expected to continue for the foreseeable future.

During their brief visit, the royal couple was busy learning about services they hope to eventually replicate in Serbia, such as St. John Hospital & Medical Center newborn hearing screening program that The Holley Institute's trained volunteers demonstrated during their tour of the hospital. On average, hearing loss is detected in 1-3 newborns per 1,000 births worldwide. Given the importance of early detection, The Holley Institute is committed to screening the hearing of every baby born at St. John Hospital, which delivers approximately 3,500 babies a year.



From L-R: Alliance3 Cofounder and President of Lakeshore Ear, Nose and Throat, Dr. Daniel Megler, his wife Dr. Branka Megler, Her Royal Highness Princess Katherine, His Royal Highness Prince Alexander, Judy Hoban and St. John Hospital & Medical Center President Bob Hoban



Photo Above Left: Christopher Provenzano, Alexandra Provenzano, His Royal Prince Alexander, Her Royal Highness Princess Katherine and from Greece, Christy Xenelis, Philip Stratis and Dr. John Xenelis

Photo Above Right: Her Royal Highness Princess Katherine of Serbia and the Holley Institute's President, Ardis Gardella, of Grosse Pointe Shores

Photo Upper Right: Nancy Cotton and Lindsay Cotton of Grosse Pointe Farms, show a few of the jewels from the Matilda Dodge Wilson collection owned by Ahee Jewelers.

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6B | PUBLIC SAFETY

City of Grosse Pointe

Doldrums

Nothing new in the police blotter.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Hits pole

The arrest of a 26-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs resulted when a patrolman traced broken car parts, including a headlight housing, from a freshly-damaged wood utility pole at the corner of Moross and Grosse Pointe Boulevard to a house in the 200 block of the boulevard.

"(I) observed a fluid trail leading from the scene," reported the officer at 7:42 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13.

Public Safety Reports

Upon informing a resident of the house that officers intended to obtain a warrant and search for the suspect within, police said, the suspect exited.

He smelled of intoxicants and refused to perform sobriety tests without consulting an attorney, said the officer.

Meanwhile, officers said they found two clonazepam pills in a black 2004 Mercury Mountaineer with front-end damage parked in the driveway.

Police also arrested the suspect for obstructing an investigation and leaving the scene of a wreck.

Wallet stolen

The day after a Farms man realized he lost his wallet, possibly after shopping at a store in the 18600 block of Mack Tuesday evening, Oct. 4,

he learned someone used his Discover credit card to make four unauthorized purchases in Detroit.

Transactions totaling at least \$152 occurred at Family Dollar in the 17200 block of East Warren, Exxon service station in the 17200 block of Harper and Sunoco in the 17100 block of Harper.

Wrong way

Driving a 2002 Oldsmobile Silhouette eastbound in the west-bound lanes of Lakeshore at 3:09 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, netted a 63-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man an arrest for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs, according to police.

"The driver appeared very confused," said the arresting officer. "He stated he consumed one

pill of Vicodin."

The man failed a series of field sobriety tests, but was allowed to waive a walk-and-turn drill due to the effects of recent hip surgery, according to police.

Bad breakup

A Grosse Pointe Woods man, 24, was arrested shortly after 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, for stalking his former girlfriend, 21, outside her residence in the 300 block of Kerby.

"(She) said (he) started running around the house looking for an open door or window attempting to gain entry," reported a public safety officer.

The suspect allegedly tried to pry open the front door with a small garden shovel, but police didn't find pry marks.

Officers found him sitting in a Chrysler Town & Country parked on Chalfonte west of Kerby.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Doldrums

Nothing new in the police blotter.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Indecent

exposure

An officer on routine patrol at 1 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at Wayburn and Charlevoix, noticed something odd while observing a male suspect. He had no pants on. He fled and the officer gave chase, apprehending the suspect, a 34-year-old man, in a nearby basement.

Something in the air

Patrol officers detected a strong odor of marijuana at Lakepointe and Mack at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13.

Upon investigation, police took a 23-year-old male into custody after finding nearly 7 ounces of marijuana in his possession.

Identity thefts

Two reports of identity theft were filed this past week. A Buckingham resident said an unknown person fraudulently used her American Express account sometime between Aug. 27 and Sept. 30. In the second case, a Beaconsfield resident said she was notified an unknown person attempted to file for unemployment benefits in her name.

Someone cleaned up

A tenant in a commercial building in the 14000 block of E. Jefferson reported to police \$160 went missing from his desk drawer in his office. The theft occurred sometime between Sept. 19 and Sept. 25. The tenant suspects a member of the cleaning crew.

Jewelry theft

A resident of the 700 block of Trombley reported that sometime between Monday, Oct. 10, and Sunday, Oct. 16, jewelry valued at over \$25,000 was taken from a bedroom dresser.

Hit a wall

At 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, a driver attempted to flee from a traffic stop. He didn't get far before slamming into the brick wall at Beaconsfield and Jefferson. He was transported by medics to St. John Hospital. There is no word on his condition or why police were attempting to stop him.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Suspicious visitor

When an Anita resident answered a knock on the door at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, she was surprised to learn from a stranger standing on her porch her house was "under surveillance." He failed to respond to the obvious question — why? — leaving without answering in a silver pickup truck. The stranger is described as a black male, about 5-feet 10-inches tall, with a stocky build. He was wearing a shirt with a telephone with an "e" on it. If any other residents are approached, they are asked to call police.

A little bit of everything

A 30-year-old Detroit resident driving a 2002 Mercury was stopped by police at 12:05 a.m. Friday, Oct. 14, when a check of the license plate revealed it belonged on a 2002 Pontiac. While talking to the driver, police detected a strong odor of alcohol and when the driver was questioned, he admitted to drinking and having marijuana in the console of his car. A background check also revealed the driver was wanted on several outstanding warrants and had not had a driver's license since 2010.

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

The fix-it is almost in

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES

— The first of seven public bicycle fix-it stations is due for installation soon beside the bus stop on Lakeshore outside

Grosse Pointe Shores city hall at Vernier, according to Mark Wollenweber, city manager.

Fix-it stations are free to use. They feature an air compressor to fill tires and tools, such as wrenches, for minor

repairs.

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce is splitting the \$1,300 cost with the city.

Wollenweber, on the chamber board of direc-

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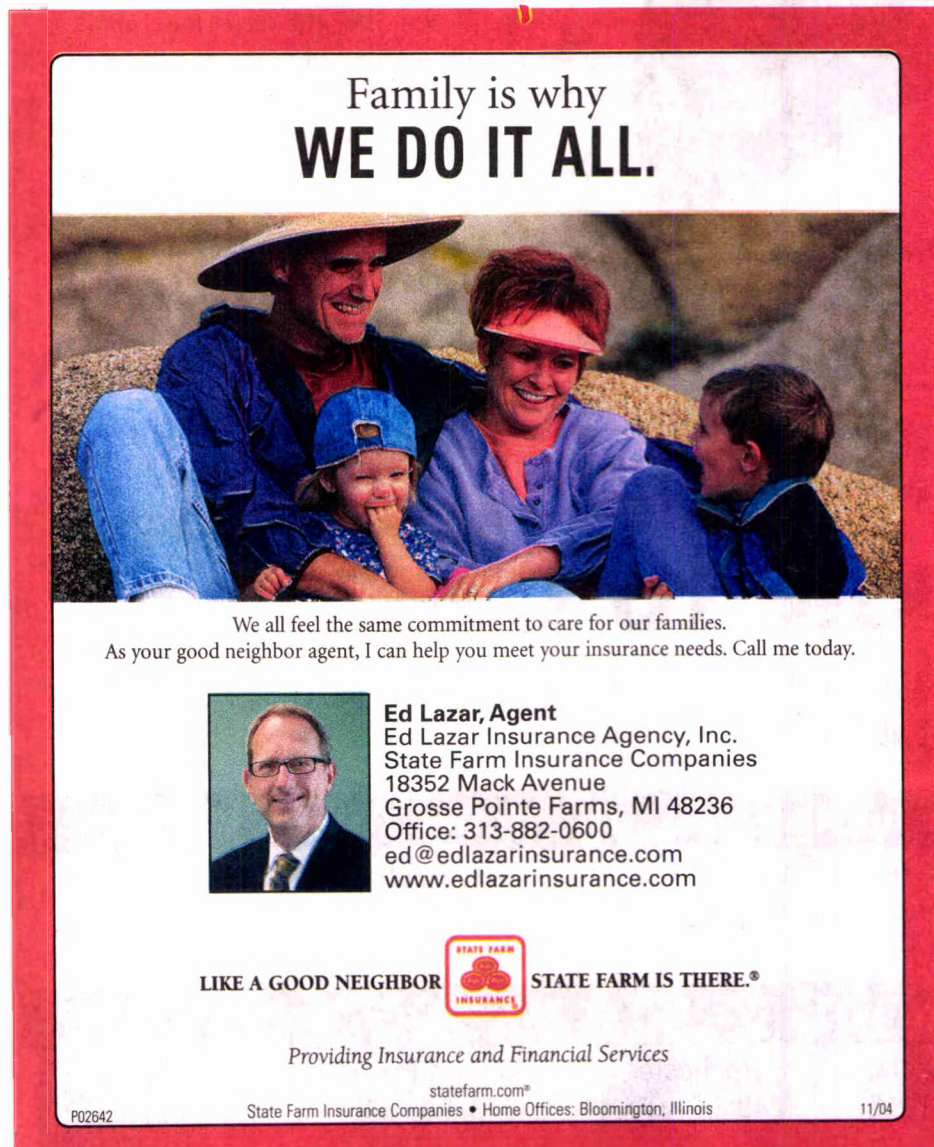
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Grant helps cleanup Officers for sale

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — It's OK with municipal officials if state counterparts funnel a \$75,000 grant through the county to help pay for environmental clean-up of a commercial construction site.

"There is no financial impact to the city," said Peter Dame, manager of the City of Grosse Pointe.

City officials endorsed the grant to assist owners of Fresh Farms Market rid property onto which they are expanding operations on Fisher — across from Grosse Pointe South High School — of leftovers from a demolished laundry and automotive service station.

Environmental issues that complicate redevelopment qualify the property for grants under the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Brownfield program administered by Wayne County.

"A Brownfield cleanup is required because an adjoining property was occupied by a dry-cleaning business that closed in the early 1970s," according to a written statement by Jim Toth,

spokesman for the Wayne County Commission. "Soil testing revealed the presence of several harmful chemicals at the site and an undocumented underground tank was discovered."

Some \$50,000 of the grant is used for demolition, \$15,000 for soil excavation and \$10,000 for asbestos abatement and oversight reporting, according to Toth.

"The purpose of the County Brownfield Authority is to aid in the creation or redevelopment of properties that increase business and jobs in the county," said Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, in the same statement.

A grant application filed with the county by PM Environmental on behalf of the market's co-owner, Steve Najjar of Nabro Holdings, estimates the \$15 million expansion to retain 40 existing jobs, create at least 40 new full-time jobs and 50 temporary construction jobs.

Upon completion of the new store next summer, shoppers will find a two-story, 17,000-square-foot structure with a second-floor mezzanine for cooking classes and private events, and an outdoor terrace.

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A public safety officer on a medic run met an elderly woman he thought might need some help beyond the emergency at hand.

He approached her about becoming a recipient of his colleagues' volunteer outreach program to senior citizens and she was glad to accept.

"The idea is to assign an officer to seniors living by themselves or a couple that's isolated or restricted by age or health," said Lt. John Alcorn.

He's spearheading Seniors and Law Enforcement, or SALE, for the City of Grosse Pointe public safety department.

"It's a great way to get more involved with the community and reach out to seniors who sometimes don't have an outlet," Alcorn said.

"We have about nine seniors right now doing this with officers for whatever the need is, whether getting a phone call once per week or a visit because they're nervous about a service technician coming over," said Chief Stephen Poloni.

"It's like a Big Brothers program for seniors who don't have family in the area and would like an officer to check on them, maybe have lunch," said Sgt. Joe Adams.

He equates it to visiting his grandparents.

"I treat them not only as a resident, but as a friend," Adams said. "You

don't understand the vulnerability of older people right now. Everybody's looking to take advantage of them."

Officers learn through experience many seniors are reluctant to seek assistance. Some are too proud. Others are used to being in leadership roles and don't want to bother or be beholden to anyone.

Seniors also can be trusting, gullible and liable to telephone and Internet con artists.

"New technology can be intimidating," Alcorn said.

Some officers call or visit a senior every week.

"It's a way for us to get in touch with them without they're having to bother reaching out to us," Alcorn said.

"We let them know if there's crime in the area they need to be on the lookout for, like the IRS phone scam," Adams said.

The scam involves a caller impersonating an Internal Revenue Service employee demanding money for back taxes.

"I can't tell you how many reports we've taken from older people getting taken in scams on the phone and Internet," Adams said. "It's very upsetting."

Visits can be about seemingly little things, such as changing the battery in a hard-to-reach smoke detector.

About eight of the department's officers are participating.

"It's small now, but we hope it will grow so we can reach out to whoever needs it," Alcorn said.

New crop of beauty commissioners

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The Beautification Advisory Commission has three new members.

They are Stephen Hansen, Brenda Dittrich and Karen Miller.

All are nominees of Commission Chairman and Grosse Pointe Farms Councilman Lev Wood. A united city council con-

firmed the nominations this month.

Three-year terms end September 2019.

The 29-year-old commission dates to 1987.

Duties include counseling municipal officials about community enhancements and coordinating beautification efforts.

A major project each

year is canvassing the city and nominating residential and commercial property owners for beautification awards.

Members also plant spring flowers in beds on Lakeshore and in pots on the Hill.

A subcommittee identifies tree needs.

— Brad Lindberg

FIX:

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tors, said the manufacturer shipped the station

last week. It will be erected on a concrete slab in a week or so.

Six more stations funded by a Wayne County park millage fol-

low.

"We're going to put three stations at the libraries," Wollenweber said. "Each library will have one."

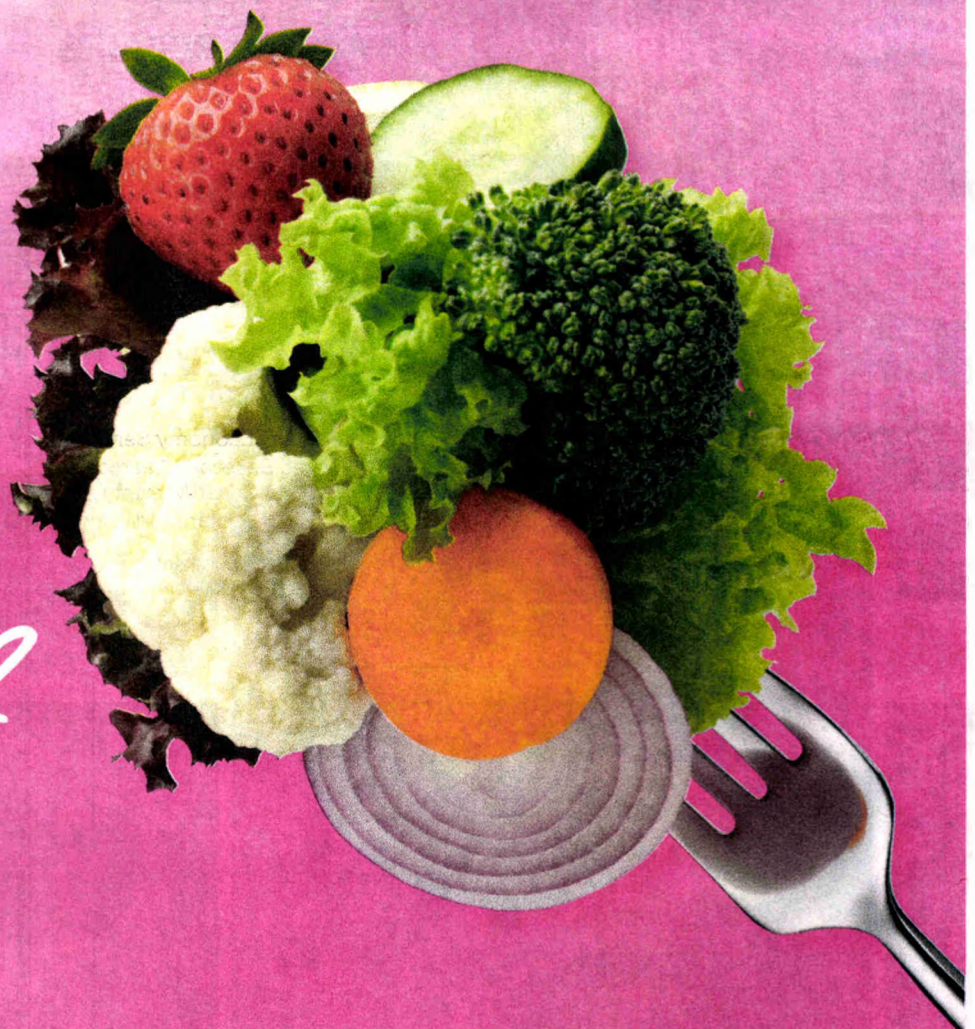


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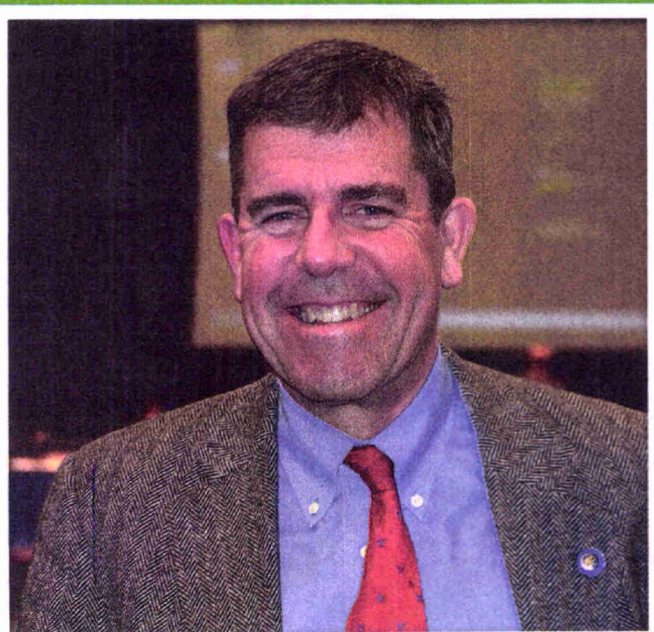
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TENNIS

Division 4 state champions *Knights capture the moment*

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Ever since the University Liggett boys' tennis team finished in second place to Ann Arbor Greenhills at last year's Division 4 state finals, the players knew they had to put in some extra time to get better.

Head coach Mark Sobieralski and assistant coach Chuck Wright challenged the kids to improve their game and get that mental edge needed to dethrown Greenhills, which won its eighth consecutive state crown.

To add fuel to the fire, Greenhills was featured in several publications, leaving Liggett on the outside looking in.

All these factors played a huge part in Liggett's run to the Division 4 state championship. Liggett used gritty performances to earn 32 points to 30 for Greenhills.

Traverse City St. Francis and Whitehall tied for third with 22 points.

"I told the kids to take it one point at a time and not think about having to



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHARI WAREZAK

Members of the Division 4 state championship team are, back row from left, assistant coach Chuck Wright, Christian Ilitch, Matthew Lesha, Craig Buhler, head coach Mark Sobieralski, Maddie Fozo, Alec Azar and Andrew Staricco; front row from left, Tommy Van Pelt, Victor Logan, captain T.J. Dulac, captain Davey Sekhon, Spencer Warezak and Casey Scoggin.

win this match because it would put too much pressure on each of them," Sobieralski said. "Chuck and I are proud of every player on our team."

"They played great tennis during the two days and won some huge

matches. It was a well-earned state championship."

