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An American elm tree, at least 70 years old, on Muir between Grosse Pointe Boulevard and Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, succumbs to high wind Wednesday, March 8, landing partially on a house and parked car.

Wind downs power, trees

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — One toppled tree soon looks like another.

They started stacking up end-to-end quickly during a nearly all-day wind storm Wednesday, March 8.

Uprooted root balls and shattered trunks snapped electrical lines and blocked roadways. Bare

crowns one month shy of leafing out for spring mimicked dendrites viewed through a microscope.

Weather forecasters got it right about damaging west winds through evening.

"It's out of control today," said Sundee Harland, a Grosse Pointe Farms public safety fire suppression specialist, late afternoon. "Wires

down everywhere."

She spent most of Wednesday fidgeting with two fire trucks parked at headquarters ready to go through fire bay doors propped open.

"All day there's been potential fires everywhere," she said. "I'm staying close to the driver's seat to jump in."

Harland monitored public safety radio dispatchers to keep current

on road closures and mentally map alternate fire routes around obstructed roads.

"I have to pay attention to be ahead of the game," she said.

A fallen tree on Muir between Grosse Pointe Boulevard and Kercheval was typical.

An American elm, estimated to be more than 70

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Park, Woods feel the chill

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — It's not every day a judge can "call it in" when holding probable cause hearings for criminal defendants, but that's exactly what Judge Ted Metry was forced to do Wednesday, March 8, when high winds forced him to preside over a hearing via phone.

"In felony cases, hearings must be held within a certain time frame unless defendants sign waivers," explained Court Administrator Susan Tobin. "Fortunately our IT guys and our court officer were able to rig up

phone lines and extension cords so we could use our phones and computers."

Not that things improved Thursday, March 9, a scheduled court date for the municipal court.

With the power out and the rest of the city hall complex closed, the court was able to operate on a generator. And while it provided enough power to have the lights on and computers running, there was no heat, forcing court personnel to wear coats, scarves and gloves.

"We hope to not do that again real soon," Tobin

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The fallout

Residents across the Grosse Pointes felt the effects of 60 mph winds that swept southeast Michigan nearly all day Wednesday, March 8. Thousands were without power through the weekend as residents and work crews dealt with downed trees and power lines.

For more storm coverage, see pages 6A through 8A.

A downed tree fell across the street in the 1300 block of Bishop, Grosse Pointe Park.

PHOTO BY PEGGY KUDLA

A lesson in tree wind resistance

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — Saturated soil let high winds last week pluck trees like a gardener pulling weeds.

"It was a wet winter," said Brian Colter, a certified arborist and city forester of Grosse Pointe Park and City. "We have a lot of water in the ground right now. Several trees uprooted leaving pools of water in holes created by absence of the root cap. Homeowners thought a water main break caused the trees to fall. No, it was

standing water."

Some of the usual suspects are blamed for littering shattered trunks and limbs throughout the community during nearly all-day winds reaching a reported 60 mph Wednesday, March 8.

"I noticed the majority of trees that uprooted were Lindens," Colter said.

Their compact branch structure, even without leaves, is an obstacle to wind.

"Now, they have fat buds, so they're very

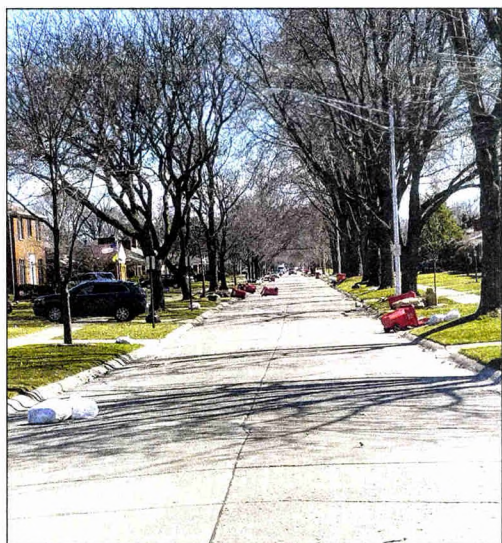
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A house on the 1600 block of Bournemouth, Grosse Pointe Woods.



A downed power line on the 1100 block of Paget Court, Grosse Pointe Woods.



Trash and garbage bins strewn along Aline, Grosse Pointe Woods.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Daddy Daughter Dance sign-up ends March 17

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — Think of the memories born next week when a father takes his daughter's hand to lighten hearts and deepen bonds during the all-Pointes Daddy Daughter Dance.

Advance registration, required, ends Friday, March 17, for the fifth annual dance, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25, for fathers and daughters age 12 and younger.

The setting is the main gym of Grosse Pointe South High School, 11

Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Tickets cost \$8 per person.

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The legacy continues

League Shop relocates, reopens

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Much of the community was saddened in January when Pat Brinker, owner of The League Shop on the Hill, chose to close the store and retire after 45 years in business. Brinker herself was saddened to move on, but she felt the time was right.