Each of the Knights' eight flights made the semifinals.

They had three flight winners, including Andrew Staricco at No. 4

singles. Staricco, the No. 1 seed, beat No. 2 seed Henry Branch of Greenhills 6-2, 7-5 in the title match.

Staricco finished 31-2 on the season.

Other flight champions came in doubles as the

No. 2 squad of Davey Sekhon and Alec Azar beat St. Francis' No. 1 seed of Ryan Navin and Joe Primeau 6-1, 6-4 in the title match.

In addition, the No. 3 doubles team of Spencer Warezak and Craig

Buhler, the No. 2 seed, crushed No. 1 seed, Greenhills' Sushruta Shankar and Trey Feldeisen 6-3, 6-1 in the title match.

The Knights' other two doubles teams, Maddie Fozo and Thomas Van Pelt at No. 1 and Matt Lesha and Victor Logan at No. 4, made the finals of their respective flights, but lost.

Each of the Knights' other three singles players, T.J. Dulac at No. 1, Christian Ilitch at No. 2 and Casey Scoggin at No. 3, lost their semifinal match.

One of the biggest stories for the Knights was Dulac, who won two matches and nearly a third despite a severely injured right wrist.

"T.J. really battled out on the court and earned some huge points for us," Sobieralski said. "Our team captain sucked it up for the team and we needed his points or else we might have finished second to Greenhills for a third straight year. Everyone stepped up."

It was Liggett's state-record 35th state championship.





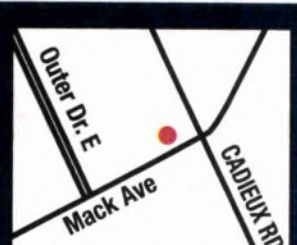
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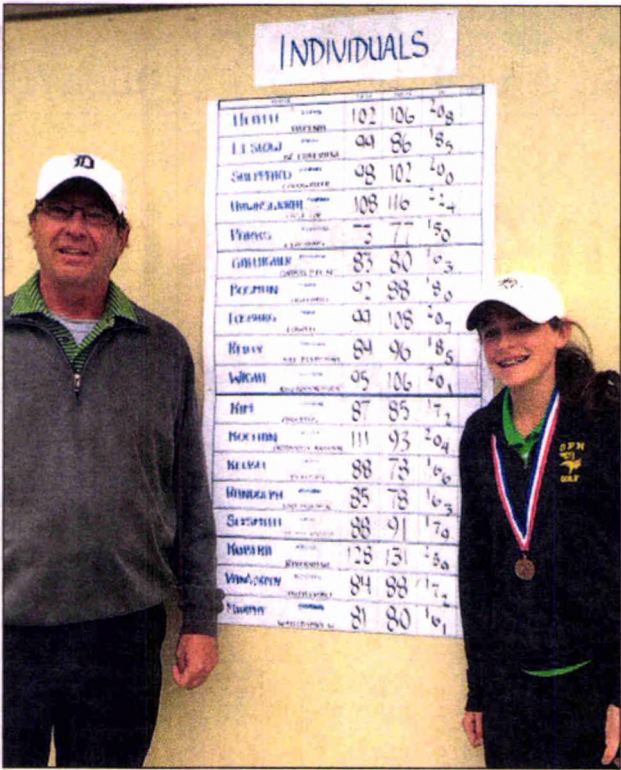
GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Gallagher earns All-State

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North sophomore Meghan Gallagher earned All-State honors last weekend, tying for sixth place in the Division 2 State Championship tournament at The Meadows on the campus of Grand Valley State University. “Meghan put an exclamation point on an incredible season with a

top 10 medal in the state final with a sixth-place finish,” North head coach Peter Kingsley said. “It was some great playing by Meghan on the biggest stage of the year.” She shot an 83 on day one and 80 on day two to finish with a 163. Megan Randolph of Port Huron Northern also shot a 163. Stephanie Carras of Midland Dow won medalist honors with a 139.



North's Meghan Gallagher, right, and her coach, Peter Kingsley, stand at the scoreboard after the final round at the Division 2 State Championship tournament.

Tennis

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen get top 10

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's No. 1 doubles team of seniors Ben Zacharias and Jack Williams headed to the Division 2 state finals as the No. 2 seed. They lived up to their seed by making it to the finals but lost a tough three-set match 7-5, 3-6, 6-4 to Midland Dow's No. 1 seed of Jj Kirkman and Aditya Middha. The dynamic duo had a bye before beating Birmingham Groves' Lucas McCoy and Andrew Martin 6-3, 6-1. They defeated Wyandotte Roosevelt's Josh Raupp and Cam Winn 6-0, 6-2 in the round of eight and in the semifinals they beat Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central's Justin James and Reed Aleck 2-6, 6-3, 7-5. The rest of the

Norsemen's doubles teams had some success. The No. 2 doubles team of Blake Danna and Adam Berry lost their first match, while the No. 3 doubles squad of Ethan Aziz and Blake Graham won their first match 6-7, 6-1, 6-1 before losing in the quarterfinals. Sonny Mulpuri and Joe Haney won their first match 6-2, 6-2, but lost in the next round to finish 1-1 in their state finals appearance. Max Stalling finished 1-1 at No. 1 singles, while Hunter Williams was 0-1 at No. 2 singles. Abhinav Nannapaneni was 0-1 at No. 3 singles and David Daher was 1-1 at No. 4 singles. Midland Dow cruised to the state championship, earning 35 points. Grosse Pointe North tied with regional rival U-D Jesuit for eighth place with 12 points.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils finish in top 20

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Harrison Stackpole and his Grosse Pointe South girls' golf team finished 16th in last weekend's

Division 1 State Championship tournament at Michigan State University's Forest Akers East. South shot a two-day total of 749. The girls shot 380 the first day and

shaved 11 strokes off the total on day two to fire a 369. Rochester easily won the state title, beating runner-up Novi by 21 strokes. Rochester had a 618 and Novi shot a 639.

For the Blue Devils, Kaitlin Ifkovits led the team with a 177, while Ellie Poll had a 184. Ellie Connors shot a 195, followed by Gray Rahm with 196 and Cailey Paull with 215.

ROWING

Local rowers earn several medals

The Detroit Boat Club had several medalists in Toledo Saturday, Sept. 24. Crew girls' varsity team the Frogtown Regatta in

Competing in the varsity 4+ were coxswain Kaitlin Nemeh, Sophia Kiehl, Riley Brennan, Katie Dotson and Polly Fitzgerald, stroke, while those in the lightweight 8+ were Anna Hensien, stroke, Erin Ptashnik, Camryn Teranes, Kara Semanision, Maryclaire Graham, Anna Gleason, Molly Bunker, Lilly Weekley and Nemeh, coxswain. Nemeh was the coxswain in the varsity 8+ boat and her teammates were Natalie Liening, stroke, Ptashnik, Teranes, Semanision, Gleason, Bea Bernard, Delaney Ptashnik and Weekley. The girls also medaled in the lightweight 4+ event and in that event were Teranes, Erin Ptashnik, Gleason, Semanision and Nemeh, coxswain.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Strong finish

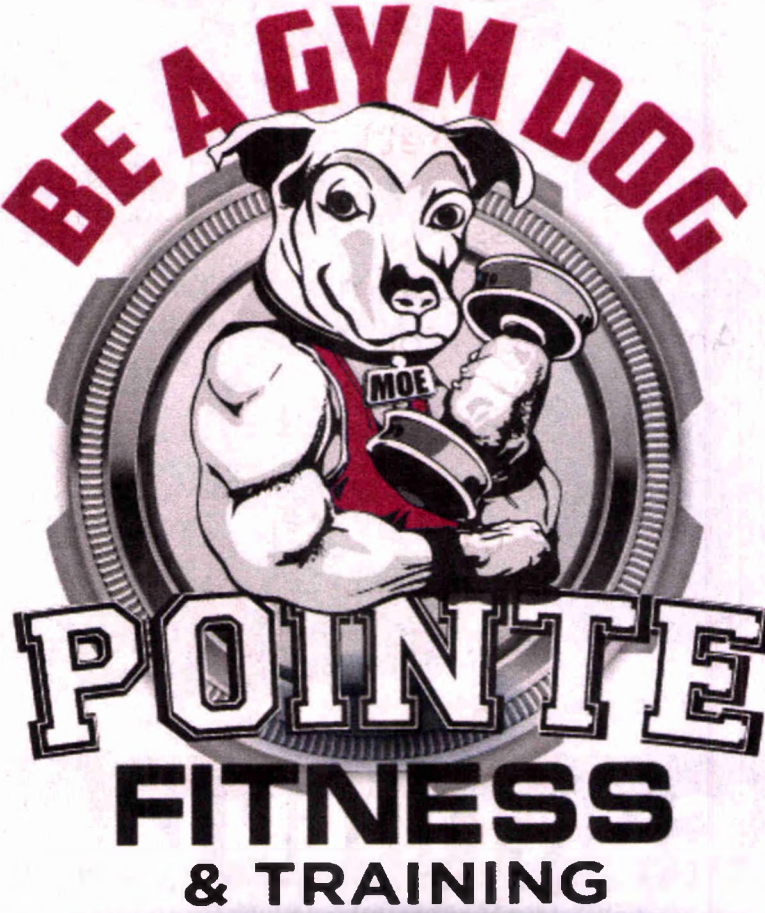
By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' tennis team tied with division rival Port Huron Northern for ninth place in last weekend's Division 1 state finals at the Greater Midland Tennis Center. Ann Arbor Huron edged Bloomfield Hills for the title, 30-28. Troy took third. The Blue Devils and Huskies each scored 10 points, including the No. 1 doubles team of Teddy Sweeney and Patrick Bourke. Sweeney and Bourke beat Rockford's Max Christians and Jesse Vanfleet 2-6, 6-1, 6-1 before losing to Ann Arbor Pioneer's No. 2 seeded duo in the quarterfinals. At No. 2 doubles, Tommy Sine and Turner Sine beat Clarkston's Charlie Lussenhop and Jason Richards 6-1, 6-3, but lost to the No. 1 seed

from Brother Rice in the quarterfinals. Will George and David Scupholm won a match, beating Grand Blanc's James Hegarty and Nick Norman 6-3, 6-2, but lost in the quarterfinals to the No. 1 seed from Ann Arbor Huron. The No. 4 doubles team of Sam Packer and Kenny Prather lost their first match to Northville. Patrick Willard at No. 1 singles and Sean Miller at No. 3 singles played well in tough defeats in their first match of the finals. John Sullivan defeated Utica Eisenhower's Jacob Georges 6-1, 6-2, before losing to Bloomfield Hills' Andrew Zhang in the quarterfinals. Michael Willard also finished 1-1 at No. 4 singles, beating Port Huron Northern's Chase Moeller 6-0, 6-3 before falling to Bloomfield Hills' Brad Silverman in the quarterfinals.

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Soccer

South beats rival North

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

City rivals Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South battled last week in their final regular season games.

It was also the annual Wounded Warriors game in which players from both teams honor a veteran during a pre-game ceremony. All proceeds from paying fans and concessions went to the VFW, Buddy Poppy and Healing Heroes charities.

A near full house attended the game at North and when the final horn sounded, Grosse Pointe South walked away 5-0 winners.

"It was an emotional win for the boys," South head coach Francesco Cilano said. "We needed this tonight. We have played hard and been so close in many games this year, but couldn't get a break we needed. Tonight, we got those breaks and I hope this is what we needed with the



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

North's Alfonso Garcia, No. 14, tries to get the ball away from South's William Muawad during the Norsemen's league loss to the Blue Devils.

playoffs coming up."

The game was scoreless as the Norsemen had the better of the scoring chances. They carried the play for most of the opening 40 minutes and came close to getting on the board, but several shots were either saved or just sailed high.

It was total Blue Devil domination in the second half as they seemed to score at will. It was freshman Connor Stencel scoring what turned out to be the winning goal. After a scramble in front of the net, Stencel got a solid shot off and it hit the back of the net for a 1-0 lead.

Stencel scored again a couple of minutes later and the 2-0 lead looked better and better the way the Blue Devils were playing.

"It was a disappointing effort on our part and we never got back in the game after it got out of hand," North head coach Eric Vanston said. "I'm not happy with our finish, but this is a game to forget as we need to focus on the playoffs."

Junior Joey Erickson scored the third goal at the 27-minute mark and the Blue Devils put an exclamation mark on the victory over their rivals as junior Peter Buhl and senior Ryan Kotas also tallied.

Grosse Pointe South finished its regular season 3-6-3 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 5-13-3 overall, while Grosse Pointe North finished 4-6-2 in the White Division and 7-9-2 overall.

Field hockey

LIGGETT

Knights win 2-of-3

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' field hockey team split its two games last week, beating Oakland 3-1 and losing 1-0 to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood.

Both games were on the road.

In the victory, Kate Birgbauer continued her torrid pace, scoring two more goals, while Alexandra Diggs also tallied.

Lucy Alpert, Katie Fruehauf and Eve

Bournias recorded assists.

The Knights just couldn't get any momentum in the road tilt against Cranbrook-Kingswood.

Keeping with the busy schedule, Liggett played Sunday, Oct. 16, at Dearborn and won 1-0 on a goal by Birgbauer, assisted by Emma Shell.

According to head coach Jayant Trewn, Diggs and Shell, along with Fruehauf, Jenna Hummel and Anette Meraw, moved the ball down the line in a two-

pronged attack. This gave Birgbauer and Fruehauf the opportunity to break down the middle. Meraw was effective switching as a wing midfielder and wing forward.

The defense kept the ball in the opponents half by a strong "top of diamond" play by Lucy Alpert, Ivy Meraw and Kate Carron. Other standouts were Morgan Kelley and Haley Malewicz.

Liggett is 8-3-2 in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 2 standings.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils clutch

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls' field hockey team is battling for a first-round home playoff game.

"The girls are playing better and they are focusing on doing the little things it takes to win field hockey games," head coach Monica Dennis said.

The Blue Devils beat host Brighton 6-1, thanks to a five-goal outburst in the second half. It was a 1-1 game at the half, but the Blue Devils found their mojo and put five goals on the board, despite playing in a

downpour the entire second half.

Hannah Voytowich scored the first goal, with Rose Williamson netting an assist. Goal No. 2 was Williamson from Jacqui Mercier.

Carson Dennis had the third goal and assisted on goal No. 4, scored by Voytowich. Kylie Stackpole had her first ever goal as Voytowich and Dennis drew the assists.

The final goal was scored by Elizabeth Byarski.

Next was a 10-0 loss to Ann Arbor Huron, but the girls rebounded to beat visiting Sacred Heart 3-0 on senior

night.

Williamson scored, with Megan MacLean and Dennis netting assists, and MacLean tallied, with Voytowich getting the lone assist.

With no time left on the clock, Dennis scored the final goal.

Last weekend, South had a must-win game for home-field advantage in the first round of the state playoffs against visiting East Grand Rapids.

South won 3-2 as Alyssa Czech, Byarski and Voytowich scored the goals.

"The girls played well and won a big game to get us that home playoff game," Dennis said.

LIGGETT

Knights win MLAC

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' soccer team was all business last week, knowing it had two big games on the slate.

The Knights traveled to Ultimate Soccer to face Birmingham Roeper with a division title on the line.

Head coach David Dwaihy had his team ready and they captured the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference crown with a 4-1 victory. They played without leading scorer, Christian deRuiter, and

two starters went down with injuries.

"It was a gutsy performance from the guys," Dwaihy said. "To play well with three starters on the shelf was huge for us. Everyone stepped up and won the conference title."

Senior Spero Kefalonitis and freshman Nolan Ondersma scored two goals apiece.

Kefalonitis scored early in the first half to get the Knights rolling and they added an Ondersma goal to lead 2-0.

Roeper made it 2-1, but two more goals put the

game out of reach and the title in the Knights' pocket.

Two days later, Liggett hosted Summit Academy and came away with a 2-0 victory.

"This is a really nice win against a very good team," Dwaihy said. "This was a perfect game to play before we face Shrine in the state playoffs. It will be a very tough game."

DeRuiter was back in the lineup and scored both goals, tallying a goal in each half as the Knights finished the regular season 11-1 in the MIAC and 13-2 overall.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen fall to Ike

The Grosse Pointe North girls' swimming and diving team finished its regular season league schedule last week, losing 104-82 to Utica Eisenhower.

Winning events for the Norsemen were Julia Gehlert and Sam Villani.

The Norsemen also had several runner-ups.

Gehlert won the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:06.31 and 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:23.85, while Villani won the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:32.42 and was second in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:02.34.

Isabelle Nguyen was second in diving with

213.28 points and Hannah Mattes was second in the 100-yard breaststroke at 1:15.74.

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Football

LIGGETT



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For one final time as a member of the MIAC, Liggett players and coaches celebrate winning the conference title game.

Knights win MIAC Bowl

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett football team made its final appearance as a member of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference a memorable one. The Knights played in the MIAC Bowl Championship game last weekend on their home

turf and made it 2-for-2 in MIAC Bowl titles, beating Parkway Christian 38-20. "We knew it would be a fight since Parkway has some outstanding skill position players and they can move the ball," head coach Dan Cimini said. "We got off to a slow start for the second time against them, but for the second straight

time we shut them out in the second half. "It's a nice win." Neither team played much defense in the first half as the Knights took a 28-20 lead into the lockerroom. Senior Tre Caine showed why he was the MIAC MVP this season by scoring on a 4-yard run, a 54-yard pass from senior quarterback Connor McCarron and a 23-yard run. He also threw a 1-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Jackson Walkowiak. However, Parkway Christian moved the ball at will and scored three touchdowns in the second quarter to keep it close.

In the second half, the Knights' defense stiffened and Parkway Christian's offense was stuck in second gear. Offensively, Caine returned a punt 65 yards for a touchdown and McCarron kicked a short field goal to finish off the scoring. Caine rushed for 202 yards, caught two passes for 82 yards and accounted for five touchdowns. Walkowiak had an interception, while they held on fourth down plays twice in the second half. Liggett improved to 8-0 overall and is in line to host at least one state playoff game.

MIAC		
SCHOOL	CONFERENCE RECORD	OVERALL
1. *Liggett	5-0	8-0
2. Parkway Christian	4-1	4-4
3. Lutheran Northwest	3-2	5-3
4. Oakland Christian	2-3	3-4
5. Lutheran Westland	1-4	4-4
6. Southfield Christian	0-5	1-7

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen win big

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North football team qualified for the state playoffs last weekend, beating visiting Roseville 42-14. The Norsemen built a 28-0 halftime lead and cruised to the win in their final Macomb Area Conference Blue Division game of the season. They still had a chance to clinch a tie for the division title if Port Huron beat Cousino. However, Cousino won to finish 5-0, while North was second at 4-1. Head coach Frank Sumbera used a balanced attack to win. "We got the ball first and put together a nice drive," Sumbera said. "We had them 21-0 in the first quarter and scored early in the second quarter." Senior running back Jared Jordan, coming off a school-record 342

yards rushing against Sterling Heights, ran for 156 yards and four touchdowns. Jordan has 1,637 yards rushing in 201 carries with 22 touchdowns. Jordan broke the record held by Tommy Watkins' 320 rushing yards set in 2009. Junior quarterback Bjorn Bjornsson completed 7-of-13 passes for 142 yards and one touchdown. Junior wide receiver Pete Ciaravino had one of his best games in his two-year varsity career, catching five passes for 114 yards and one score. Defensively, Ciaravino had two interceptions, including one returned 50 yards for a touchdown. Senior defensive end Dillon Webb was effective once again, netting 10 tackles, two hurries and one quarterback sack. Grosse Pointe North improved to 6-2 overall.