Thankfully, Patrick Fabian had been looking for an opportunity to invest.

"We were contacted by the lovely Mrs. Georgia Valente, who owns this building," Fabian said. "She contacted Pat Brinker and asked if there was any interest in moving The League Shop here."



Patrick Fabian, the new owner of The League Shop, plans to open the store Saturday, March 18.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

"Here" is 16847 Kercheval — the new home of The League

Shop, in the Village. Once the decision was made, everything came together quickly, Fabian said. With lots of hard work, the new shop is scheduled to open 10 a.m. Saturday, March 18.

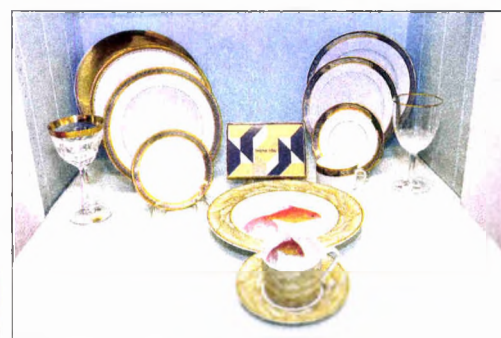
Fabian, who was a League Shop customer for 15 years — and whose mother and late grandmother also were customers — "didn't want to see the last iconic Grosse Pointe retailer go the way of others. The League Shop represents too much to let that history end. This was an opportunity to relocate to allow

the tradition to continue in a new setting."

Fabian said he's pleased to be a part of carrying on the shop's tradition.

"This business has meaning in many people's lives," he said. "It's part of the happiest days in people's lives — weddings, births, birthdays, anniversaries. It means something to many people. We hope the new League Shop will continue to serve the community and make moments special."

Fabian doesn't plan to make any jarring



The League Shop will continue to provide many customer favorites at the new location.

changes and promised customer favorites will continue to be available. From greeting cards and stationery to china, crystal and metalware, the shop carries an array of products for every taste and budget.

He said he plans to develop a stronger online presence and does have a few surprises planned.

"We want to continue the tradition and honor it, but also keep up with our customers' needs and desires," he said. "We'll still offer free delivery and free gift wrapping. And we do special orders. If it's not available in the store, we're happy to get it for you if we can."

Though Fabian's new to the business, he said some familiar faces from the previous store are joining him in the Village. Former owner Brinker also will serve in an advisory capacity.

With the added help, Fabian said things should run smooth, although a challenge he must face is fitting the shop into half of the space, "but we're

doing it. We will continue our arduous task of getting it in tip-top shape so we can give customers the experience they've come to know and love from The League Shop. We hope we might continue to be a valued resource to the Grosse Pointe community and the surrounding area and in doing so, continue to provide goods and services not available anywhere else locally."

Fabian, whose grandparents lived in Grosse Pointe Shores, graduated from Our Lady Star of the Sea School and Notre Dame High School. The 34-year-old lives in St. Clair Shores.

"At the end of the day, the Grosse Pointes are one of the most unique communities I've ever been a part of," he said. "We want to be a unique experience that makes customers feel at home and comfortable working with us. Nobody's doing what we're doing. We're continuing a very rich legacy every bit a

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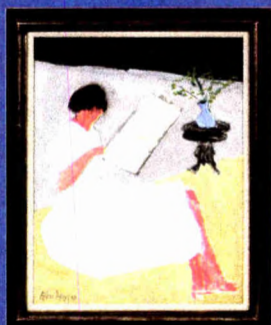
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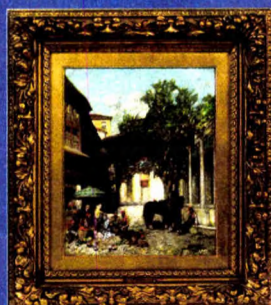
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May construction of Tennis House condos

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Councilman Peter Waldmeir needed one sentence to explain his parliamentary motion this week approving final site plans to transform the 80-year-old Tennis House from a private club with dwindling membership into 12 condominiums.

"It's an exciting adaptive reuse of an historic structure that benefits both history and the future," Waldmeir said.

A united city council Monday, March 13, also approved construction of two, one-story and two, 24-foot-tall, 1 1/2-story single family houses along the Tennis House driveway from the tip of Moselle Place, a dead end between Brownell Middle School and Belanger.

Matthew Kornmeier, director of property management for ANK Enterprises, owners and operators of the 1.5-acre club property since 2013, looks forward to less than one year of construction.

"Our goal is to start in May and be done in February 2018," he said. "Hopefully, there'll be an event to mark the last tennis match."

A 22-space underground garage will contribute to 35 spaces overall.

Construction access is from Chalfonte through the First Church of Christ, Scientist, driveway and parking lot.

"We won't burden Moselle Place with that," Kornmeier said.