MAC Blue		
SCHOOL	CONFERENCE RECORD	OVERALL
1. *Cousino	5-0	7-1
2. Grosse Pointe North	4-1	6-2
3. Port Huron	3-2	4-4
4. Sterling Heights	2-3	2-6
5. Roseville	1-4	2-6
6. L'Anse Creuse	0-5	0-8
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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils clinch

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's football team was all business in its quest for a division championship and berth in the state playoffs. After back-to-back losses early in the month, head coach Tim Brandon's Blue Devils shutout Anchor Bay in week No. 7. Brandon was all smiles after South blanked a second straight foe. This time it was on the road, 21-0, over the other unbeaten team in the Macomb Area Conference White Division, L'Anse Creuse North. "We stuck to our routine throughout the week and we focused on what was at hand," Brandon said. "The guys played a great football game, especially defensively. "Chad (Hepler) dialed up a great scheme to shut down an explosive offense. We were able to win the division title and make the state playoffs with this big road win." The defense, led by a dominant front four, kept the Crusaders' offense in check. Even when they



PHOTOS BY PAUL KANIA

South's Patrick Nauert, No. 54, gets a one-armed quarterback sack to help the Blue Devils beat LCN. drove inside the Blue Devils' 10-yard line, the defense stepped up and got the ball back on downs. Senior Patrick Nauert had two quarterback sacks and nine tackles and senior Jack Doerer also had nine tackles. Senior Andrew Sharp and junior Jamin Mays also had a quarterback sack. The Blue Devils' linebacker group and defensive backs also played well. Offensively, South scored on a 5-yard run by junior tailback Jhordan Rush, a 27-yard pass from senior quarterback Logan Mico to Rush and a 20-yard run by junior Jermaine Young. Junior Cam Shook kicked three extra points and his pin-point punting in the second half was critical in the Blue Devils' win. Rush had 21 carries for 105 yards and two receptions for 28 yards. Mico threw for 115 yards and Sharp had two receptions for 26 yards. Grosse Pointe South finished 5-0 in the MAC White Division and is 6-2 overall. Next for the Blue Devils is their regular season finale at home 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, against Warren Mott. The Blue Devils might get a No. 1 district seed with a victory over the Marauders.

MAC White		
SCHOOL	CONFERENCE RECORD	OVERALL
1. *Grosse Pointe South	5-0	6-2
2. L'Anse Creuse North	4-1	6-2
3. Utica	3-2	3-5
4. Anchor Bay	2-3	5-3
5. Utica Ford	1-4	2-6
6. Fraser	0-5	1-7

Volleyball

LIGGETT & GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Knights drop showdown

Blue Devils fall to Titans

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' volleyball team knew a conference title was within reach.

The big match came later in the week when second place Ann Arbor Greenhills traveled to Liggett.

However, first came a road game against Novi Franklin Road Christian.

The Knights delivered a 25-12, 25-20, 24-26, 25-23 victory.

"This is a very nice win against a very good team," Arena said. "This was another pretty tough test that we were able to pass. The girls played hard and together. We were very fortunate to get out of their gym with the win."

Everybody on the roster chipped in with Kate Zinn collecting four kills and three blocks.

Rebecca Lohman had six kills and eight service points, while Isabella Cubba added four kills and three blocks.

Lucy Barnowske had two kills and two blocks, followed by Olivia Ponte with two blocks, Sophia Kopicki with six service points and Teagan Cornell with eight service points.

Tegan Jones had four kills and Delaney Bandos was the defensive leader with 48 digs.

Jenna Battani had four service points, while Amelia Doetsch had nine service points and 17 assists. Mary Weiermiller had seven service points and nine assists.

Now it was the show-

down with Greenhills on the Knights' home court. The previous match between these teams went the distance.

This would not go the distance as the Knights played on their heels for most of the evening and lost 25-22, 25-14, 21-25, 25-16 to cut their division lead to only one game ahead of Greenhills in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

"Tough night for us overall," Arena said. "We played hard, but just couldn't seem to keep our rhythm for sustained periods. We pride ourselves on the sort of defense that we play and we weren't as good tonight. Greenhills is a good team and they made fewer mistakes than we did tonight. We still control our destiny in the league and if we win out we will be champions."

Game one was close until Greenhills used a five-point swing to grab a 22-16 lead.

Behind Weiermiller's serving and a couple of Zinn kills, the Knights cut their deficit to 22-21 before Greenhills scored three of the next four points to win.

The Knights fell flat in game two, but rallied to take game three as they were more aggressive at the net and the defensive duo of Bandos and

Cornell played well.

Unfortunately, they fell behind 6-0 to start game four and never regained momentum.

"We have to put this behind us and get back to practice," Arena said. "We still have three more conference matches left which we need to win."

Liggett is 8-1 in the MIAC and 17-6-3 overall.

South results

A share of the Macomb Area Conference White Division lead was on the line last week when Grosse Pointe South girls' volleyball team hosted Sterling Heights Stevenson.

Both squads were hot entering the match, but when the final point was scored it was the Blue Devils on the losing end, 25-17, 25-16, 25-14.

"Our serving was horrible tonight and we played tentative," head coach Kevin Nugent said. "We didn't play up to our potential tonight and Stevenson did."

The division-leading Titans played a solid match in all phases of the game.

However, game one was close as senior hitters Lexi Kohut and Kate Satterfield played well with a couple of kills apiece.

It was 18-15 Stevenson when the Titans put their game in second gear and the Blue Devils couldn't

answer.

The Blue Devils were outscored 7-2 the rest of the way and it went downhill from that point.

In game two, the home team couldn't sustain any momentum and in game three the Blue Devils fell behind 10-1 and never got back in the match.

Kohut led the way with a dozen kills as South fell to 5-2 in the White Division and Stevenson improved to 7-0.

South is 20-8-1 overall.

Playoff update

The three Grosse Pointe high school volleyball teams play the state district playoffs Monday, Oct. 31, through Friday, Nov. 4.

Grosse Pointe North travels to Eastpointe East Detroit in a Class A district and is the favorite.

Grosse Pointe South heads to Detroit Martin Luther King to also battle in a Class A district. It is also the favorite.

University Liggett travels to Detroit Edison High School for its Class C district tournament and it is favored.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

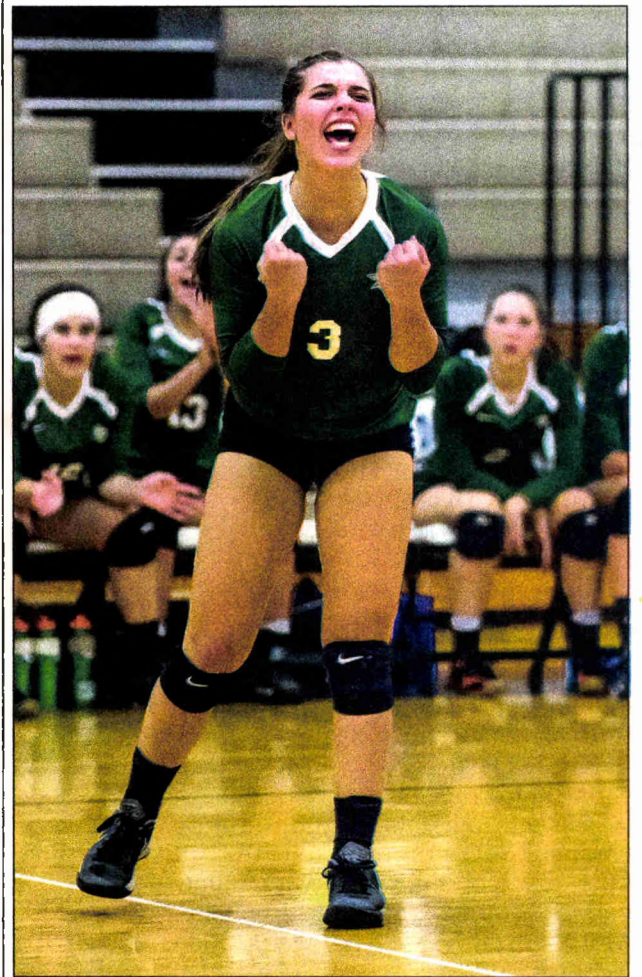


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Intensity

Grosse Pointe North junior Anna Post, pictured above after earning a point, and her teammates faced two tough road games last week, playing at Macomb Dakota and Anchor Bay. In the first match, the Norsemen lost 25-14, 25-20, 25-19 to the Cougars and in the second they lost 25-21, 25-19, 25-12. Grosse Pointe North is 3-5 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 11-14-2 overall.

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Cross country

NORTH & SOUTH GIRLS

Fast times

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North girls' cross-country teams enjoyed success in last weekend's 32nd annual Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard Invitational.

South took third with 93 points and Grosse Pointe North was fifth with 135. Fenton won and Brighton took second with 76 and 81 points, respectively.

"We enjoy this meet as it presents outstanding competition and a true, very challenging cross country course," South head coach Steve Zaranek said.

"We have been pushing hard in practice and the times are dropping because of those efforts," North head coach Scott Cooper said.

Plymouth was between the Grosse Pointe schools by placing fourth with 102 points.

Blue Devil Reanna Raymond was fourth with a time of 19:19.90 and Norsemen Lauren Sickmiller was seventh at 19:43.40.

Next for the teams were Abbey Guevara of South, finishing 15th with a time of 20:33.30



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ZARANEK

South senior Reanna Raymond runs to a fourth-place finish at the Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard Invitational.

and Kate Wozniak of North, finishing 20th with a time of 20:40.90.

South's Marie High was 22nd and North's Julia McLellan was 23rd with times of 20:42.60 and 20:45.50.

The Blue Devils' next four finishers were Leah MacKay, Abby Hurst, Sayanna Roy and Devon Krasner. They ran times of 20:50.60, 20:54.80, 20:57.10 and 20:59.50, respectively.

Sarah Bellovich, Miya Bowman and Emma Russell also ran for the Blue Devils.

The Norsemen's next four runners were Katie Louwers, Megan Louwers, Erinne Lubieniski and Sara Michalik. They ran times

of 21:22.40, 21:32.80, 21:46.00 and 22:08.90, respectively.

Stephanie Schaefer and Lyndsay Kluge also ran for the Norsemen.

Earlier in the week, South defeated Warren Mott 15-50 to finish the regular dual meet season at 14-1.

Twenty-eight runners broke the 23-minute mark against Mott and South was led by the 1 thru 7 finish of Raymond, Hurst, MacKay, High, Krasner, Emma Russell and Kaleigh McCarron.

Rounding out the Blue Devils' top 10 were Abbey Guevara, Miya Bowman, and Sayanna Roy.

The MAC meet was Saturday, Oct. 15.

LIGGETT

Girls 2nd, boys 5th

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' cross-country team tied for the regular season title with Ann Arbor Greenhills after the second jamboree meet last week.

The Knights won the first meet, edging Greenhills, but the squads reversed finishes in the second meet, creating the tie atop the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference standings.

Greenhills finished with 46 points and Liggett had 64.

Head coach Lindsey Bachman's squad was led by Annelies Ondersma, who was sev-

enth with a time of 22:10.68.

Maddie Wu and Izzy Brusilow placed ninth and 10th with times of 22:24.21 and 22:43.43.

Margaret Hartigan was fourth for the Knights with her 13th place time of 22:53.59.

Others who finished in the top 50 were Ava Henness, who had a time of 25:09.24; Sarah Galbenski, who ran 25:11.17; and Lauren McKenzie, who ran 26:24.53.

Lauren Porter, Tatiyana Wallace, Saudia Tate, Katriel Tolin, Darshana Subramaniam and India Brooks also ran for the Knights.

As for the boys, they placed fifth with 107

points. Greenhills won with 56, followed by Oakland Christian with 86, Plymouth Christian with 92 and Southfield Christian with 98.

Nick Brusilow led the team by finishing 11th with a time of 19:00.45.

Andrew Loner and Michael Ellis finished 19th and 20th with times of 19:31.14 and 19:33.69, while Billy Kopicki was 27th with a time of 20:05.98.

Kelin Flynn, Darcy Huang and Tristan Shogren finished 34th, 35th and 36th with times of 21:11.18, 21:17.54 and 21:18.68.

Other runners for the Knights were Michael Sherman, Oliver Jonsson and Andrew Wu.

SOUTH BOYS

South boys run well

By Dominic Dulac
Special Writer

The Grosse Pointe South boys' cross-country team competed in the 29th Annual Heritage Invitational at Imerman Park in Saginaw last weekend.

The varsity finished in eighth out of 23 teams as all seven members ran season or personal records.

Juniors Rockim

Williamson, Ethan Vick and Matt Oliver all broke the 18-minute mark with times of 17:28, 17:49, and 17:59.

Junior Brad Geist finished in 18:02 and freshman Dominic Dulac crossed the finish line in 18:11. Senior T.J. Clutterbuck ran an 18:20, and sophomore Joey Pellerito ran a personal record with his time of 18:48.

The junior varsity also

had a strong performance and won its race by taking 15 of the top 30 positions.

Sophomore Blake Weaver ran a PR with a second-place finish and earned himself a varsity spot in the next race by running an 18:33. Freshman Will Jarvis and senior Noah Adams ran record times of 18:34 and 18:51 and senior Sasha Szura finished in 18:53.

SAILING

GPYC hosts finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South is hosting the High School State Sailing Championships at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Saturday, Oct. 22, and Sunday, Oct. 23. South is the defending state champ.

Grosse Pointe North is also in the competition.

Teams will compete in three events, the 420 doublehanded, singlehanded Laser Radial and Full Rig.

South is led by Jake Orhan, Liam Walz, Taft Peck and Grace Paschke, who will crew for poten-

tial skippers Christi Scheibner, Johnny Walton, Caroline Seski and Blake Stackpoole.

"It has taken much effort, patience and commitment that has propelled South to this No. 1 status," South head coach James Cooper said. "We don't plan on giving it up easily. The kids are really excited and know that rivals like Grosse Pointe North, East Grand Rapids and Spring Lake will bring their best sailors into our waters to dethrone the South champions."

For North, behind head coach Dan Nikesch, skippers John Huskin,

Lindsey Ramsdell and Charlie Ramsdell will share time leading the team in the 420 doublehanded event. Expected crew for that event are Adam Weinkauff, Ellie Frame and Matt Moores.

The following day, Huskin will be in the full rig Laser Division and in the Radial Division will be Moores, Weinkauff and Jonathan Smith.

"Grosse Pointe National Youth Education Foundation, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and other individuals, along with the Grosse Pointe South team, has made our region excel," Cooper said.

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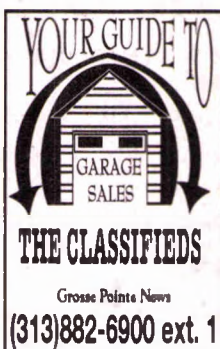
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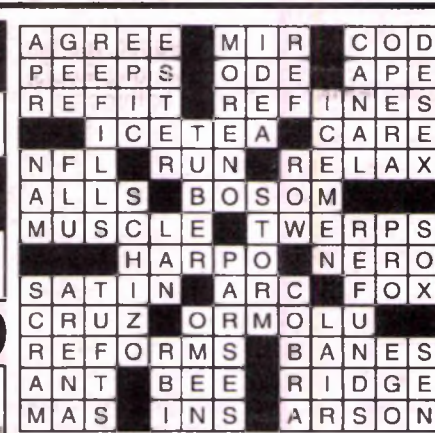
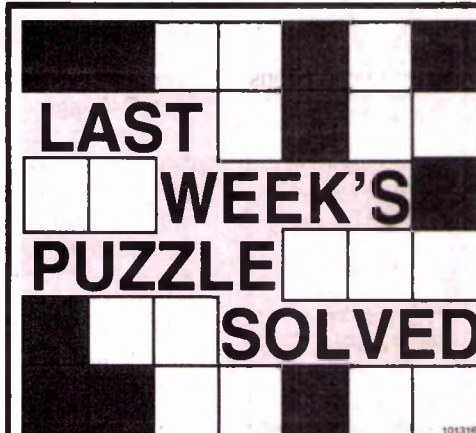
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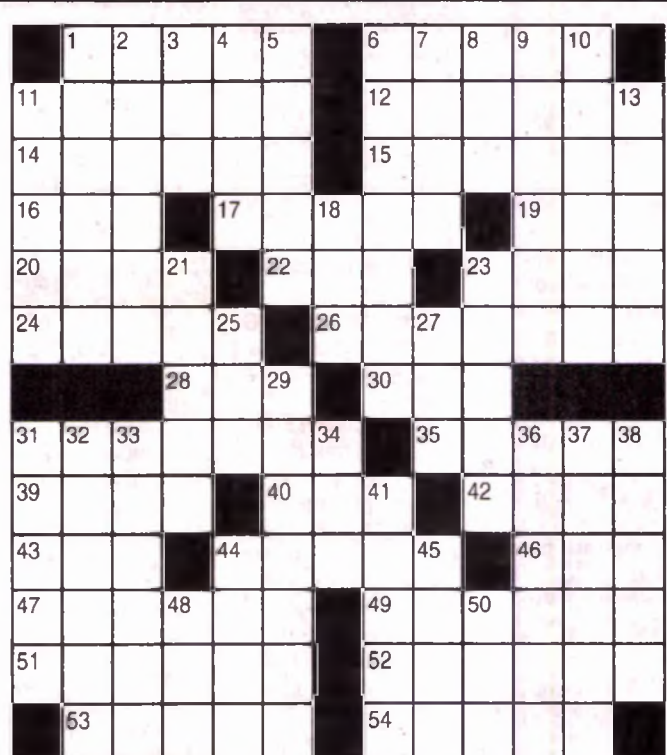
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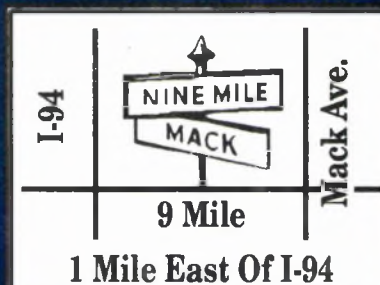


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Eighth-graders run the course with their first-grade buddies.

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Academy students buddy up for fun run

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Students at the Grosse Pointe Academy have been raising money for the CATCH organization for 16 years, but this year's event had a twist.

While traditionally first- through fifth-graders have participated in a fun run to support CATCH, for the first time the school decided to make it a buddy event, according to organizer and physical education teacher Sasha Murphy.

"We sometimes struggle to find buddy time with all the other school activities and since the time was already set aside for five grades, we thought a school-wide buddy event would be fun," Murphy said.

CATCH — Caring Athletes Team for Children's and Henry Ford Hospitals — was founded by late Detroit Tigers manager Sparky Anderson in 1987 to improve the quality of life for pediatric patients and their families at Children's Hospital of Michigan and Henry Ford Hospital.

Students were asked to donate \$5 for CATCH. By race time, they had raised a total of \$1,074.44 — the largest amount in the school's history of participation — and presented a ceremonial check to Jim Hughes, executive director for CATCH.

Another CATCH tradition at GPA, nine years in



Top, sixth-graders run the course with their third-grade buddies. Above, from left, Abby Keene, Lorrie Savage and Courtney Mecke presented the check to Jim Hughes, executive director of CATCH.

the running, is for middle school students to serve as emcees at CATCH's annual Night of Champions. Abby Keane, Courtney Mecke and Lorrie Savage were selected to emcee this year's event Oct. 19 at The Henry Hotel in

Dearborn. In this role, they introduced journalist, author and broadcaster Mitch Albom, TV news anchor Amy Andrews and commercial real estate developer Nathan Forbes before their induction into the CATCH hall of fame.

Candidates share views at school board forum

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is the first in a two-part series. Part 2 will be in the Oct. 27 issue.

Nine candidates competing for four seats on the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education responded to questions submitted by the audience during a forum moderated by the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe Thursday, Oct. 13.