The club's dome-shaped building has art deco flair reflecting groundbreaking during the mid-1930s by a select group of the social set.

Falling membership in recent years dropped below 100, making the single-court operation



RENDERING FROM ANK ENTERPRISES

Renovation of the Tennis House at the tip of Moselle Place in Grosse Pointe Farms preserves the 80-year-old dome-shaped structure by installing 12 condominiums on four floors, plus construction of four stand-alone dwellings due for completion in early 2018.

financially untenable, according to Kornmeier.

Site plans show a renovated Tennis House sectioned into four floors containing dwellings ranging from 1,321 to 2,405 square feet.

Mayor James Farquhar anticipates brisk sales.

"It's going to be something unique for Grosse Pointe Farms," he said. "I'm putting my faith in it with my vote."

Owners can't sublet their units, according to Kornmeier.

Site plans approved this week are equal in spirit, and nearly so in body, to those granted preliminary site plan approval in August.

"The only changes are in response to requests from the city, some comments and suggestions," Kornmeier said. "One change is the addition of a sidewalk on the north side of the main driveway."

It links the Moselle Place sidewalk for pedestrian circulation.

"We also added an (exterior) lighting plan," Kornmeier said. "It car-

ries adequate lighting for safety and doesn't negatively impact adjoining property."

Developers agreed to pay their share — an estimated \$100,000 to \$120,000 — of a longer and 33 percent larger water main to be installed the length of Moselle Place through condominium property to Chalfonte.

"It will improve water flow for existing homes on Moselle and this project," said Terry Brennan, director of Farms public services.

The portion of water main installed on city property is estimated to cost \$80,000.

"That will come from our water and sewer fund," said Shane Reeside, city manager.

In exchange for permission to make room for new construction by removing a dozen 12-inch-caliper trees, developers agreed to plant 19 replacements having trunks 3 to 3.5 inches in diameter.

Independent sewage and storm water disposal

networks foreshadow possible separation of the entire inland sewer district's combined system.

Underground storm runoff pretreatment and detention systems are designed to handle rain of up to 4.2 inches per hour.

Such storms are considered statistically likely once every 10 years, according to Paul Tulikangas, project engineer at Nowak & Fraus Engineers, the developer's civil engineers.

"This collection system is designed to pull water from roofs and surface drains into large-diameter piping designed to hold a quantity of water based on the increase in runoff compared to the existing site," Tulikangas said. "This is designed to store that increase in volume and outlet it at a rate that will not exceed the existing rate."

Future residents must join a homeowner's association.

Member responsibilities include maintaining the storm water system, road and landscaping.

Car in lake

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — At about 7:30 a.m. Monday, March 13, Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officers were dispatched to Lakeshore near the foot of Webber regarding a vehicle in Lake St. Clair, per Shores police.

The first arriving officers located the driver, a 51-year-old St. Clair

Shores man, in the water outside the vehicle near the break wall.

Two officers pulled him to safety. Grosse Pointe Woods Medic 5 was requested under mutual aid and took the driver to a local hospital.

At press time, the driver hadn't been interviewed to determine exactly how the accident occurred.

Time to spruce up pool

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The third and final phase of swimming pool lining at Neff Park is scheduled for completion well before summer activities start Memorial Day weekend.

The pool is 15 years old.

"The deep end's marcite surface is showing its age with delaminated sections and, in many areas, exposed concrete substructure," said Christopher Hardenbrook, director of parks and recreation.

Marcite is a smooth, plaster-like material topping applied about 1/2-inch thick over the rough pool shell.

Low-bidder Clearwater Pools of Ann Arbor won a \$28,095 contract to make repairs.

Two losing bidders wanted \$20,655 and \$25,905 more for the job.

"Clearwater has com-

pleted similar work in recent years for Grosse Pointe Park," Hardenbrook said.

"They have completed multiple pool resurfacing projects throughout southeastern Michigan."

An expansion crack also needs sealing.

"Marcite patching and black paint, in place of tiles, have been used up to this point as a temporary fix," Hardenbrook said.

The shallow end was relined three years ago. Lining the baby pool was two years ago.

"We'll be good for another 10-plus years," Hardenbrook said.

Recent spells of unseasonably warm weather allow park staff to get an early start preparing grounds and facilities, including flower beds, for the busy season to come.

"It's like a light switch," Hardenbrook said. "As soon as the weather turns, everybody thinks summer."

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, MARCH 20

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods begins curbside yard waste pickups
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe council meeting, 7 p.m., council chambers, 17147 Maumee.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores council meeting, 7 p.m., council chambers, 795 Lakeshore.

Sen. Patrick Colbeck to lead forum

The future of healthcare after the Affordable Care Act will be the focus of the Eastside Republican Club Forum featuring Sen. Patrick J. Colbeck at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Colbeck represents Michigan's 7th Senate District, which includes Canton, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and the city of Wayne.

Joining him at the forum are Chad Savage

M.D., of Brighton, a direct primary care physician, and Theresa McIntosh, of Grand Blanc, a self-insurance specialist.

Commenting in advance of the meeting, club chairman Dr. Annette DeSantis Feldpausch noted, "With or without Obamacare, or ACA, people still have healthcare alternatives. We look forward to learning about these choices for better healthcare at lower cost."

"The forum is open to

the public at no charge, so we invite anyone interested in the doctor-patient relationship to attend and take part in the discussion following the forum," she continued.

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Sen. Patrick J. Colbeck

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Center — Cottage & Pierson Clinic in the Farms.

Medical center administrator Candice Leveck said sponsorship reflects the organization's community focus.

"Close contact with the community resembles, in a sense, the tight relationship between a father and daughter," Leveck said.

"Each girl gets a rose," said Michele Eickhorst, Farms assistant park director and mother of

two girls ages, 8 and 3. "My oldest daughter still has all of hers. This year will be our 3-year-old's first time."

"New this year will be the Glass Slipper Princess strolling in her ball gown for photo opportunities with girls," said Christopher Hardenbrook, City park director. "She'll be there during the middle portion of the evening."

There are appetizers, desserts, refreshments and two photo stations for attendees to preserve the moment.

"We'll help them take pictures," Eickhorst said.

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Paying it forward

Entrepreneur donates portion of profits for bus tickets

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

City of Grosse Pointe resident Patti Kay took a hobby and turned it into a business and now is designating funds from that business to help those in need.

It all started with bus scrolls.

Kay, a self-described antiquer, saw a framed scroll in Country Living magazine and "fell in love with it," she said. "I knew I wanted one, but it had to be Detroit. And I knew I'd eventually find one."

She found five and held onto the first two for a year before formulating a plan.

With help from a large-format printer, Kay now has a digital file of her scrolls, which she prints on "anything printable." Her inventory at Detroit

Scroll includes scarves, shoulder bags, T-shirts, shot glasses, mugs and more.

Her pieces are available at more than 90 retailers around the state and she hosts a booth at Eastern Market every weekend. After several successful years with Detroit Scroll, Kay decided she'd like to start paying it forward.

"When I initially started, I never had a business plan," she said, "but I had a mental plan that included giving back. The time had come to move forward. Since it's all bus-related, I wanted to buy bus tickets for people who can't afford them."

Working with Cass Community Social Services, Kay plans to donate a portion of her proceeds to Cass, allo-

cated specifically for its transportation program. In her first three weeks of the plan, she was able to donate \$200 to Cass, which paid for 135 bus rides.

"I figure we take so much for granted," she said. "We jump in our cars and go to work or visit family or visit friends. This will provide transportation for someone who otherwise doesn't have it."

An added effect: "Then they can use the money they would have spent on bus tickets for utilities or food," she said.

Kay, a mother of three with a communications and marketing background, isn't new to donating. Last year she doled out \$5,600 to different organizations before settling on the idea of focusing on Cass.

"It all makes sense," she said. "This (business) comes from buses, sales provides money for bus tickets. This is all moving forward. I'm moving forward, the bus is moving forward, Cass is moving forward."

In addition to sales at Eastern Market and various vendors, Kay hosts a website — detroitscroll.com — and an Etsy store. She said in the short time she's been collecting for Cass, she's seen tremendous support from customers.

"Our market is phenomenal," she said. "I started sharing the (bus) program with my Eastern Market customers. They've been so generous. I explain to them that I'm donating to Cass with their purchase. Some have handed me more money on top of



Patti Kay

what they're paying. Some have wept. They're so moved.

"People are so innately kind and so generous," she continued. "Sometimes I feel like you have to have a grandiose plan to make change or do good, but really it's as simple as \$1.50 for a bus ticket. And this is making it easy for customers to be a part of something. It has

touched me to see how gracious people are. Cass is so thankful, too. They get a fixed dollar amount for that program — the funds only last a matter of months. It really has opened up my eyes to the needs that are there."

Kay has decided to call the Cass program "Thanks for the Ride." She said she feels it's what she was called to do.

"I love what I do," she said. "It's incredibly hard work because I still do it all by myself. While it's exciting and fun and adventurous, sometimes work is just that — work. This has breathed all new life into what I'm doing. People are just so glad to give. I feel so moved to be part of something."

For more information or to make a donation, call Kay at (313) 244-2101.

Grosse Pointe courts give fair shake, survey says

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Believers in the natural fairness of mankind have fresh findings to back it up.

Evidence comes from a counter-intuitive source, the Grosse Pointe municipal courts.

A combined average 90.75 percent of people appearing in court agreed or strongly

agreed their cases were handled fairly, according to standardized surveys of a total 251 voluntary and anonymous respondents during fall 2016.

In addition, 96.25 percent of respondents — including but not limited to defendants, plaintiffs, attorneys, witnesses and jurors — acknowledged their judge's courteous and respectful treatment.