The open seats are for four-year terms. Candidates addressed a variety of issues, from schools of choice to the current residency verification policy, and presented a range of views.

Schools of choice

All candidates opposed schools of choice for the district. Incumbent Judy

Gafa said she voted against it each year she served on the board and traveled to Lansing to testify in front of the Senate Education Committee multiple times.

"We're fortunate our school board worked so hard to keep schools of choice out of our district," said Kathleen Abke, a board-appointed trustee through the end of the year.

Anne Vanker Mackrell said schools of choice ruins the communities it pulls from and Christopher Profeta said it drains money and leads to privatization. George McMullen said it has to do with local control and while it might be right for some districts, it is not right for Grosse Pointe.

Policy 5111

Last May, the board voted 5-2 on a proposal to

revise the district's residency policy allowing non-resident employees who work at least half-time to enroll their children in classrooms where there was space. The proposal created controversy, with proponents arguing it was a benefit for teachers while opponents deemed it unfair to taxpayers. Currently seven children are enrolled in the program as a result of this initiative.

Vanker Mackrell called Policy 5111 "a case study of why I'm running for the board Once again, the board has succeeded in pitting the community members against the teachers and nothing could be further from the truth in Grosse Pointe."

Biz Williamson said she believed the policy could work "in a perfect

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Patricia Sherer

School: Our Lady Star of the Sea

Years at OLSOS: Eight
Subjects/grades: K-8
Enrichment Center teacher; works with students in the general education classroom and Enrichment Center one on one and in small groups providing support and instruction in most subject areas

Nominated by: Julie Aemisegger, principal
Principal's quote:

"Patricia Sherer teaches primarily in our Enrichment Center, although she also teaches several library classes. Mrs. Sherer works independently with students of all levels and serves as an additional resource for teachers in all grades, K-8. We are delighted to nominate Mrs. Patty Sherer as our Teacher of the Week."

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

The most enjoyable part about teaching is the children. It's those "ah ha" moments when students grasp something for the first time. It is being the "go to" person for those who might not have anywhere else to go. I love teaching in a Catholic school because Christ is openly at the heart of all we do.

Describe a teaching accomplishment you're proud of.

I am especially proud of the group of students that graduated this year from OLSOS. It's very exciting for me to see them thriving in high school. It is rewarding to know that in some small way I may have helped facilitate the transition.
Book, author or person that has influenced you:



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My parents definitely had the greatest influence on me in my decision to become a teacher. Education was very important to them. They provided me with an excellent Catholic education all the way through college. My mother always encouraged me to share my nurturing personality with others.

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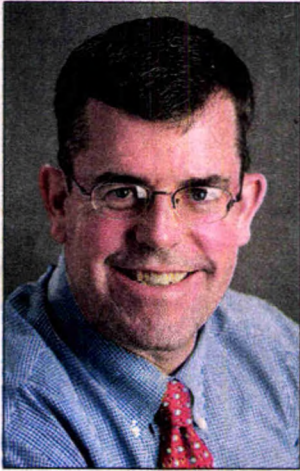
Meet the school board candidates



Kathleen Abke



Judy Gafa



George McMullen



Cindy Pangborn



Christopher Profeta



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Kathleen Abke

Age: 50
20-year resident of Grosse Pointe Woods
Education: Bachelor of Arts, communications, 1989, Oakland University, minors in journalism and human resource development; Master of Arts in counseling, 1994, Oakland University
What boards do you serve and groups do you currently belong to?
Trustee, Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education (unanimously appointed July 2016, to fill a six-month vacancy); served four years on the PTO of Mason Elementary School (two as president) and two years on the board of Grosse Pointe Co-op Preschool.

Assistant coach (7 years) for the Grosse Pointe Woods/Shores Little League, member of the Parents Club at Grosse Pointe North High School and PTO member at Parcels Middle School.
Occupation: Licensed professional counselor, stay-at-home mom and volunteer.
Family: Husband, Paul, and two sons
What, in your opinion, are the biggest challenges facing the GPPSS?
The greatest challenges facing GPPSS are:
◆ Creating a budget that increases student access to technology — updating and maintaining building infrastructure — while continuing to grow our fund equity.
◆ Supporting and

retaining our extraordinary staff through next year's contract negotiations so they, in turn, can continue to support and challenge our students' growth.
What are the board's top three priorities for the future?
◆ Maintaining the excellence we expect in our district by utilizing 21st-century learning, supporting our strategic plan and supporting (and retaining) our teachers and staff.
◆ Continued communication and outreach with our community, local businesses and families.
◆ Advocating for students regardless of ability and continuing to close the achievement gap.
Why are you running?
There's a direct correlation between strong schools and strong communities. My career as a counselor, my choice to stay home with my children and my long history of volunteering in their classrooms, at school events and on the PTO all led to my decision.
I've attended school board meetings for five

years. At first I didn't like what I saw. Meetings were often contentious and I didn't agree with many board decisions. I spoke out, kept attending and now I see much more positive movement. We have outstanding schools, extraordinary teachers and a community that cares about that. I want to sustain that progress.
I felt honored to be unanimously appointed to the school board in July and I welcome the opportunity to extend my service as trustee. I'm positive, reasonable and an independent thinker. I want to continue making a difference for our children, our schools and our community.

Judy Gafa

Age: 55
20-year resident of Grosse Pointe Woods
Education: Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Madonna University
What boards do you serve and groups do you currently belong to?
GPPSS Board of Education, Grosse Pointe North Athletic Boosters and Grosse Pointe North Parents Club.
Occupation: Director of Nursing at Sunrise Senior Living
Family: Husband, Kenn, and children, Maddie, Owen and Shane
What, in your opinion, are the biggest challenges facing the GPPSS?
Finances are always a challenge. The state changes foundation allowance yearly, which does not allow us to make long-term financial decisions. Our aging buildings are also a challenge in terms of maintenance and repairs.
What are the board's top three priorities for the future?
The priorities are embedded in the strategic plan that was adopted earlier this year. Our focus is on:
◆ Curriculum, including assessment and instruction.
◆ Community connections, including partnerships and better communication and infrastructure and technology.
◆ Maintaining focus on the long-range plan that will provide our students with a great education.
Why are you running?
I feel the district is on the right path. We've hired a new superintendent, we've developed and adopted a strategic plan, our high schools are ranked nationally and Mason Elementary School was just designated as a Blue Ribbon School. We continue to rebuild fund equity without cutting programs or increasing class size. There is still work to do to remain on this positive path so that our students get the best education

possible. I am running again because I'd like to continue leading the district in a positive direction. We need to retain our nationally recognized staff — we need the brightest and best so that our students excel and are challenged. At the end of the day, it is always about keeping our students at the forefront of every decision. I would be honored to be able to continue to serve.

George McMullen

Age: 59
17-year resident of Grosse Pointe Woods
Education: Bachelor of Science, business administration, Regis College, 1979
What boards do you serve and groups do you currently belong to?
Grosse Pointe Woods Board of Review; advisory board of the Family Center; Grosse Pointe Woods Local Officers Compensation Commission; GPPSS board observer; advisor, Grosse Pointe Rotary Interact Club; Grosse Pointe Rotary; League of Woman Voters
Occupation: Sales representative for Rose Pest Solutions
Family: Single
What, in your opinion, are the biggest challenges facing the GPPSS?
Prioritizing repairs and updates, while working within the confines of a state-mandated funding system, for multiple areas including infrastructure, technology and security.
What are the board's top three priorities for the future?
◆ Improving the districts infrastructure, technology and security.
◆ Maintaining our position as a preeminent school district.
◆ Increasing the student population.
Why are you running?
I am running for a seat on the Grosse Pointe school board because I can make a difference by improving the following three areas:
◆ Security — ensuring the safety of our students.
◆ Technology — ensuring students are able to learn with the most current technology available.
◆ Infrastructure — fixing our aging facilities.
A new strategic plan, developed with more than 40 community members, is in place that calls for these improvements. To accomplish these goals, I plan to work with the administration to move forward on these and other initiatives to ensure we remain a premier district in Michigan. The Grosse Pointe Public School System is a stellar school district, as evident by our students achieving the highest ACT scores in its history in

2016. We must remain that way by consistently meeting our curricular and infrastructure needs.

Cindy Pangborn

Age: 70
Lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe residing past 9 years in Grosse Pointe Woods
Education: Northwood University, Central Michigan University
What boards do you serve and groups do you currently belong to?
Three-term GPPSS Board of Education trustee; First English Lutheran Church; Grosse Pointe Shores Garden Club; Ask Grandma Volunteer Group; Residents for Responsible Spending
Occupation: Retired realtor
Family: Husband, Jim, and four children
What, in your opinion, are the biggest challenges facing the GPPSS?
Our challenges can be answered in "doing the right thing." We need to "do the right thing" for the students, our employees and our community. Too often decisions are made politically or based on partial truths and personal agendas. Decisions should be timely, transparent and made with common sense.
What are the board's top three priorities for the future?
Budget, enrollment, residency. Strive for a zero based budget with line item veto. Increase enrollment by expanding programs that directly compete with private competition. Implement existing computer data to stop residency fraud. Not one dime has been collected for fraud. With these solutions, taxpayers will support future financial needs.
Why are you running?
This election is about the defeated tech bond. I was the only board member to vote against it. More than 70 percent of the community agreed it was an extravagant overreach, a "wish list" instead of a detailed reasonable amount. There was never a public discussion on the reasons for the bond failure. I am not afraid of discussion and dissent. Why was the rest of the board? There was a false narrative blaming the community for not understanding the bond. They understood all too well. Extravagant spending not related directly to education interferes with our ability to be a lighthouse school system and attract new residents. I will never forget that I work for you and that my job is to deliver your vision for our schools within the generous budget your tax dollars allow us.

You have my word.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
2017 BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council for the City of Harper Woods Michigan will hold a

PUBLIC HEARING on
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.
TO BE HELD
IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OF CITY HALL
19617 HARPER AVENUE
HARPER WOODS, MI 48225

The purpose of the this public hearing will be to receive public input and comment on the proposed 2017 Budget for the City's General and various other operating funds. The proposed levy upon the 2016 Tax Rolls for each \$1000 of Real and Personal Property State taxable valuation is as follows:

FUND	CURRENT	PROPOSED	INC/DEC
General Operation	20.0000	20.0000	0.0000
Debt Retirement-Street Bond	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Debt Retirement-Library	1.5000	1.3750	(0.1250)
Refuse Collection	2.5517	2.5517	0.0000
Library Operations	1.9168	1.9168	0.0000
TOTALS	25.9685	25.8435	(0.1250)

Summaries of the proposed revenues and expenditures for the 2017 budgeted funds are as follows:

General Fund	\$11,071,944
Major Street Fund	\$673,121
Local Street Fund	\$754,071
Storm Drainage Fund	\$1,939,952
Refuse Collection Fund	\$901,985
Library Fund	\$453,449
Debt Retirement Fund	\$283,243
Self - Insurance Fund	0.0000
Police Forfeiture, K9 & Special Projects Fund	\$83,654
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$56,388

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.
A copy of the proposed 2017 Budget is available for public inspection between the house of 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. weekdays in the office of the City Clerk, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225-2095 (Telephone 313/343-2510). All interest persons are invited to attend this public hearing.

City of Harper Woods
Leslie Frank, City Clerk

MEET:

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Christopher Profeta

Age: 35

27-year resident of Grosse Pointe Woods

Education: Bachelor of Arts, English, Michigan State University; Master of Arts, English, Wayne State University**What boards do you serve and groups do you currently belong to?**

GPPSS Computer Curriculum Committee; GPPSS Library Curriculum Committee; GPPSS Pre-K Advisory Committee; Disability Awareness Workshop volunteer; superintendent search focus group; Ferry PTO school board reporter; classroom volunteer; Little League coach; church volunteer

Occupation: Middle School ELA and Social Studies Intervention Specialist**Family:** Wife, Sarah, and three children**What, in your opinion, are the biggest challenges facing the GPPSS?**

We must work to improve technology, expand our pre-K programs and support our special education students. The district now has a strategic plan developed with the input of over 40 community and staff members that offers a clear path forward for addressing these challenges and we need to follow it.

What are the board's top three priorities for the future?

◆ We need a specific plan for technology that is consistent from building to building and builds from grade to grade.

◆ We need to address the large wait list for our preschool programs by finding ways to expand.

◆ And we need to provide all possible supports for students with special needs.

Why are you running?

I'm running for the Grosse Pointe Public School Board because I believe strong schools lead to strong communities. I believe I have the experience and vision needed to serve on our board, but more importantly, I believe I have the ability to listen to those with different experiences and different ideas. If we can address the issues our schools face together, then we can build a strong, stable and safe community for all our residents by attracting people to move to Grosse Pointe. We all rise and fall together and I promise to work to understand your point of view, even if it is different from my own, and help however I can. But first I need your help and that's why I'm asking for your support and your vote on Nov. 8 so that we can start this important work together.

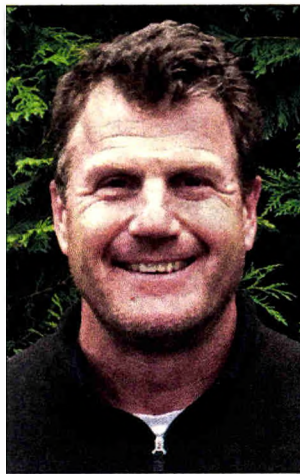
Wendy Saigh

Age: 49

20-year resident of Grosse Pointe Woods

Education: Bachelor of Science, Oakland University; Juris Doctor, Detroit College of Law**What boards do you serve and groups do you currently belong to?**

100+ Women Who Care - Motown. I also volunteer at my kids' schools and with the Grosse Pointe Woods/Shores Little League Parent Association.

Occupation: Attorney**Family:** Husband, Steve, and children

John Shook



Anne Vanker Mackrell



Biz Williamson

Samantha, 17; Alexandra, 15 and Nicholas, 10

What, in your opinion, are the biggest challenges facing the GPPSS?

◆ Improving its financial state.

◆ Addressing the decline in student enrollment.

◆ Improving technology (including the infrastructure needed to support the technology).

What are the board's top three priorities for the future?

◆ Ensure that fiscally sound decisions are made based on fact, not emotion, and that it pursues ways to increase revenue.

◆ Pursue a plan to bring our schools technologically up to date in a fiscally responsible way.

◆ Increase its level of transparency by communicating more openly with the community.

Why are you running?

I am running for the school board because I want to contribute my skills and experience to the community. I have devoted the past 20 years to serving the public as an attorney for the U.S. Army, where I specialized in government contracts. I have a tremendous amount of experience working with laws, regulations and policies. I also have a significant amount of experience working in team settings where establishing and achieving goals in a fiscally constrained environment is the norm. That is what it is going to take to ensure our schools and community are in the best financial state possible. I have three children in the Grosse Pointe schools and therefore have a vested interest in ensuring they get the best education possible. Further, as a homeowner in Grosse Pointe, I want to be a part of ensuring our community thrives, which requires a strong public school system.

John Shook

Age: 52

5-year resident of Grosse Pointe Farms

Education: Bachelor of Science, mining engineering, Montana

College of Mineral Science and Technology; Master of Business Administration, Case Western Reserve University

What boards do you serve and groups do you currently belong to?

Society of Mining Engineers; president, Michigan Basin Geological Society

Occupation: Vice President of Operations**Family:** Wife, two teenage boys, one chocolate lab**What, in your opinion, are the biggest challenges facing the GPPSS?**

The greatest challenge facing GPPSS is the school board. Parental support and dedicated teachers propel our students forward to clear educational hurdles every year while the greater Grosse Pointe community has a deep mistrust of the school board and senior administration that disregard stakeholders to pursue a narrow, self-serving agenda.

What are the board's top three priorities for the future?

Integrity, reasonable spending, leadership.

The school board must reassure the community it is going to turn the corner and represent their educational values. Immediately withdraw any thoughts of performing a costly \$180 million bond study until our buildings are repaired. Demonstrate leadership by setting the agenda, not following one.

Why are you running?

Providing a safe and high-quality education must be a priority for this school board. However, Grosse Pointe voters have a choice how to achieve this objective.

Will voters allow the school board to continue with wasteful and misappropriated spending, massive bond proposals that will lead to higher taxes on young families, single parents living in apartments and elderly retirees on fixed incomes?

Or will a more practical American approach prevail? One where the district spends within its means, will not cost tax-

payers more, follows a budget that maintains our buildings, is flexible enough for declining enrollment, provides for our teachers, pays our debts and invests responsibly in curriculum and technology where student benefits can be quantified?

We may not be able to control \$20 trillion in debt and wasteful spending in Washington, D.C., but with John Shook on the Grosse Pointe school board, we will control it where we live.

Anne Vanker Mackrell

Age: 50

15-year resident of the City of Grosse Pointe

Education: Bachelor of Science, business, Michigan State University**What boards do you serve and groups do you currently belong to?**

Brownell PTO; GPS Class of 2019 class sponsor; member of South Mothers' Club; Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education annual spring gala host 2013

Occupation: Stay-at-home mother**Family:** Married with three children, ages 15, 13 and 11**What, in your opinion, are the biggest challenges facing the GPPSS?**

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What are the board's top three priorities for the future?

My improvement plan for school board is to build confidence of taxpayers with disciplined and transparent spending; engage community to improve policy making with open and frequent communication; and

invest in infrastructure and technology with realistic proposals.

Why are you running?

With over 20 years experience at various corporations, I have the experience and skills to address complex issues within the constraints of a fixed budget, building consensus to achieve goals. I am convinced we need a more disciplined approach to spending where we fully engage all stakeholders in policy making. This starts with building trust between parents, teachers and taxpayers through a transparent budget process that promotes community involvement. Together, we must establish clear and actionable short-term and long-term priorities that enhance the education of all students and empower teachers to achieve quality outcomes. We need a school board that is able to bring our community together to support our schools with realistic spending proposals and frequent updates on policy initiatives that ensure the community has adequate time for questions and input, while establishing a contract for our teachers that does not rely on pay cuts to achieve a balanced budget.

Biz Williamson

Age: 49

40-year plus resident of Grosse Pointe Farms

Education: Bachelor of Science, Western Michigan University; Master of Arts in Teaching, reading and language arts, Oakland University**What boards do you serve and groups do you currently belong to?**

Angel Tree, Giana House, Dominican Literacy Center, Grosse Pointe South Mothers' Club, Vice Chair, St. Paul School Committee

Occupation: Former elementary school teacher/current stay-at-home mom**Family:** Husband John, five children ages 17, 15, 14 and 12**What, in your opinion, are the biggest challenges facing the GPPSS?**

◆ We need to keep our aging buildings state-of-the-art through wise, priority spending.

◆ We need to regain the trust of the taxpayers through developing stronger relationships and greater communication.

◆ We need to preserve the dignity of our community by setting the highest standards for all involved and treating each other with respect.

What are the board's top three priorities for the future?

We must continue to provide every student in the district with a quality education. We must spend money wisely on critical building concerns. We must negotiate an acceptable contract for all concerned parties.

Why are you running?

I decided to run for school board because I am as passionate about our community as I am about education. I believe my experiences give me a unique perspective that would be a valuable addition to our board.

As a homeowner, I feel our district's financial challenges must be met with priority spending combined with more accountability to taxpayers. As a teacher, I understand we need to listen to our teachers and students regarding the classroom tools they need, or don't need, for success.

As a resident, I feel we need to be open to advice from our community, where talents and expertise are vast. Finally, as a parent, I feel it is the duty of every trustee to set self aside and conduct board business in a respectful tone on and off the stage — in the best interest of our children.

What are the board's top three priorities for the future?

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South choirs kick off season

Grosse Pointe South High School choirs kick off their 2016-17 season with the autumnal favorite, "Fall Follies," a combination of all choirs singing and dancing their way through a variety show. Performances are 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, and Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center at Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

"Fall Follies" features all four choirs — Pointe Singers, Tower Belles, South Singers and Sounds of South — as well as the extracurricular a cappella group, the Suspensions.