Pointe judges are proud of the findings given 72.5 percent of people completing surveys attended court for

traffic or criminal violations.

"It's a pretty darn good statistic when you realize 100 percent of the people don't want to be in court, yet over 90 percent say they're satisfied with their experience," said Matthew Rumora, municipal judge in Grosse Pointe Farms and Shores. "If you treat people right, they'll give you a fair mark, too."

"If you treat people with respect, give them a fair hearing and rational-based decision, most people are going to be satisfied," said Carl

Jarboe, judge in Grosse Pointe Park.

"Sometimes, it's someone's first time in court," said Ted Metry, judge in Grosse Pointe Woods. "I try to explain things and let them know why they're being done."

"We get nice remarks from people we make pay money or go to jail," said City of Grosse Pointe Judge Russell Ethridge, earning a 100 percent courtesy rating. "This is a testament that the Grosse Pointe courts are connected to their communities. I think a lot of it is people see the mechanics of how (the court) works and feel comfortable they're getting a fair shake."

Annual surveys of trial courts statewide began four years ago by direc-

tion of the Michigan Supreme Court and State Court Administrative Office.

Individual Grosse Pointe tallies exceeded state averages in 80 percent of categories.

"Robert Young, chief justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, has pounded on us judges that this is about customer services," Ethridge said. "Citizens deserve a court that's responsive. They may not like what's happened to them, but at least we can explain it to them to make sure they understand."

"They're human beings," Rumora said. "Whether they're a regular customer in court or not, they deserve

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credit to Mrs. Pat Brinker, elevating life in Grosse Pointe for 45 years through her store. It's a great community and we're happy to be a part of it."

While Fabian has taken on the ownership role, Priscilla McCarthy will serve as manager —

"The face everyone sees," said Fabian, who will continue to serve as business manager at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

McCarthy said she hopes to host special events, tutorials or classes once or twice a month for clients.

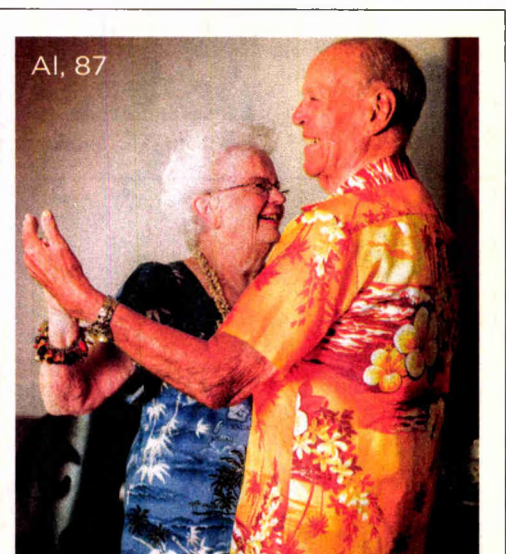
"I would love to have groups in," she said. "Since our business model is based on gracious entertainment, the least we can do is continue it in our practice."

In addition, The League Shop will offer Coffee for a Cause. Half the price of a \$2 cup of coffee covers supplies while the other half is donated to a different charity each month.

"This is truly my dream job. It's an amazing opportunity," McCarthy said. "We enjoy being a part of this community. The Village has so much vibrancy right now. We couldn't be more pleased."

Prior to opening, all the shop's fixtures were repurposed to create a sense of continuity, warmth and familiarity, McCarthy said. "We wanted people to come in and feel, 'I'm home. My favorite place didn't leave town. It just moved down the street.'"