As a true "follies" performance, this production features musical theater pieces and popular songs from the past 20 years, including "Putting it Together" from Sondheim's "Sunday in the Park with George," "Let the River Run" from the 1980s movie "Working Girl," "Always Look to the Bright Side of Life" from the Broadway musical "Spamalot," George Gershwin's "Shall We



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South's Tower Belles performed at last year's "Fall Follies."

Dance" and "Façade" from the hit musical "Jekyll and Hyde." There also will be solo and ensemble performances.

For choir director Christopher Pratt, returning to the school year is always exciting. "I always like 'Fall Follies' because it's our first big show of the year," he said. "We'll do a combination of items we've been working on since this summer

as well as new songs begun since the start of the school year. The Pointe Singers, Tower Belles and South Singers will each unveil numbers that will be performed in competition later in the winter as well."

Tickets for "Fall Follies" are \$15 for all lower level seats. Balcony seats are \$12 or \$9 for students or seniors. They are avail-

able at gpsouthchoir.org and Posterity Gallery in The Village. Grosse Pointe Gold Cards are accepted at Posterity Gallery and at the door.

Future local performances of the Grosse Pointe South Choirs include Mother's Club Holiday Tea, "Sounds of the Season" holiday concert and "Home for the Holidays" with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Sign shenanigans

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Candidate Anne Vanker Mackrell called campaigning for the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education "brutal" during her closing statement at the panel hosted by the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe Thursday, Oct. 13.

It might seem an exaggeration, except for recent reports of antics in Grosse Pointe neighborhoods more reminiscent of adolescent pranks like stealing a mascot or vandalizing a rival school than showing support for a school board candidate.

In Grosse Pointe Shores, residents allegedly returned home Friday, Oct. 14, to find signs in their yards for candidates they did not support without receiving permission to do so, along with a campaign flyer in their doors.

"There were signs put on my lawn without permission," said one Shores resident, who asked not to be named. "It's not a big deal. I don't want to make it a big deal ... I came home and they were up. I don't know what to make of it. The

signs will come down. I may not want any signs on my house at this point."

Candidates denied any knowledge of flyers put in doors or signs placed on lawns without permission. In fact, many reported sign theft from their own supporters' lawns.

Candidate Biz Williamson estimated 25 to 30 signs had been stolen and said she woke up one morning to find her own signs strewn around her front lawn.

"I'm just trying to run a clean campaign. If signs were put on lawns where they don't belong, I didn't put them there," she said, adding, "I think most everybody who has their hat in the ring has the best interests of the community in mind."

Candidate John Shook said his friend reported a sign missing shortly after he posted it.

"I wouldn't be surprised if someone took the sign out of the yard we placed it in and put it in the yard of somebody else," he said. "I have not passed out flyers and if somebody is passing out

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world," but expressed concern for placement of children.

McMullen, who spoke in favor of the policy at a board meeting, viewed it as a benefit to employees offered by like districts. "I can't believe the chil-

dren of employees in this district wouldn't be of great benefit," he said.

John Shook opposed the policy and said, "It wasn't about anything else but serving an agenda. I'm opposed to agenda following. That is not what a board is supposed to do." He added one of the reasons he ran for the board was "to get back to the core compe-

tencies of creating and maintaining a great school district."

Gafa said she supported Policy 5111 after the policy committee brought it to the board. She received emails and phone calls and did a lot of "soul searching" while listening to the community. "At the end of the day, the majority of the people supported the pol-

icy," she said. A deciding factor was concern over teachers being recruited by other schools.

Wendy Saigh said she was not opposed to the policy and viewed it as a source of revenue and benefit to employees. "From what I could tell, there's a decent policy in place to govern the placement of these students. They're not just haphazardly placed anywhere; there is a track for them," she said.

Incumbent Cindy Pangborn was one of two trustees who voted against the policy.

"Sixty percent of our employees live in Grosse Pointe," she said. "I don't see that that was something fair to do for our employees. We do not give anything to those employees who have bought (houses) here and are working here, living in this community.... I don't think it's the right thing for this community."

Profeta said he was concerned initially about the impact on the sinking fund, along with struggling learners and special education students. "We can dissent if we want, but I prefer to discuss problems and find solutions," he said.

Abke, appointed to the board after the policy was in place, concluded the board made a good decision when they passed it, saying it was offered as part of the strategic plan's goal to increase enrollment and as a benefit to employees that "costs our district absolutely nothing. Children ... fill empty seats in the district. We do not hire teachers. We do not overfill classrooms. She added students enrolled through this program brought in revenue to the district "we can now use to benefit our buildings, our students, our teachers."

Technology

Most candidates agreed the district is technologically behind comparable districts, but varied on how to address the problem, specifically what it would take for Grosse Pointe to meet

state requirements to administer assessment tests online.

Williamson suggested assessing teachers about technology needs and conducting research. McMullen said any recommendations for technology would come from the administration, which is currently soliciting resident feedback through town hall-style meetings, as well as employee feedback and working with a consultant to come up with a plan.

Shook said, "Technology doesn't make you smarter.... This technology thing is an absolute farce. I am not a fan of implementing private networks because they're hacked. When you put things on a network, literally, you are exposing yourself, your children, to many, many worse things."

"There's a highway out there," said Gafa. "A lot of people are traveling on it and we're sitting here in Grosse Pointe and we don't have any entrance ramps to get on that highway so our kids can use the tools they need to improve their education. What will it take? It will take us improving our infrastructure so students can get on that highway.... While I think technology is a great tool, I still feel the teacher in the classroom is the most important asset this district has."

Saigh said the needs for technology, including the infrastructure to support wireless, secured networks "are going to have to be based on experts in the field," adding, "To do assessments online, you've got to be able to have the infrastructure to support doing computerized testing It's coming. We might as well get on board and figure out a way to get there."

Pangborn said it was important to communicate to the community progress made, but suggested taking another look at the role of computers, saying the American Academy of Pediatrics recommended no child younger than 12

use any electronic devices more than two hours cumulatively a day. She also claimed graduates from Grosse Pointe high schools reported not being able to use devices in college classes. "I'm hearing this from other schools that want cursive note taking so that (students) remember and not have the mindset, I'll just Google it," she said.

Profeta said he teaches college classes with a desktop at every station for every student and refuted Pangborn's claim, saying the AAP's recommendation pertained to children 2 and younger and guidelines were recently changed.

He pointed out, with some technology paid for by grants and fundraising, "some classrooms are going to have really great opportunities ... and the neighboring classroom sometimes has next to nothing. That's a huge problem. It does not make us a very attractive district to young families that want every opportunity for their kids."

"We have to get a waiver every year to take the (test with) paper and pencil, which in this day and age is ludicrous," said Abke. "To take the state assessment online, we have to be able to access the Internet and that is going to take working with the infrastructure in our historical buildings to be able to get on the Internet. Harper Woods, Roseville, Fraser, our surrounding communities — well ahead of us. And this is Grosse Pointe and we can do better."

Vanker Mackrell said, "We need technology. Before we have technology, we need the trust of the community. It's not enough to put your policies online. The school board needs to get away from that We can get the technology, but first things first. Let's find out where the money is spent and what we need to do for infrastructure."

Look for candidate responses to district policies on special education and residency verification in next week's issue.

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Second-graders release monarchs

In Sarah Neely's second-grade class at Maire Elementary School, each student hand-reared a monarch butterfly. According to Neely, students had a 95 percent survival rate. They released the monarchs in the butterfly garden. Neely said monarchs have only a 3 percent chance of survival from egg to adult in the wild. The class participated in letter-writing campaigns, appealing to state legislators to vote "yes" on the 2016 Senate Bill 812, a bill introduced by Sen. Jim Marleau to establish the monarch butterfly as Michigan's official insect. Students also wrote to mayors of Grosse Pointe Park and the City of Grosse Pointe to persuade them to sign the National Wildlife Federation mayor's



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Above, Madalynne Adams and Charlie Marks show off a butterfly poised for flight. Right, each butterfly was tagged before its release.



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pledge and plant more milkweed in the Pointes, Neely said. "We suggested along the Mack and Jefferson medians or along the shoreline and more at each of the parks," Neely said. The class also connects globally with a fourth-grade class in Mexico and a third-grade class in South Carolina about their monarchs' progress.

— Mary Anne Brush

Week Ahead

THURS.-SUN., NOV. 3-6
◆ Grosse Pointe North High School and Parcels Middle School present a joint production of "Peter Pan" at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center at Grosse Pointe North High School, 708 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Evening performances are 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and matinee performances 1 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$15 main floor reserved, \$10 student/senior main floor reserved and \$10 balcony general admission. Gold Cards are welcome. Tickets may be purchased at Wild Birds Unlimited on Mack in advance or at the door if still available.

SATURDAY, NOV. 5
◆ Everyone is welcome to come out and watch Our Lady Star of the Sea and St. Paul on the Lake eighth-graders challenge one another in their annual flag football game 1 p.m. at Grosse Pointe North High School's football field. Gates open at noon. Snacks, raffle, 50/50 and half-time activities are offered. A cash-only event, admission is \$3 per person and \$8 per family.

Discipline practices bring kinder approach

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Long gone are the days when schoolchildren were banished to a corner with a dunce cap for bad behavior or punished with a switch. A new dawn of discipline has arrived, however. At some U.S. schools, school resource officers — sworn, certified police officers — administer punishment and Tasers and pepper spray have replaced the switch. This practice, along with isolated incidents of students being harmed, has brought the "zero tolerance" policy under scrutiny and raised questions about how much force should be used against children. One disciplinary practice implemented in thousands of schools across the country, according to the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency website, is Positive Behavior Intervention Supports, also known as School-wide Positive Behavior Support. PBIS is "a proactive approach based on a three-tiered model of prevention and intervention aimed at creating safe and effective schools. Emphasis is placed on teaching and reinforcing important social skills and data-based problem-solving to address existing behavior concerns." Wayne RESA has provided PBIS resources and support to Wayne County schools since 2016, including training opportunities. The Grosse Pointe Public School System hopped on the

bandwagon in 2008. Another approach gaining traction throughout the country is restorative justice, a practice borrowed from the criminal justice system that focuses on the rehabilitation of offenders through reconciliation with victims and the community at large. Known also as restorative practices, the approach focuses on empathy and responsibility. The end goal for offenders is reintegration into the classroom rather than suspension in an attempt to reduce the school-to-prison pipeline with a focus on community, empathy and responsibility.

PBIS
In 2008, select schools in the district adopted PBIS, a proactive approach that is instructive rather than punitive and works to establish

the behavioral supports and social culture needed for all students to achieve social, emotional and academic success. The program was recommended, supported and funded by Wayne RESA. "Defer (Elementary School) was the first that jumped on board," Chris McEvoy, Wayne RESA coordinator, said. "Pierce (Middle School) was right there as well, along with four other elementary schools. Parcels (Middle School) came on board a couple years later. "When Dr. Niehaus came on board last year, he came from Illinois, which is a big PBIS state," McEvoy continued. "He said, let's have the entire district do it. That's my understanding of how it became a district-wide program." Wayne RESA provides a sustainability level of support — an average of

\$1,200 for an elementary school and \$1,500 for a middle school. "It's a whole package of training, coaching and technical support that we provide to all the schools," McEvoy said. Funding from grants provides resources, data tracking software and the opportunity for a team of five or six Grosse Pointe professionals to attend the annual National PBIS Leadership Forum, held this year Oct. 27 to 28. The focus of PBIS is personal responsibility. A behavior matrix and common language are used

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throughout buildings.

"That's important so that kids hear the same things," said Maureen Bur, director of secondary instruction. "When they hear one thing in one class and one thing in another, that's not as powerful as when we (all are reinforcing) the same philosophies."

The program is individualized to the different school buildings, with expectations and supports appropriate to the grade levels within a framework and formalized process, said McEvoy. Students are encouraged to be respectful, responsible and think before they act. Teachers, in turn, are encouraged to give a high rate of positive feedback referred to as the "4 to 1" rule, with teachers giving four positive responses to each negative one.

Corrective feedback is an important part of the process.

"When there is a mis-

take or a behavioral issue, do we take an opportunity to reteach the appropriate behavior as opposed to just punishing? That is a central concept to PBIS," said McEvoy. "It's really all about teaching — teaching appropriate behavior upfront and the opportunity to reteach."

"It's very systematic and it works," he continued. "I've been getting data from Grosse Pointe schools for eight years now or so and I've seen their schools' data improve. I've seen Pierce, Parcels and the elementary schools' rates of disruption go down."

Training occurs across the district. Aimee Miller, district behavior specialist, serves as liaison for PBIS coaches in each building. She hosts meetings in the district at least twice a year, bringing in contacts from each building to discuss issues and share information and research. She also attends meetings out of the county as well as the leadership forum in Chicago.

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training and working with the staff for the buildings that hadn't had the formal piece of it," said Bur. "It's exciting because we saw some things rolled out setting the stage for this year, but as we continue to move forward, I see really powerful things for our kids."

A good example of positive reinforcement within the PBIS philosophy is the Leader in Me program at Poupard Elementary School. While Poupard has not participated with the Wayne RESA program until recently, it has incorporated PBIS strategies since Principal Penny Stocks, who piloted the program in the Anchor Bay School District, arrived 14 years ago.

"It's all about responsibility and doing the right thing and checking on

your own behavior and your own responsibilities toward school," Stocks said. Students' understanding of expectations and taking ownership of their actions has resulted in a decrease in office referrals, playground issues and other incidents.

Stocks said the Leader in Me program provides an intrinsic motivation for students to meet their goals. In addition to students taking responsibility for their behavior, they also take charge of their learning.

Sue Lucchese, GPPSS special education supervisor, has been involved in implementing PBIS throughout every building from pre-K through high school.

"The tenets are being respectful, responsible and safe," she said. "It's really a proactive approach of teaching

expectations." She added, "What will be helpful in the big picture is there's a data analysis component. Each building will be able to look at some of their data and determine where more teaching needs to occur."

For example, if the data indicated there were problems at lunchtime, teachers would know they needed to incorporate more instruction about expected behavior at lunchtime. Each building team looks at its own data.

Like McEvoy, Lucchese emphasized the philosophy is instructive.

"The emphasis is on teaching behavioral expectations," she said. "If a student doesn't know how to read, you teach them how to read. If a student doesn't know how to behave in a certain situation, you teach them that."

While Lucchese's work is with special education students, she believes the approach works for all students.

"I think that it is a very positive approach," she said. "I happen to person-

ally have an interest in it, but it's not just a special ed initiative. I just happen to be passionate about it."

Restorative justice

Restorative justice, used as an alternative to suspension, is on the other end of the spectrum from zero tolerance. Built on values like community, empathy and responsibility, it requires students rethink the concept of justice and work on strengthening connections and healing rifts. According to a Sept. 11 article in the New York Times Magazine, schools in Denver, Colo., and Oakland, Calif., that started this practice in the mid-2000s show lower suspension rates and improved school atmosphere.

Dona Johnson-Beach, psychologist at Trombly and Defer elementary schools, is a big believer in restorative justice. She said the practice fits nicely with PBIS as well

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as culturally responsive teaching.

According to Johnson-Beach, there are three levels of restorative justice, beginning with tier 1 — building community in the classroom and developing positive relationships with staff and students and student to student.

"The idea is to bring students together by developing an inclusive environment to build strong relationships," she said.

In tier 1, relationship building and conflict resolution begin at the classroom level through circles. Students sit in chairs in a circle and each participant is allowed to speak about how an incident affected them. Circles allow students' voices to be heard in a safe and caring place.

"Restorative justice is a philosophy that can be used as part of an alternative to discipline and when there is a problem, affected parties use a

'The idea is to bring students together.'

DONA JOHNSON-BEACH
School psychologist, Trombly and Defer

process to try to make amends," Johnson-Beach said. "These students are then reintegrated into the classroom community. Schools that use restorative justice practices see that it strengthens the school community, can prevent bullying and improves students' skills in conflict resolution."

Tiers 2 and 3 are more intensive. In tier 2, a student is brought in with a teacher, an administrator and, possibly, a parent.

"You really want to talk about the issue ... and have people have a voice in what was upsetting and what (they) were feeling. It's looking at a situation more deeply. It's not to say there wouldn't be a consequence. That's what happens in life; there are consequences. What we're really trying to do is help students understand that when they do something that hurts

somebody else, it impacts others. We don't want to just discipline, because then we will have repeat offenders."

In tier 3, a dire situation might involve bringing in an agency along with the school and family.

Johnson-Beach, who has undergone restorative justice training, implemented the practice in a Trombly fifth-grade classroom last year and third-grade classroom this year and is hosting a session on restorative justice for the district during professional development day Nov. 8.

While some districts within Wayne County "have taken on restorative practices in a big way," according to McEvoy, GPPSS is only at the beginning stages of this disciplinary approach but, according to Bur, "we are moving toward that philosophy."

SIGN:

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flyers with my name on it, I am unaware. I am not a fan of just throwing flyers out there. I'm a look you in the eye, shake your hand kind of person."

Incumbent Cindy Pangborn and Vanker Mackrell also reported missing signs and said they had no knowledge of flyers being distributed door to door.

"I know where all my signs are, so if they are somewhere they don't belong, someone must have taken them," said Pangborn.

"I can't count how many signs I've had stolen," Vanker Mackrell said. "Friends have had signs stolen twice."

Candidate Kathleen Abke, too, said friends reported having signs stolen or torn up.

"Every campaign I have run has had these issues," said incumbent Judy Gafa, board president. "If (signs) are placed illegally on the

ease,ment, the police will pull them up. If there are too many signs on one property, they will get pulled up."

Gafa noted while her signs have disappeared in past elections, this is the first time she has heard they have been ripped in half or defaced.

Dan Jensen, Grosse Pointe Farms director of public safety, attributed the number of incidents to "the abundance of candidates" and said every election year the department receives a number of complaints about stolen or missing signs.

"The thing to remember is you cannot place them on city property," he said. "Even between a sidewalk and a curb. Even if you maintain it, it doesn't belong to you." Signs also are not allowed on a public right of way.

"The slyer candidates will post them on a house that's vacant," said Jensen. "Then the city will remove them and bring them into the station."

Jensen reminded thieves taking property that doesn't belong to them is a larceny offense and defacing or destroying signs is malicious destruction of property. The department takes both seriously.

He recommended candidates contact the five Grosse Pointe public safety departments to locate signs that may have been removed or turned in. Residents who find unauthorized signs on their property should take them down and contact their public service or public safety department.

Better yet, call or email the candidate, he said. "Tell them, we have your sign, you can pick it up. They do cost money."

"These are all great people that are trying to do something good for the community," he continued. "Let's not uproot their signs and throw them out. They're just trying to make something better. They're our neighbors. Why would you destroy their property?"

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Roscoe to the rescue

Goose-chasing pooch a prize at Pier Park

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The loss of a border collie named Kate in August 2015 left its mark at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park.

The city-owned canine made her living chasing geese from the park and once she was gone, Mike Thibault noticed the difference.

"I started to see evidence of a problem recurring," he said.

Thibault and his wife, Patricia, took it upon themselves to train their rescue dog, Roscoe, to meet the need. After consulting with Parks and Recreation Director Richard Huhn and City Manager Shane Reeside, the Thibaults incorporated and insured their services, Goose Pointe Inc.

"They really saw the need to improve it," said Mike Thibault, who works part time at the park. "When Shane signed off on it, we ran with it."

Roscoe, a 6-year-old border collie/rottweiler mix, went through extensive training for the job — obedience, agility, one-on-one — but, "he's come



Roscoe takes a breather after a "ruff" day at the park.

along quite a way," Mike Thibault said. "We had to train the squirrel and the rabbit out of him I do a lot of long-line work with him. We've developed into a reasonable facsimile of professional."