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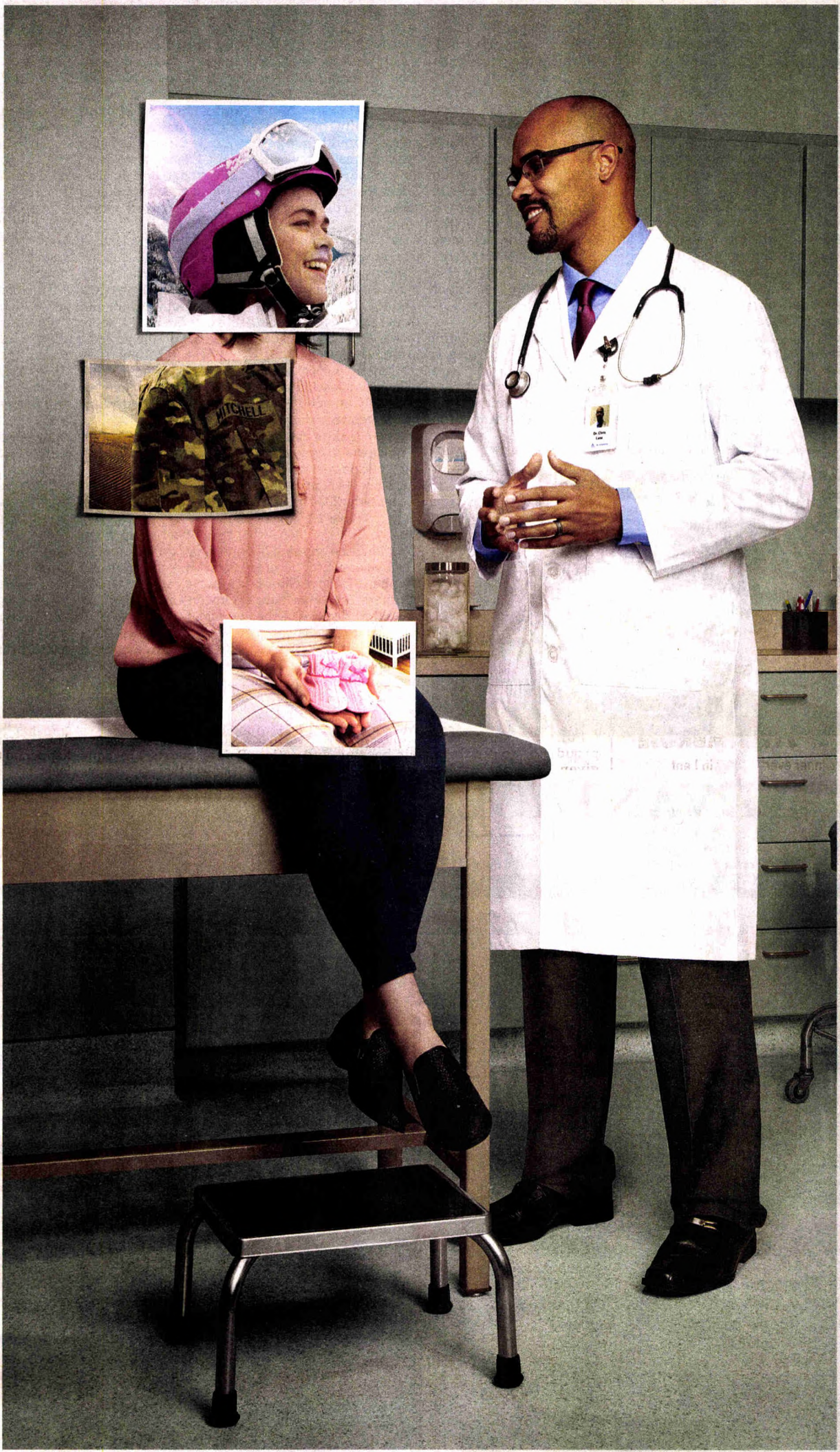
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Power outage means school's out

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park resident Kim Shine compared the prospect of power being restored to Christmas morning at her house. Two days of a power outage on her block on Bishop Road prompted the Facebook status, "When kids get Christmas-level excited at sight of 'DTE trucks! DTE trucks!'"

Like many families in the Pointes, Shine lost power in her home Wednesday, March 8, during high winds that caused 800,000 DTE Energy customers to lose power — the second-largest power outage in the company's history.

While weather-related school closings can be a welcome respite for students and their families, providing a break from homework and a schedule chock-full of after-school activities, closings due to a power outage extending over

several days likely resulted in students eager to return to their warm, well-lit classrooms with internet access.

Four of 14 schools in the district were affected — Defer Elementary School, Parcels and Pierce middle schools and Grosse Pointe North High School — with schools closed Thursday and Friday. In some households — as in Shine's — siblings were divided, with some headed to school while others remained home.

"There were tears," Shine said.

Power was restored over the weekend and all schools were open Monday, March 13.

After-school and evening activities were canceled, including swimming classes at Parcels, to be made up the week of April 10. Parent-teacher conferences scheduled Thursday at Parcels and Pierce were rescheduled 4:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday,

March 23. Students registered to take the SAT at North Saturday were redirected to Brownell Middle School.

Perhaps most disappointed over the extended outage were the cast and crew of North's musical, "The Addams Family," scheduled to open March 9. Because the show must go on, organizers rescheduled performances for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, Friday, March 17, and Saturday, March 18, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 19. Patrons were able to request exchanges or refunds earlier in the week or purchase new tickets at Wild Birds Unlimited. Tickets also are available at the door prior to each performance.

To accommodate the schedule change, North's band and orchestra concert changed its venue from the Christian A. Fenton

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years old, resisted a lifetime's threat from Dutch elm disease but couldn't stand up to 60 mph gusts.

It landed partially on Yvonne Hewlett's childhood home, ripping gutters, shingles and siding from a front corner. Limbs shattered the rear window of a Honda Civic parked in a driveway next door.

"It's a city tree (growing between curb and sidewalk)," said Hewlett shortly after 4 p.m. "They should be responsible for this. My mom had asked the city to take it down years ago."