The Thibaults adopted Roscoe five years ago from the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society. He had been a rescue at two other shelters, Patricia Thibault said. He remains somewhat timid, though he greets coworkers in the community center during his visits.

But when he's on duty, he's all business.

"He has been very successful in the spring locating nests," Mike Thibault said. "The DNR OK'd us relocating the eggs. Since then, we've had a very clean park The boaters are happy."

"Geese like to hang out on the beach," he continued. "(Roscoe) typically spends a half hour, 45 minutes, depends on the goose activity."

The need for his services are great, said Patricia Thibault. "One goose can poop two pounds in one day," which is not only a nuisance, but a public health issue.

Roscoe scouts the park every morning and the occasional afternoon and when he's not there, he's on call.

"People who work here

know to call if they see geese," Mike Thibault said. "He's really working, even when he's not."

Roscoe fits into the Thibault family like a child.

"He's spoiled," Patricia Thibault said. "He's loved and well-behaved. He gets groomed every night and I brush his teeth every night."

Added Mike Thibault, "He follows her around all day. He works on tricks, but by and large, he's pretty laidback at home, but he's also very aware."

The Goose Pointe contract lasts to next spring and the Thibaults are hopeful enough positive comments will lead Roscoe to a renewed contract.

"It's a lot less expensive for the city" to use Roscoe, Mike Thibault said, than to purchase another dog for the services. The Thibaults' beloved pooch "basically works for food," Mike Thibault said.

A full belly is great for the 70-pound dog, but that's not the driving force behind his employment.

"We had a pet and we saw a need," he said. "Because of the city needing to have insurance to protect citizens — if he gets off his leash and goes at someone — we had to get insurance and incorporate. We're fortunate to have the time and the wherewithal to pull something like this together."



Roscoe practices commands for his job, bounding between Mike and Patricia Thibault.

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Ecumenical Breakfast
The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 8 a.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Reservations are not required; all are welcome. Breakfast is \$7. Call (313) 882-5330.

Libraries
Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, (313) 343-2074
♦ 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, Tween Afterhours, for ages 10-13, includes crafts, games and activities.
♦ 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, Halloween crafts.
♦ 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, "Diary of a Wimpy Kid — Double Down Release Party," includes trivia, games and a raffle.

Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, (313) 821-8830
♦ 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, Actors Workshop with 4th Wall Theatre, for ages 6 to 12.
♦ 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, "Know Your Muslim Neighbor," includes arts and crafts, coffee and delicacies from around the world, henna hand-painting, exhibits and more.

Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, (313) 343-2072
♦ 6:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 21, "Spiders and Snakes with Mr. Nick," featuring live spiders and snakes.

Reunion
The Grosse Pointe North High School class of 1981 hosts a reunion 7 to 11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at The Whiskey Six, 646 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe. RSVP at bit.ly/2cYi5Oz.

Beaumont
Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe presents "Pillars of Self-Care: A Day Retreat for Women," with psychotherapist Megan Gunnell, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at the hospital's Connelly Auditorium, 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe. Cost is \$30. Call (800) 633-7377.

Toastmasters
Northeastern Toastmasters meets 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

Senior Men
The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Group meets 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Ford House
The Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, hosts the Grosse Pointe Public Library's Authors to the Pointe event 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, featuring bestselling authors Paula McLain and Lauren Willig. The event

includes tea, author talks and book signings. Tickets are \$30 and available at the Central branch library, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Family Center
The Family Center hosts three programs at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, at Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. For information on the following, call (313) 432-3832.
♦ "A Healthy Brain for the Ages." Christine Chellandurai D.O., and Jennifer LaCasse R.N., B.S.W., speak about preventive strategies to promote mental, emotional and cognitive wellbeing.
♦ "Turning Teen: A Presentation for Mothers and Daughters (Ages 8-14)." Carrie Leff D.O., and Lisa Klein M.D., discuss how mothers can help their daughters through puberty.
♦ "Making Modern Divorced Families Work: During and After the Divorce." Attorney Sean Cleland and Sonya Thompson, CARE public information specialist, discuss alternative services to the divorce process.

Women's Connection
The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe presents "Going Somewhere?" with Rita Hawkins and her colleagues at the AAA Travel Agency in Grosse Pointe Woods Thursday, Oct. 27, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. They'll discuss travel opportunities in the states and abroad. Doors open at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members and \$8 for the program only. Call Ellie Kaye at (586) 295-

0775 or Jan Baumann at (586) 243-2241.

Assumption
Going Social is a six-week group program at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, which promotes social and pragmatic language skills in children, tweens, teens and young adults. The next session begins Tuesday, Nov. 1. Email Amy McIntyre at ramcintyre1972@gmail.com.

SOC
Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers the following programs:
♦ Meet Grosse Pointe Farms police canine Duke 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1. Duke's handler, Officer Tim Harris, discusses why certain breeds are used as police canines, the selection process and more.
♦ Mah Jongg lessons take place 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 2, 9 and 16, with instructor Donna Carloni. Cost is \$15 for three sessions and registration is required.
♦ SOC offers three new fitness classes. Line dance takes place 1 to 2 p.m. Fridays; Zumba for beginners is 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; and Tighten and Tone takes place 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For information on any of these programs, call (313) 882-9600.

Star of the Sea
Our Lady Star of the Sea, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts its fifth annual The Taste at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, featuring food and wine from 25 establishments. Music is provided by the Chris Codish Trio. Tickets are \$35 before Nov. 18, \$40 at the door. Call (313) 884-5554 or visit olsos.org.

Pointer of Distinction nominations accepted

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Often it's the people who work the hardest — who go above and beyond at work and in the community — who want the least recognition for their good deeds.

But it's important to share with friends, colleagues and neighbors the difference so many of these hard-working, successful and giving members of the community make.

In that spirit, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce started the Pointer of Distinction Awards in 2007. This year's nominations currently are being accepted.

"We started giving out these prestigious awards to bring acknowledgment of different businesses, organizations, students and residents in the community who've gone beyond giving back to the community or are a business of excellence," said Jennifer Boettcher, chamber president.

Nominations are being sought in four categories: Youth Achievement, Excellence in Business, Excellence in Nonprofit Activity and Community Service.

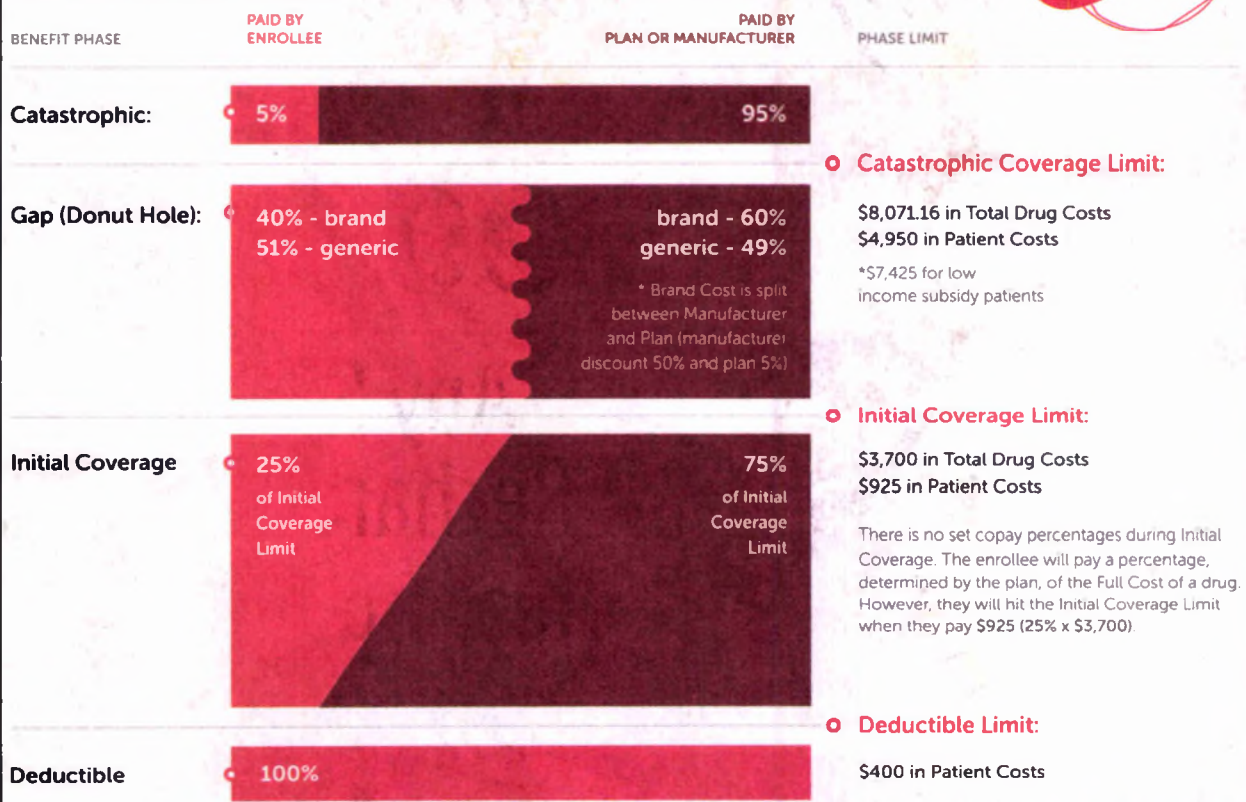
Youth nominees must live in Grosse Pointe, be a junior or senior in high school, excel academically and in extracurricular activities and actively involved in at least one community service organization or charitable activity. Three winners will be selected.

The amount of nominations received has grown each year, Boettcher said, a testament to all the good being accomplished in every facet of the community.

"It's important to recognize them because Grosse Pointe has so many great people and businesses, but there are

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GPAA, War Memorial to launch 'Your Old Mansion' series

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The newly formed partnership between the Grosse Pointe Artists Association and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial has benefited all involved with expanded programs, classes and exhibits.

Next month, the GPAA brings its latest offering to the Pointes with its "Your Old Mansion" lecture and tour series.

"We decided it would be nice to have something to do during the cold winter afternoons," said GPAA President Karen Pope.

The program runs November to April at the War Memorial and includes talks with historians, artists, craftsmen, architects, interior designers and restoration



art historian Deborah Kowsky, who's working on a book about Alexander Girard, head of textiles at the Herman Miller Co.; Ben Gravel, keeper of the Facebook page Grosse Pointe Architecture; and Amy Haimel, author of "Detroit Hustle: A Memoir of Love, Life and Home."

"Ben Gravel is a Grosse Pointe architect who will discuss

the crop of wonderful houses around Grosse Pointe and the idiosyncracies of living in them," Pope said.

GPAA hosts a Christmas soiree 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, in the Alger House salon. The party includes docent-led tours, songs from "White Christmas" performed by members

of Grosse Pointe Theatre, GPAA's "Joy and Wonder" art exhibit and an origami workshop led by Nobuko Yamaski.

The schedule rounds out with the following:

◆ Jan. 22 — "A-list Artisans Share Their Secrets," moderated by Angela Wyrembelski of Quinn Evans Architects and featuring Ann Baxter of Baxter Glass, a representative of Pewabic Pottery and restorationist Martin Soo Hoo.

◆ Feb. 12 — "The Science of Blending Old and New," organized by the American Society of Interior Designers and featuring representatives of DuMouchelle's and the Detroit Institute of Arts.

◆ March 19 — "Matching Landscaping and Architecture," featuring landscape

designer Barry Burton.

◆ April 23 — "The Welcome Mat is Out," featuring home tours.

"We end with a house tour," Pope said, "with houses that are recently sold or on the market. Houses in the luxury category."

Pope said the Grosse Pointe Theatre, Grosse

Pointe Garden Club, Junior League of Detroit and docents are "all working on this together," adding Johnstone & Johnstone is involved with marketing.

To register for any of the programs, visit grossepointeartcenter.org.

Grosse Pointe Audubon Society celebrates 50 years

Sixty members and friends gathered at the Tompkins Community Center at Windmill Pointe Park Sept. 19, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Grosse Pointe Audubon Society.

The primary purpose of the club, established in 1966, was to support the Seven Ponds Nature Center in Dryden. Former Grosse Pointe resident Patty Schemm and her late husband, Ripley, owned more than 100 acres of land, which they donated to establish Seven Ponds. For the past 50 years, Grosse Pointe Audubon has provided avian programs to Grosse Pointe, Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores and



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The Grosse Pointe Audubon Society recently celebrated its 50th anniversary.

support to Seven Ponds. Special guests at the celebration were Seven Ponds Director Mike Champagne and his wife, Gayle.

The evening began with a bird walk conducted by member and expert birder, Joanna Pease. Bill Rapai, club president, then wel-

comed guests to an evening of hors d'oeuvres, informational displays and door prizes. Member Mike Florian gave the PowerPoint presentation, "50 Years: A Historical Perspective." Members of the event planning committee included chairwoman Judy Florian, Annie Crary,

Mike Florian, Rosann Kovalcik, Trina Bresser-Matous, Mark O'Keefe, Joanna Pease, Bill Rapai, Mary Rock and Anna Wuerfel.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Kristen Devooght, Dorothy Heitjan and Kimberly Maddalena

Making a successful transition to kindergarten

Q: How can we as parents help our preschooler make a successful transition into kindergarten? Might you have some tips to share?

A: It is vital in the preschool years to provide your child with the experiences that will build the foundation for later success in school. To help your child build this foundation, parents should provide:

- ◆ Hands-on experiences. Dig, cook, build, paint and sculpt with your child. Such activities foster curiosity, eye-hand coordination, spatial relationships and vocabulary development.

- ◆ Daily reading. This helps build your child's vocabulary and word

recognition.

- ◆ Song and rhyming playtime. Rhyming builds important phonemic awareness skills essential for reading.

- ◆ Unstructured time to move and use the body. Physical play promotes the essential skill of body awareness needed for understanding right vs. left as well as prepositional concepts.

- ◆ Toys that encourage imagination or thinking, important for development of social language and imagination.

- ◆ Socialization. Attend preschool, library story hour or church where your child will learn and practice common social courtesies, such as turn taking, listening and responding to a ques-

tion.

- ◆ Work at home on skills: uppercase and lowercase alphabet letters; count to 20 orally; count the number of objects to 10 and identify numbers to 12; write name with proper pencil grip.

- ◆ Limited screen time with the TV, computer and handheld devices. Less time looking at a screen means more time engaging in real-life interactions, which teach a multitude of skills.

- ◆ A good home routine with healthy meals and snacks. Establish a set bedtime. School is all about routines — important for kindergarten and beyond.

Kindergarten bridges preschool to elementary

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Register in advance for complimentary dinner at 6 p.m. and childcare.

GPPSS presenters include Dorothy Heitjan, early childhood program teacher and speech-language pathologist; Kristen DeVooght, speech-language pathologist and Kimberly Maddalena, kindergarten teacher.

Register early for this free presentation online at familycenterweb.org, by phone at (313) 432-3832 or email info@familycenterweb.org.

school. Expectations for kindergarten students have changed drastically in the last 10 years. What used to be "first-grade" skills are now taught in kindergarten. Incorporate the above tips into your daily routine and the transition will be smoother.

Learn more about what parents and profes-

sionals can do to help their students get ready for kindergarten at the program detailed above.

The Family Center serves as the community's hub for information, resources and referral for families, individuals and professionals through its mission to serve the community through programs and

resources vital to today's families. The Family Center is a nonprofit organization supported 100 percent by community contributions. To volunteer or donate, visit familycenterweb.org, call (313) 432-3832. The Family Center, 20090 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Grosse Pointe native, yogi hosts retreat

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

In an article he wrote for The Jesuit Post, Bobby Karle writes, "I want a Church that takes the connection between the body, mind and spirit more seriously. I envision a Church that recognizes the importance of the body in the spiritual life and is more open to popular practices that lead to calm and connection."

Karle is doing his best

to bring that connection to others through an Ignatian yoga retreat, offered 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at Ss. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church in Detroit.

"It should be quite an event," he said. "I'm expecting a pretty good size group of people."

Ignatian spirituality is the belief God is present in the world and active in people's lives — a pathway to prayer, good decisions guided by keen

discernment and an active life of service to others, according to ignatianspirituality.com.

The easy fit of spirituality and yoga seemed natural to Karle, who grew up in the City of Grosse Pointe and attended Grosse Pointe Academy. Karle is seven years into becoming a Jesuit priest — an 11-year process. He teaches yoga and religion at a Jesuit high school in Illinois.

"A lot of people don't

think yoga and religion should mix," said Karle, 31, adding the combination sometimes is thought to be controversial. "But I've been really supported by my directors and superiors. It's meant to be helpful, not a contradiction It deepens my own spirituality, my spiritual path, and brings me closer to God."

"Yoga can be very fluid," he continued. "People can practice it in a more secular way. People of different religions can practice it."

He invites the community to the retreat, which includes two yoga classes for any level, time for quiet reflection and journaling and a chance to speak with a spiritual director.

"It's not just stretching and breathing. There's so much more going on with it. It's a lifestyle, science, philosophy," Karle said. "It's an exciting journey to learn more about how to fit with life."

"It's a chance to relax, to slow down," he continued, "a chance to reflect

on life and how they're living, a chance to set resolutions to live more according to their deepest desires."

Karle said he hopes the retreat helps people consider ways to deepen their own lives' journeys, making a resolution to work toward a goal or desire.

"I'm allowing myself to grow into this life," he said. "It's great growing into it and being myself."

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Speaker discusses Great Lakes challenges

Alan Steinman Ph.D., Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore. Climate change, land-based pollution and ecosystem and keys to help keep the Great Lakes healthy during a presentation 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at

State University's Annis Water Resources Institute since 2001. Previously, he was director of the Lake Okeechobee Restoration Program at the South Florida Water Management District. Steinman has published more than 140 scientific articles and book chapters, been awarded more than \$50 million in grants for scientific and engineering projects, testified before Congress and the Michigan and Florida state legislatures and invited to speak throughout the world. He is a member of numerous science advisory boards and is associate editor for Freshwater Biology.

The free lecture is presented by the Garden Club of Michigan and open to anyone interested in learning more about the Great Lakes. Reservations are required. Call Candy Sweeny at (313) 881-0831 or email candy_clees@aol.com.

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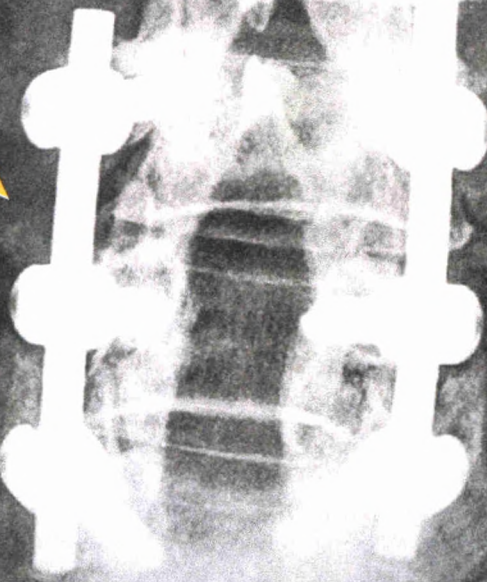
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some who stand out, above and beyond," she said. "Their achievements and accomplishments should be celebrated."

To nominate a business, organization, student or resident for a Pointer of Distinction Award, call the chamber at (313) 881-4722 or visit its website, grossepointechamber.com, and download an application. The deadline for nominations is Thursday, Dec. 1.

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When brokers battle, veterans win

The "Battle of the Brokerages" ended with three winners instead of one.