"Typically, the homeowner would make a claim on their homeowner's insurance," said Shane Reeside, Farms city manager. "If the insurance company wanted to subordinate, they would contact our carrier. Or, if the homeowner wants to make a claim for property damage they feel results from the city, they would forward that claim to our insurance carrier."

"Generally speaking, a fallen tree in a wind storm is usually an act of God, but homeowners have the ability to make a claim."

Hewlett surveyed damage while power remained out since 11 a.m. at her house in the 2000 block of Brys, Grosse Pointe Woods.

"I didn't see any sign of disease or rot," said Stephen Tate, a Shock Brothers crewman contracted to dispose of the elm using chainsaw and wood chipper. "We're probably going to work all night and most of tomorrow. There's a tree down by the police department. We're waiting for DTE to shut off the line so we can cut it. DTE's swamped right now. There's lines down everywhere."

One mile west at the



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A power cable flares in a Lakeland Court backyard, City of Grosse Pointe.

north end of Lakeland Court near Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe, a downed power wire behind a house hummed and flared among broken limbs and a wooden stockade fence.

Blake Jordan, 11, a Maire Elementary School fifth-grader and nearby resident, stood straddling his bicycle a few drive-ways away.

From under a Detroit Tigers baseball cap he watched public safety officers do what little they could about the wire and threat of fire until a utility crew shut off the power.

"I was thinking they should put water on it, but then I realized water can carry electrical current," Jordan said.

Current can travel upstream and injure firefighters.

Jordan's been taught well about fallen power lines.

"Stay back from them and don't go close, ever, unless you're an adult and know exactly what's going on and what to do," he said.

While Jordan watched, a Golden retriever with gray muzzle monitored him from behind a neighbor's storm door.

"That's Casey," Jordan said. "She will not leave that yard, even if someone's running and calling her, unless it's her owner calling her. Great dog."

At the same time on

back-to-back blocks of Rivard and University between Charlevoix and Goethe, officers monitored the fallout of an evergreen tree blown against power cables along rear easements.

"There's a lot of sparking back there," said Officer Joshua Ina on Rivard.

"A primary line's down," said Lt. Al Gwyn on University. "We've been watching it for about five hours."

They had to wait for power to be switched off.

On the corner of LaSalle Place and Kerby in the Farms, the fallen tree the Shock Brothers crewman talked about lay across a front lawn, power lines and both lanes of Kerby between the fire station and Grosse Pointe Boulevard.

Upturned cap roots severed below the flare measured 15 feet wide.

A DTE Energy line watcher kept people behind yellow caution tape marking live wires. It was getting close to 5 p.m. and a company spokesman reported power out to more than 600,000 customers in the metropolitan area.

The line watcher escorted Martha Fedirko and her two daughters, aged 1 and 2 1/2, of Grosse Pointe Park, to her in-law's house on Kerby across from the tree.

"It took me 25 minutes to get here," said Fedirko. "It takes 12 minutes usually."

Snapped trees and limbs blocked her normal route.

"It was like driving through a maze," she said. "I finally gave up and figured I could park at the police station and walk."

Post-recession resumption of city-owned tree trimming in Grosse Pointe Shores prevented greater damage during the storm, according to Brett Smith, public works director.

"We only lost one city tree, a pine tree beside city hall," he said.

Power outages and road blockages lasted through the weekend.

"I don't know exactly when it's coming back on," Smith said. "I think people who have generators are very happy right now."

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Community comes together to create warming shelters

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Last week's wind storm and related power outages throughout south-east Michigan proved to be quite a test run for setting up emergency shelter for those left in the dark.

As winds, reported at upwards of 60 mph, downed trees and power lines Wednesday, March 8, leaving thousands of residents literally powerless, it became apparent to several community leaders an action plan was needed.

"None of the five cities had any plan in place for an emergency like this," said Deb Miller, director of communications and fund advancement at Services for Older Citizens. "Grosse Pointe North was certified as a shelter site by the Red Cross, but that certification expired in 2010. (SOC) immediately set ourselves up Thursday morning as a warming center."

Miller said as employees were heading home Thursday night at 9 p.m., there were six seniors still in the building with nowhere to go.

"One of them was a 78-year-old woman and her 98-year-old mother who had to leave our building and go home to a cold, dark house," she said. "It was heartbreaking. But we weren't ready for what it would take to

be an overnight shelter."

A series of phone calls Friday morning set up a partnership between SOC, the Grosse Pointe Public School System, area hospitals and the five public safety departments. Pier Park and the Lavins Activity Center agreed to provide shelter, as did Henry Ford Cottage Hospital in the Farms.

Cottage set up space outside of its emergency room. The school system designated Brownell Middle School as an overnight shelter. It took nearly a full day of phone calls with numerous government agencies and churches, but eventually cots were released from Selfridge Air National Guard base. By Friday night, Brownell officially was announced as a warming center.