Beline Obeid Realty, Bolton-Johnston Associates and Keller Williams Lakeside raised the most money in their respective divisions to help provide a medical service dog to a returning U.S. military veteran in Michigan. All three brokerages received a plush German Shepherd toy as part of their reward package.

All three brokers were thrilled to win.

"We trust and believe in our military and we are thankful for their service to our great country," Nanci Bolton said. "We need to support and assist our veterans in their transition when they come home. It is the least we can do."

The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors® held the contest to create a fun and competitive proj-



COURTESY PHOTO

From left, Beline Obeid, broker, Beline Obeid Realty; Mark Semaan, salesman, Keller Williams Lakeside; and Nanci Bolton, broker, Bolton-Johnston Associates.

ect for its members during the last weeks of summer. From Aug. 1 to Sept. 22, almost 100 board members in three divisions competed to see who could raise the most money for the program.

Beline Obeid Realty won in the division for brokerages with one to five members. Bolton-Johnston Associates won

in the six- to 50-member division and Keller Williams Lakeside won in the division for 51 or more members. Winners were acknowledged Sept. 22, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial during the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors® quarterly membership meeting.

The board decided to

have three winners in the interest of fairness, because winners were based on the amount of money a brokerage firm raised per agent instead of overall totals.

But the real winners are military veterans. Members of the Board of Realtors® so far have contributed more than \$10,000 to support the

training and care of GP, a puppy currently being trained by Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs. This all-volunteer, nonprofit organization provides medical service dogs to veterans and first responders suffering from post traumatic stress disorder and other traumas, at no cost to the recipient.

Military veterans have received significant attention recently as studies have focused on the difficulties they face after their service. Returning veterans are far more likely to divorce and die prematurely than civilians. Medical service dogs so far have reduced the trend of premature death and decreased divorce rates among veterans.

The fundraiser is one of many the board coordinates every year. Two of the most popular are its Home & Garden Expo, which highlights more

than 70 local businesses, and its Officer Installation Reception, which provided more than \$4,500 in toys for Judson Center children last year.

Established in 1985, the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors® consists of approximately 900 Realtors® and allied professionals. The board is known for its ethical standards and community involvement throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Judy Barker, board president, said she was proud to be part of a fundraiser for a worthy cause.

"We want to do everything we can to draw attention to the needs of our veterans," Barker said. "It gives those who serve our country their life back, keeps families together and (gives) communities a contributing member to the neighborhood."

Lake House adds three board members

The Lake House recently added three members to its Board of Directors — Kathryn Szykowski, Erick Michaelson and Jacqueline Parisi. The board is responsible for funding oversight, input in programs offered, assistance in event planning and more.

"The Lake House prides itself on our board's diverse skills and

the constituencies they represent," said Lake House Director Madeline Bialecki.

Szykowski, a project manager for Meridian Health Plan in Detroit, brings nonprofit knowledge to help improve the Lake House. She has had previous roles at Services for Older Citizens in Grosse Pointe Farms, the

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DAR hosts Vietnam War 50th commemoration

The Louisa St. Clair Chapter, the Grosse Pointe organization of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, hosted the DAR of Michigan's Vietnam War 50th Commemoration at the Country Club of Detroit Oct. 2. The afternoon included an exhibition of the Michigan Traveling Vietnam Memorial with a luncheon veteran recognition ceremony.

The event welcomed 150 attendees, including 40 Vietnam veterans from the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 9-Detroit and Chapter 154-Macomb County, Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veteran's Club and American Legion Post 132-Detroit.

Each veteran was presented with a commemorative certificate and lapel pin, as well as a belated "welcome home."

The Michigan Traveling Vietnam Memorial includes the



Retired Major Gen. James T. Jackson and Peggy Scully, DAR chapter regent.

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names of Michigan residents killed in action during the Vietnam War. One name — the only woman from Michigan killed in action in Vietnam and one of eight female American military nurses killed during the war — was given spe-

cial recognition at the event. 1st Lt. Hedwig Diane Orłowski was posthumously awarded the DAR Women in American History Medal for her contributions to the defense of her country during the Vietnam War. November 1967, the 23-year-old surgical nurse from Detroit was on a military transport returning to the 67th Evacuation Hospital near Qui Nhon when it crashed in inclement weather, killing all on board. The medal was presented to her brother, Jerry Orłowski, and sister, Barbara Bookwalter.

The event featured keynote speaker, Retired

Major Gen. James T. Jackson, U.S. Army, director of the United States Vietnam War Commemoration, a national effort to recognize and thank veterans of the Vietnam War and families of those killed or missing in action. The effort has enlisted more than 10,000 community partners across the country to ensure every veteran receives recognition and thanks. The DAR of Michigan and its 52 chapters are registered in the commemoration partnership program.

Jackson served his country in wartime and peace during a 32-year military career and was elected to the Army Ranger Hall of Fame in 2010. He oversees all facets of the 50th Vietnam Commemoration, which continues through 2025. The National Society DAR presented Jackson the DAR Distinguished Citizen Medal.

Event sponsors were Louisa St. Clair Chapter NSDAR; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Scully Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Marshall; Grosse Pointe Florist Inc.; Robert F. Garvey of Robert F. Garvey PC; Cynthia E. Merry of Merry, Farnen & Ryan PC; Cheryl A. Bush of Bush, Seyferth & Paige PLLC; and Susan J. Sadler of Dawna, Mann, Mulcahy & Sadler PLC.

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Lasting love

Couple celebrates longevity

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

They tell the story with sparkles in their eyes — his full of excitement as he speaks hers lovingly focused on him.

The year was 1946. Gino Santavicca had just been discharged from the Army.

"I was home one week and one of our friends decided to have a party for us fellows who just returned from the Army," he said. "I went down into the basement and who do I see? My eyes on? This little chicken."

"It was love at first sight," Amelia Santavicca confirmed. "Part of it may have been his good look, but it also was his way of smiling and his way of talking."

They saved some money and married two years later. Last May they celebrated 68 years of wedded bliss. He calls her "fichaline." She calls him "Junebug."

"Her parents and mine knew each other from the old country," Gino Santavicca said, adding he came to the United States from Italy when he was 15.

The couple have lived in Grosse Pointe Woods 17 years, but started their family long before moving to the community.

"After we got married, our first daughter was born," Gino Santavicca said. "She was a seven-month baby — 3 pounds, 11 ounces — born on Christmas Day She



PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

Amelia and Gino Santavicca hold hands in their Grosse Pointe Woods home.

was in an incubator for a whole month, but she was full of pep from day one."

The nonagenarians — he's 92, she just turned 90 — have three daughters, Pat French (Michael), Andrea Jenniches (Bart) and Debiana Ruggeri (Kerry), as well as seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Their sons-in-law, Gino Santavicca said, are like their own sons, each a wonderful, welcome addition to the family.

The family patriarch spent 47 years working in government.

"I inspected all the products made for war

materials," he said. "The last 14 years, I was transferred into the Small Business Administration as an advocate of small business I loved my job so much I hated to quit."

As for his wife, "After the youngest daughter of ours was school age, Amelia decided to go back to school and become a school teacher," he said. "She was a consultant."

Added their daughter, Pat French, "My father put all four of his women through college. We were all teachers."

The couple insist

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Welcome to port

Members of the Louisa St. Clair Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, were at the Detroit riverfront Friday, Oct. 14, to welcome the crew of the USS Detroit to port in preparation for the ship's commissioning Oct. 22.



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Parade Company in Detroit and Michigan State University. She is a member of the American Society for Public Administration and Association of Fundraising Professionals. The Grosse Pointe Woods resident has a Master of Public Administration degree in nonprofit management from Wayne State University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications from MSU.

Michaelson, a financial advisor at Ameriprise Financial in Shelby Township offers financial insight to the Lake House board. He has had previous roles at Fluid Air Controls and Boehringer-Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals. He also serves in the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce. The Grosse

Pointe Woods resident has a Master of Business Administration degree in finance and a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from WSU.

Parisi, a retired special education teacher from the Southfield school district and personal chef, brings her teaching and business know-how to the Lake House. She is the proprietor of Let Me Cook for You: A Personal Chef Service. She previously co-owned the catering company, Bella Cucina, and has had roles at Pastissima and Tom's Oyster Bar. She is a certified personal chef and member of the United States Personal Chef Association and the Detroit Institute of Arts. The Grosse Pointe Woods resident has a Master in Learning Disabilities degree and Bachelor of Arts degree in special education from Eastern Michigan University.

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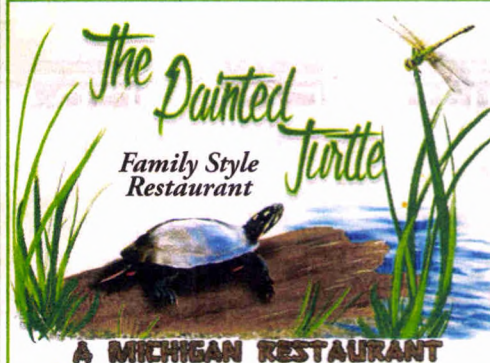
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GP Theatre prepares for 'Sunshine Boys'

Audiences of all ages are invited to enjoy the witticisms and wisecracks of old-school comedy as Grosse Pointe Theatre presents Neil Simon's classic stage comedy, "The Sunshine Boys." The eight-performance run starts Nov. 6, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Theater, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

"The Sunshine Boys" tells the story of Al and Willie, who as "Lewis and Clark," were top-billed vaudevillians for more than 40 years. Now, they aren't even speaking to each other. When CBS seeks them for a "History of Comedy" retrospective, a grudging reunion brings the two back together, along with a flood of memories, miseries and laughs.

Simon's inspiration for the story came from his work as a young writer in the Catskill Mountain resorts. He wrote jokes for older comics who often were "past their prime."

"What I love about the play is that it's not just wisecracks and one-liners. It explores the joys and struggles of families and friendships, as well as aging and accepting change," said director Tom Arwady. "I have always been a fan and student of all the famous comedians and comic actors that were 'before my time' ... so directing 'The Sunshine Boys' has been a true labor of love, since it's a tribute to those whose purpose in life is to make people laugh."

"The Sunshine Boys" is presented through special arrangement with



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Marty Bufalini, left, and Kevin Curtis.

Samuel French Inc. (Clinton Township), stage manager Kathleen Lusk (Detroit), technical director and set designer Rick Hawley (St. Clair Shores), lighting by Tom Archinal (Grosse Pointe Park), props and set dressing by Yvonne Hewlett (Grosse Pointe Woods), sound by Carolyn Tujaka, costumes by Jeannie Chrisman (Harper Woods) and hair and makeup by Anne Maters (City of Grosse Pointe). Shows take place 2 p.m. Nov. 6 and 10, and 8 p.m. Nov. 10 to 12 and 17 to 19. Tickets are \$20 each. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit gpt.org or call (313) 881-4004.

The play is directed by Tom Arwady (Harrison Township) and produced by Kevin Fitzhenry (Warren), with assistant director Tom Pagano



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Happy 100th!

Saturday, Oct. 8, Pat Barry turned 100 years old. She celebrated with family and friends from her chair exercise class at Assumption Cultural Center, sharing birthday cake before lunch. Barry takes the bus twice a week to the class, to which she's belonged 22 years. She has four children, 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Celebrating with the birthday girl are her great-granddaughter, Hazel Novak, granddaughter, Mary Novak of Grosse Pointe Woods, and daughter, Kim Novak of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Beaumont, GP recognized for quality, leadership

Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe won Vizient's 2016 Bernard A. Birnbaum M.D., Quality Leadership Award.

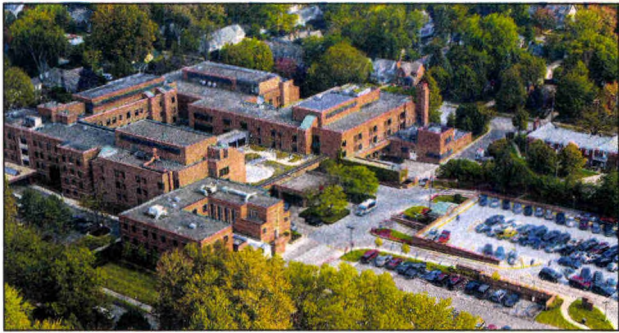
Award winners are selected by demonstrating superior performance as measured by Vizient's Quality and Accountability Study, conducted annually since 2005. Vizient Inc., the largest member-driven health care performance improvement company in the country, presented the award Sept. 29, as part of its 2016 Vizient Clinical Connections Summit in Dallas.

"This is incredible news for us and the whole Grosse Pointe community," said Donna Hoban M.D., senior vice president, chief medical officer, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. "Vizient, by all measures, represents the gold standard in recognizing quality and safety in hospitals nationwide."

Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe President Rick Swaine said, "Our entire staff has worked very hard to meet these very stringent standards."

This year, more than 100 academic medical centers and 124 community hospitals were included in the study, which reviewed performance data from a variety of sources.

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Accountability Study helps academic medical centers and community hospitals identify structures and processes associated with high performance in quality and safety across a broad spectrum of patient care activity. The Institute of Medicine's six domains of care — safety, timeliness, effectiveness, efficiency, equity and patient-centeredness — were used as a guide in structuring the study criteria.

"Hospitals today are using data and analytics to help them more effectively manage cost and deliver superior clinical outcomes and patient experiences," said Jody Hatcher, president, Sourcing and Collaboration services. "By winning this award, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe demonstrated a successful leadership style, a shared sense of purpose, a focus

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they've never had an argument — "We still get along fine," he said — which may have something to do with Amelia Santavicca's thoughtful demeanor.

"I always remember his mother saying, 'If you have a question, ask Amelia,'" she said. "She had loved me so much and grown so accustomed to my thinking. I was always fair They would talk all the time and then I always said, 'Enough, let's get down to business.'"

"I keep my mouth shut," she continued, "unless it's important. Then I open it."

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PASTOR'S CORNER By Ben Van Arragon

Meaningless

In his memoir, "When Breath Becomes Air," Paul Kalanithi recounts when his mentor and friend is diagnosed with cancer. His mentor, a world-renowned neuroscientist, faced with his own mortality, asks, "Paul, has my life been meaningless?"

This is the crisis expressed by the teacher of the Book of Ecclesiastes. He begins his discourse,

"Meaningless, meaningless — everything is meaningless!" (Ecclesiastes 1:1).

It is widely held the teacher of Ecclesiastes is Solomon, king of Israel and purported "wisest man on earth." During his lifetime, Solomon had untold material wealth, unparalleled renown and access to all the stuff we dedicate our lives to getting. He testifies, "I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure. My heart took delight in all my labor and this was the reward for all my toil."

He concludes: "Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and

what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 2:10-11).

No matter our accomplishments, we all reach a point at which our significance is called into question. The events and achievements from which we derive the most meaning are temporary and fleeting. They, and we, one day will be forgotten. How do we keep this realization from robbing us of hope and purpose? Solomon imparts this wisdom: "Remember your creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, 'I find no pleasure in them...'" (Ecclesiastes 12:1).

Paradoxically, the teacher says the antidote to despair is not to deny your mortality as long as possible, but to face your mortality early. Then entrust your mortality, life's pursuits and life itself to the one who can guarantee a lasting significance and everlasting

life. The teacher concludes, "Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all humanity. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:1,13-14).

The teacher of Ecclesiastes argues when you pursue any ambition as an end, you ultimately lose it and your pursuit will be in vain. But if you pursue a right relationship with God, every other ambition will take its proper place. Each of life's experiences and achievements will serve God's purpose. And your life itself will play into God's greater purpose for the world around you. As part of God's eternal plan, your life will have immeasurable meaning. As God's cherished child, you can be assured of your eternal significance.

Van Arragon is pastor at the First Christian Reformed Church of Detroit, 1444 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park. Visit firstcrcdetroit.org.

A slurping good time

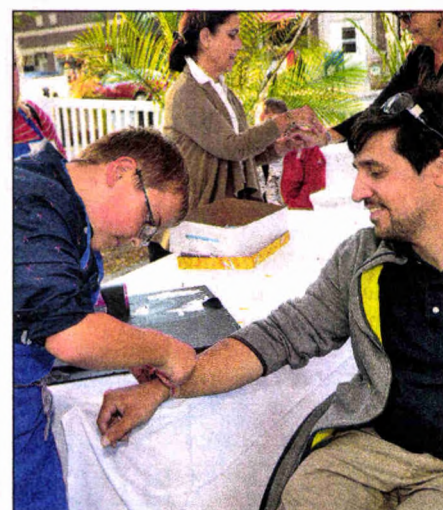
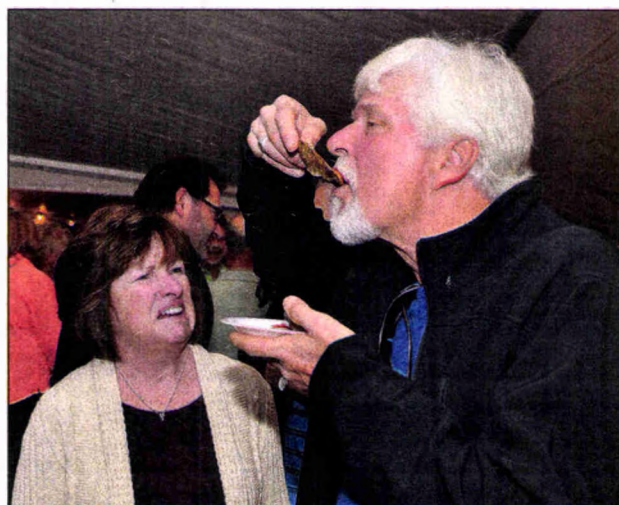
More than 400 people attended the St. Ambrose Annual Oysterfest Sept. 26. This was the 26th Oysterfest and it also celebrated the church's centennial. More than 40 restaurants served up culinary delights for event goers.

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Left, John Desarmeaux slurps an oyster and Cathy Federighe reacts.

Below left, Robert Evans tried oysters and his wife, Jen, sampled the stuffed cabbage.

Below right, Pierce Middle School sixth-grader and Oysterfest volunteer Jack Vethacke, applies a wristband to Tony Rennpage, allowing him access to the festivities.



Volunteers shucked more than 1,100 oysters for this year's festival.

Margaret and Ronald Breitenbecher listen as Daniel Kuhnlein, a senior at Grosse Pointe South High School and Gabriela Moncivais, a ninth-grader at South, describe available raffle prizes.



CHURCH EVENTS

Congregational

Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts Evangelical Homes of Michigan 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, to provide flu vaccines covered by insurance. A luncheon also takes place that day. All are welcome.

Grosse Pointe hosts "Pumpkin Fun Fest" 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at Richard Park, located on Kercheval between McKinley and McMillan in Grosse Pointe Farms. The event includes pumpkin painting, face painting, cider, doughnuts and popcorn. All are welcome.

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Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a Polish dinner and presentation of the World Youth Day trip to Poland 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, at its Canfield Center. Call (313) 885-8855.

Christ Church

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, presents "The Queens Musick," 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, including music by Tallis, Byrd, Purcell, Elgar, Parry, Britten and Weir. A free-will offering is collected. Call (313) 885-4841.

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OBITUARIES

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Joan McShane

City of Grosse Pointe resident Joan McShane, 91, died Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016, at St. John Hospital & Medical Center in Detroit.

She was born Feb. 1, 1925, in South Bend, Ind., to Gertrude Cudahy and Fredrick Patrick Crowe, and graduated high school in 1943. She attended Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, for two years until her mother died and she returned home to help raise her youngest siblings. She later worked as a secretary in her father's accounting firm.

Joan met John Joseph McShane, a student at the University of Notre Dame, through her sister and her husband, also a Notre Dame student. Joan and John married June 11, 1949, in South Bend. The couple settled in Grosse Pointe in 1962. After her husband's death in 1977, Joan worked for the Grosse Pointe Public School System until retiring in 1995.

Joan enjoyed family summer vacations up north on Lake Michigan and visiting family in Salt Lake City and Atlanta. She loved watching golf and football, especially the University of Notre Dame Fighting Irish, golfing, playing bridge with various bridge groups and participating in aerobics classes at Services for Older Citizens.

She was active at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church where she attended Mass daily, was a member of the Altar Society and Children of Mary and served as a Eucharistic minister. She also was a member of the Beaumont Assistance League, volunteered at Pregnancy Aid and Stapleton Center and was an active member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. She enjoyed mornings at Panera with members of her church coffee group and ladies night out gatherings with friends at Village Grille.

She will be missed by those who knew and loved her, especially her sparkling smile, willing hand and love of life.

Joan is survived by her children, Mary Smolenski (Mark), Mike McShane (Kathy), Dave McShane (Gerri), Lizbeth Borener (Jack) and Tom McShane (Pam); grandchildren, Eric and Matt Smolenski, Erin Henry, Julie Carter and Ryan McShane, John and Danny McShane and Marci Nowaczok, Joe and Kaitlin Borener and Stephanie, Tommy, Victoria, Kevin and John McShane; 14 great-grandchildren; brother, Fred Crowe (Rosie) and many other loving relatives.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her grandson, Adam Smolenski; granddaughter, Lisa McShane; sisters, Patty Randall, Carol Boagard and Punky Mikesell and brother, Robert Crowe.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 7 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe

Farms.

Donations may be made to Pregnancy Aid, 17325 Mack, Detroit, MI 48224 or Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

James Mark Fabian

James Mark Fabian, 68, passed away Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born July 30, 1948, in Detroit, graduated in 1966 from Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods, where he served as class president three of his four years in attendance and editor of the yearbook. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial engineering from Wayne State University in 1972. After a brief stint in North Carolina, he joined the staff of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and rose to the position of chief engineer until illness forced his disability retirement.

James met the love of his life, Nancy, when she came to do a special project under his direction at Blue Cross and they married May 7, 1976. The biggest joy in his life was the birth of his son, Patrick, in 1982. Being on disability, James cared for Patrick from the time he was born. They worked together on many projects, including building a three-story tree house in the form of a ship complete with electricity and computer access.

James was devoted to his Catholic faith. His family considered him to be a wise and gentle inventor, storyteller, musician and beloved son, husband, father, brother, uncle and friend who took an interest in everyone whose lives touched his with his kindness, compassion and unconditional love. He endured many physical trials and sufferings over the years with dignity, grace and no complaints.

James is survived by his wife of 40 years, Nancy (nee Cox) Fabian; son, Patrick; siblings, the Rev. Jack, Cynthia Whitten (Gordon), Joseph (Mary Ann) and Jane Rosemont (Richard); many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, and his canine companion, Cody.

He was predeceased by his parents, Victor and Grace Fabian and siblings, Benedict, Sr. Ursula, Richard and Edward.

Visitation will be 2 to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at Roy J. Kaul Funeral Home, 28433 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. A prayer service will be at 7 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated noon Saturday, Oct. 22, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, with the Rev. Jack Fabian officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family to be distributed to charities of their choice or the Companions of Christ the Lamb, P.O. Box 12, Paradise, MI 49768.

Carole Wood Gorenflo

Carole Elizabeth Wood Gorenflo passed away Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016, after a courageous two-year battle with pancreatic cancer.

She was born Dec. 3, 1954, in South Bend, Ind., and graduated from Jefferson High School in 1972. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Purdue University in 1976, where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Focused on a career as a speech language pathologist, Carole earned a Master of Science degree in 1978 from Guys Medical School, London, England. She then completed a Ph.D. at Michigan State University in 1986. At MSU, she met her future husband, Daniel W. Gorenflo, in an advanced psychometrics course.

Dan sat in front of her and would often drop his pencil so he could get a peek at her. They fell in love, enjoying college life and many walks by the gardens along the Red Cedar River. They married December 1985.

Carole was a pioneer in the field of augmentative communication, giving the gift of speech to those without, and publishing many scientific scholarly articles, a number of them with Daniel.

Over a 36-year career, 26 at Eastern Michigan University, Carole was awarded full professorship and after retirement in 2014, emeritus professorship.

Carole traveled around the world. She served as president of the Grosse Pointe Kappa Alpha Alumni group. She enjoyed decades of family fun on the beach and in the woods at their second home in Northport. Her family will remember her unconditional love, bravery and grace, adventurous spirit, compassionate nature, wit, love of life and love of their pet whippets.

Carole is survived by Daniel and their daughters, Anna and Caroline; mother, Katherine Dittrich; brother, Robert; sister, Bri White and many other loving relatives.

She was predeceased by her brother, James Wood and father, Lewis Wood.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 701 N. Warren Street, Northport.

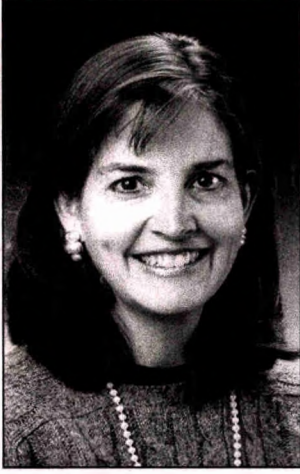
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Carole Wood Gorenflo

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Geno Morosi

Former longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident Geno Morosi, 96, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016. He was the beloved husband of Virginia (nee Domanski) for 67 years; dearest father of John Morosi (Christine), Marianne Wehl, Kathleen Barnes (Edward) and Robert Morosi (Susan); loving grandfather of Jon Paul (Alexis), Michael (Natalie), Sara, Samantha (Patrick), Alison and Julia and proud great-grandfather of Gabriella, Elena and Carina. He also is survived by his brother, Albert Morosi (Lorraine).

He was predeceased by his parents, Nazzareno and Eda Morosi and brother, August Morosi.

Geno was, together with his brother, Albert, among the last living sets of brothers to serve in the U.S. Navy and survive the attack on Pearl Harbor aboard the same ship. The Morosi brothers were aboard the USS Maryland, moored along Battleship Row, the morning of Dec. 7, 1941. Geno was watching other sailors play a card game when the Japanese attack began. He initially was assigned to a gun that did not have anti-aircraft capabilities, so was ordered to man a different gun on a higher deck.

Geno served six years, two months and six days in the U.S. Navy. In addition to his Pearl Harbor service, he piloted landing craft for the USS Alpine at Guam, Leyte Gulf, Lingayen Gulf and Okinawa. He was honorably discharged Nov. 15, 1946, as a boatswain's mate, first class. He received a Purple Heart for hearing loss sustained during the attack on Pearl Harbor. He also received the American Campaign Medal, American Defense Service Medal and One Star, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal and Six Stars, Philippine Liberation Medal and Two Stars, World War II Victory Medal and Navy Good Conduct Medal.

Born in Royalton, Ill., to immigrants from Perugia, Umbria, Italy, Geno settled in Detroit, after the war. He attended Lawrence Institute of Technology on the G.I.



Geno Morosi



Sophia I. Sobson

Bill, earning an associate's degree in mechanical technology. He had a long career at Carboly, a division of General Electric, beginning as a metal mixer and retiring as a unit manager in 1984.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 24, at St. Matthias Catholic Church, Sterling Heights.

Donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675 or at woundedwarriorproject.org or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 24359 Northwestern Highway, Suite 125, Southfield, MI 48075 or at jdfrf.org.

Sophia I. Sobson

Sophia I. Sobson, beloved wife of the late Henry H. Sobson, passed away peacefully in her home Friday, Oct. 14, 2016, at the age of 82.

She was born May 7, 1934, in Detroit. She was 20 years old when she met the love of her life, Henry Sobson at Bank of the Commerce as co-workers. The two married Aug. 13, 1955, at St. Florian Catholic Church in Hamtramck. Sophia was a devoted wife who lovingly cared for Henry until his death in 2005.

Sophia was a proud woman and was known as a genuine lady devoted to her family and friends. Sophia never had an unkind word for anyone. She was a loving mother and grandmother who enjoyed cooking, gardening and entertaining family at her favorite place — "the cottage" in Harrison Township. She will be remembered as being a gracious hostess who loved entertaining. She was a gifted artist and enjoyed teaching art classes. Her knack for the arts and crafts was evident through her needlepoint, embroidery, ceramics, pottery, painting, knitting and crocheting.

Sophia was a devout Catholic. She was a former member of the Altar Society at St. Paul on the

Lake Catholic Church. She also was a member of the Fontbonne Auxiliary.

Later in life, Sophia enjoyed being active in the Polish community at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, Fla., and was a Legion Mary Auxiliary member at Epiphany. She was involved with making rosaries for donation. She was a life-long member of the Polish Women's Alliance of America Group 786.

Sophia is survived by her daughter, Susan Memminger (Joseph); son, Lawrence Sobson; grandchildren, Curtis and Kylan Memminger and Lawrence Payne Sobson and numerous loving extended family members and lifelong friends.

In addition to her husband, Sophia was predeceased by her parents and sister, Josephine Sesnie (James).

Visitation will be 2 to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Rosary recitation will be at 7 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

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Scenes from the Senior Expo

The 23rd Annual Senior Expo was held recently at Assumption Cultural Center. The event features information geared toward seniors about community resources, health and wellness, among other topics. The event included a luncheon, raffle, exhibits and guest speakers. Above, City of Grosse Pointe resident Jean Gilbert, 98, listens with her daughter, Kathryn Gilbert, as Jennifer Lacasse R.N., B.S.W., explains services of the Beaumont Geriatric Evaluation Clinic. Below right, Tom Thomas, left, president of the Assumption Parish Council and Sean Southers of ShorePointe Nursing Center present Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, a painting of an angel as a thank you for her presentation.

Worthy spoke about her experiences in the court system as well as her passion for protecting seniors' rights. Below, Kathi Sitek gives Donna Kocienda of Grosse Pointe Woods change after Kocienda purchased a pill pouch Sitek invented to help organize medications.



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Iris Caroline Snethkamp

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Iris Caroline Snethkamp, 92, of Palm Desert, Calif., passed away peacefully in her home Monday, Sept. 19, 2016, surrounded by loving family.

She was born July 6, 1924, in Detroit, to Elroy and Loraine Tiderington and graduated from Southeastern High School.

She married David Hines in March 1944. Together they had a son, David Jr. and daughter, Carolyn "Peachy." Iris was a homemaker, who is remembered fondly by her children as a kind mother with a great sense of humor. She was widowed in 1969.

Iris worked at Walton Pierce women's clothing store. She enjoyed playing bridge and eventually became a Life Master Duplicate Player.

In 1987 she married Bill Snethkamp. Together they spent winters in Palm Desert and summers in Michigan boating, playing cards and golfing. Iris was widowed again in 1999.

Iris is survived by her son, David Hines (Mary); daughter, Peachy Rentenbach (John); sister, Carol Wing; stepson, Mark Snethkamp; stepdaughters, JoAnn Snethkamp, Mary Hines, Susan Snethkamp and Donna Snethkamp and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her stepson, Bill Snethkamp Jr.

A memorial service will be held at a future date.



Iris Caroline Snethkamp



Ann V. Oleszko

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Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Ann V. Oleszko, 96, died Friday, Oct. 14, 2016.

She attended St. Hyacinth Catholic grade school and high school, eventually graduating from Northeastern High School in Detroit. She worked as a comptometer operator for Fisher Body division of General Motors and the U.S. government during World War II.

Ann was a member of the Grosse Pointe Garden Club and met 65 years with a group of high school friends who referred to themselves as the Emcronitso Club. She lived in the Woods 68 years and was a founding member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

Ann battled her final illness with grace. Many people were touched by her calm spirit and ever-smiling face. Her family is grateful to the caregivers and hospice professionals whose assistance allowed her to remain in her home in recent years.

Ann is survived by her daughter, Amy Bakowski (Kenn); sons, Gregory, Larry (Suzy) and Mark (Linda) and grandchildren, Kara, Michael, Keenan, Lauren, Matthew, Kurt, Angela and Russell.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. Visitation begins at 10 a.m. at the church.



Michael Quatro

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Former Grosse Pointe resident Michael "Mickey" Quatro, 50, died Sunday, Oct. 9, 2016.

Mickey was born in Detroit to Michael and Lynn Quatro and graduated in 1985 from Grosse Pointe North High School.

He owned and operated a landscape company and was a professional skateboarder, but was better known as a professional drummer. Mickey toured with many bands playing countless shows. He especially enjoyed performing with his father as a member of the Michael Quatro Jam Band. He also played with Sweet Leaf, Dance Macabre, Third Estate, ICU, RUR and the Suicidal Preps. He auditioned for the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Mickey took great joy in introducing his Grosse Pointe friends to new music and skateboarding.

Mickey is survived by his father; sons, Ian Quatro and Colin Warchol; sister, Tanya McLuse; brother, Scott Quatro and many loving relatives and friends.

He was predeceased by his mother.

A memorial service will be at noon Saturday, Oct. 22, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.



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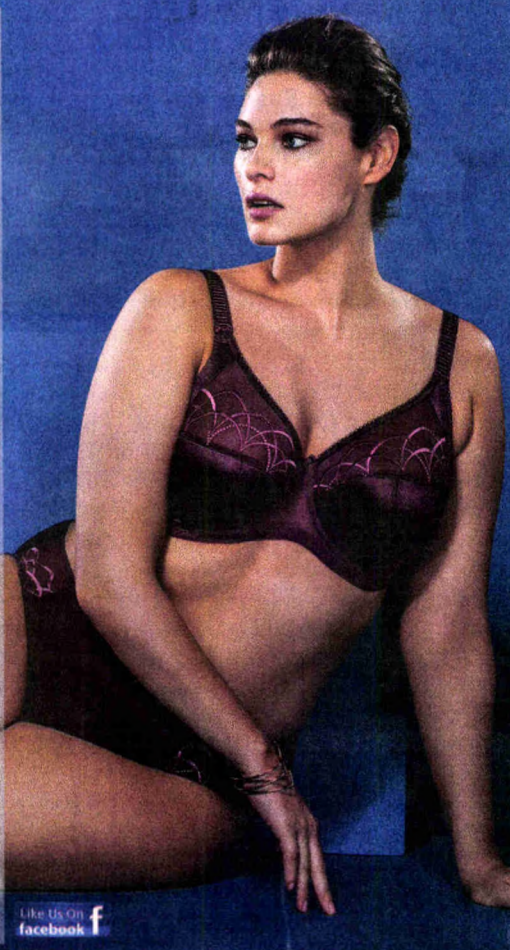
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Grosse Pointe Public Library: Looking ahead

By Jessica Keyser

I'd like to start by thanking Grosse Pointe News Editor Jody McVeigh for this opportunity to share information about what is happening at the library. The library staff will be writing a monthly column with information about upcoming events and special services we offer to the community. We hope you come and check us out soon.

Did you know the library has a sizeable collection of tools available for checkout at no charge to library cardholders? We think our newest addition — two leaf-blowers — is going to be especially popular in the next few weeks.

There is a variety of exciting things happening at all three branches of the GPPL. We are getting in the holiday spirit with a special presentation 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at the Ewald branch by Romie Minor, head archivist at the Parade Company. Minor will discuss his book, "Detroit's Thanksgiving Day Parade." There will be a slide presentation, followed by a book signing.

Do you love reading and enjoy the conversation of a book club, but hate the pressure and obligation of having to read an assigned book? We'd like to invite you to try our new "Deconstructed Book Club." Simply bring a book or two you've read, enjoyed and would like to recommend to others. Light refreshments will be served and registration is recommended. The Deconstructed Book Club meets 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Nov. 3, and Dec. 1, in the program room at the Central branch.

Our very popular Reader Dogs program has returned to the Woods branch. Elementary school-aged children can drop in and read the book of their choice to a therapy dog for 15 minutes. Studies have shown reading out loud to dogs can help children improve their literacy skills, as they often feel less inhibited

reading to a dog than to a parent or teacher. Plus, it is very, very fun. Reader dogs are available 1 to 2 p.m. Saturdays throughout October and November.

We are pleased to host a special program Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Ewald branch we are calling, "Get to Know Your Muslim Neighbor." This family-friendly event allows our community to come together to celebrate diversity and unity. Attendees will enjoy arts and crafts focused on Islamic art in the form of geometric and floral designs, including henna hand-painting. Coffee and delicacies from around the world will be available to sample and a poster exhibit will showcase topics such as Muslims and early America, hijab, calligraphy and more. There will be live speakers at the top of every hour about a variety of subjects. Everyone is welcome at this special event and no registration is necessary.

There is a lot happening at the Grosse Pointe Public Library. We hope to see you soon.

Keyser is director of the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

Heidelberg 3.0 campaign kicks off

Heidelberg 3.0, a vision to create a self-sustainable arts community in the Heidelberg Project neighborhood, is beginning to take shape. Artist Tyree Guyton and the Heidelberg Project announced a fundraising campaign to restore the iconic "Numbers House."

In all, Guyton has created 20 house installations during 30 years with the Heidelberg Project and only two remain, the Dotty Wotty House and the Numbers House.

The Numbers House is the operational and functional heartbeat of the Heidelberg Project, a community center that hosts youth and neighborhood workshops, up-and-coming artist exhibitions and the Heidelberg Project's gift shop. Despite that, the Numbers House rests on shaky ground, with no plumbing, bad electrical work and a hole in the roof.

"The entire structure needs a makeover and the time is so perfect to do something radical once again," Guyton said. "Getting people to work together collectively is what we need to take this to the next level."

To take the first step toward making the Heidelberg 3.0 vision a reality, Guyton and the Heidelberg team are call-



Heidelberg administrators are kicking off a fundraising campaign to cover renovation costs at the Numbers House.

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ing on the community to invest in the future by kick-starting the transformation of Numbers.

"For 30 years the Heidelberg Project has been an arts installation driven by one man," said Executive Director Jenenne Whitfield. "We believe that the time is right for a consortium effort driven by the entire community to build on this legacy."

The fundraising campaign will provide for

essential renovations to secure the physical structure and spirit of the Numbers House. That work includes:

- ◆ Roof replacement;
- ◆ Plumbing installation to provide running water, functional restrooms and sinks;
- ◆ Repair and replacement of water-damaged ceiling and walls to protect the art and exhibits;
- ◆ Replacement of broken windows;
- ◆ Renovation of the

upstairs level to create suitable space for a studio and artist-in-residence program and

◆ Essential upgrades to the lighting and electrical systems of the house.

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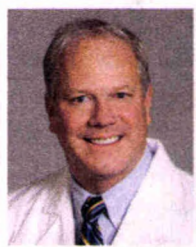
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Royal visit

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Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit hosts breakfast

The Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit honors Amy and Dan Loepp, president and chief executive officers of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, with the Edward H. McNamara Goodfellow of the Year Award at the charity's 27th annual Tribute Breakfast 8 a.m. Friday, Oct. 28, at Cobo Center.

The Edward H. McNamara Award is presented to distinguished and noteworthy individuals who have significantly contributed to the community. As a respected and committed Detroit business leader on the board of many integral civic organizations, Dan Loepp has been a positive force in the corporate and public arenas, initiating beneficial change throughout Michigan and, along with his wife, generously contributes to various philanthropic initiatives.

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Detroit and its people forward in a variety of ways," said Robert Costello, president, Detroit Goodfellows. "Amy and Dan Loepp are those kind of leaders and our organization is honored to present them with the Edward H. McNamara Goodfellow of the Year Award."

Tickets for the Tribute Breakfast are \$150 each. There also are \$5,000 Santa Circle tables available, as well as additional corporate sponsorships.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Detroit Goodfellows' 2016 fundraising goal of \$1.1 million, which will help provide 34,000 holiday gift packages containing clothing, books, candy and toys for needy children in Detroit, Highland Park, Harper Woods, River Rouge and Hamtramck.

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