Miller said along with the school district, "the police department jumped right in with rotating officers to make sure everyone was safe."

However, "No one stayed at Brownell (Friday night)," GPPSS Community Relations Specialist Rebecca Fannon said. "Two SOC friends that were planning to stay overnight at Brownell had their power come on just as they were about to head our way and we were all grateful for that."

Brownell was not opened the following night after consultations

with DTE, SOC and public safety.

Despite the closure, continued efforts were made to keep people warm. SOC's Meals on Wheels drivers checked on clients and Miller called home-care agencies to offer shelter to their clients.

"We had an 87-year-old man whose home (temperature) had gone down to 28 degrees," Miller said. "He had no idea what to do. He came (to SOC) Saturday. We walked him to Cottage Saturday night."

"Cottage hosted people Friday and Saturday nights," she continued, "and SOC had people Thursday, Friday and Saturday. By Sunday enough power had been restored."

The plan served as a test run, Miller said, and helped begin an emergency action plan, but more work needs to be done.

"Now we're putting together a task force so we can figure this out so in the future we know what to do," she said. "I'm not sure how it will all shake out, but the municipalities, school district, hospitals and SOC will come up with a plan to figure this out. This is a great opportunity for us to put something in place that will work well in the future."

Miller said SOC is

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said with a laugh, noting she expected the court to be its usual formal, orderly self this week.

Power was restored to the city hall complex in time for normal office hours Friday.

The Public Safety Department also operated via generator, fielding several calls related to storm damage.

According to Director John Kosanke, his department responded to five small fires caused by arcing wires; three trees down, including one on a house; 10 calls reporting downed power lines and four additional incidents involving trees and power lines. There also were reports of phone and cable outages in the area of North Renaud and Fairway.

"We were able to operate with the generator and our 911 lines were working, so we made it through without any issues," said Kosanke.

The only problem his department faced was maintenance work being done on the department's non-emergency phone lines by WOW, the city's service provider. A NIXLE alert was sent to residents notifying them of alternative phone numbers to use in the event of a non-emergency and a reminder to always use 911 for emergencies.

"We had arranged with WOW to do the maintenance overnight, from 1 a.m. to 3 a.m. in order to provide the least disruption for our residents," Kosanke explained. He said the work has gone on as scheduled in spite of the outages.

He said his department was ready for any problems Monday's snow could cause.

"It could be worse," he said. "Just look back to last week."



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Traffic lights were out across the Pointes, including here at Torrey and Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Grosse Pointe Park

It came as a surprise to those who work at the Lavins Activity Center in Grosse Pointe Park that they did not lose power during last week's storm.

"Normally, we're the first to go out," said Lavins Activities Director Mary Beth Hathaway.

Thankfully for the hundreds of Park residents who did lose power, the Lavins Center remained open and residents were invited to come and use the shower facilities.

"Residents were so happy to have showers and a plug for their hair dryers," Hathaway said,

"not to mention the fact they enjoyed being someplace where it was warm."

Hathaway said the center saw a steady stream of traffic as the outages continued into the weekend, adding that the Park's two movie theaters also saw an uptick in patrons.

"Many were familiar faces, but there were some new faces this past weekend," she said.

As of Monday, there was a pocket of residents near Patterson Park who were still without power.

Public Safety Director Stephen Poloni said his department, while busy with reports of downed trees and power lines, handled all events with no lag in services.

"We were fortunate that the city hall complex did not lose power," Poloni said. "We assisted with warming centers at Services for Older Citizens and Brownell, and we had residents watching out for other residents. We're happy to report we had no real problems."

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working with Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, Wayne County, the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods to secure a grant for a generator that will keep the entire building functioning, “so we can become an emergency heating and cooling center.”

GPPSS looked at the event in a positive light as well.

“The district made solid connections with community partners,” Fannon said. “GPPSS thanks all who came together to support our community



PHOTO BY PEGGY KUDLA

A downed tree in the 1300 block of Bishop, Grosse Pointe Park.

(Friday and Saturday). Please keep an eye out for neighbors, especially our elderly.”

Mary Anne Brush contributed to this report.



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ADTE Energy wire watcher escorts Martha Fedirko and her two daughters aged 1 and 2 1/2, of Grosse Pointe Park, to her in-law's house on Kerby.

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Performing Arts Center to Brownell's multipurpose room at its previously scheduled date and time of 7 p.m. Thursday, March 16.

Monteith Elementary

School's PTO fundraiser, “Ladies Night Out,” postponed due to a power outage at the Lochmoor Club, was rescheduled 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 24, and will be held at Assumption Cultural Center.

Among postponed events still to be resched-

uled was the Raising Global Leaders forum presented by the Grosse Pointe Public School System and moderated by the League of Women Voters. The event is open to all community members. A new date will be posted on gpschools.org.

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dense,” Colter said. “Sadly, many trees that blew over were the healthiest. They had thick crowns and buds. It made for a lot of unhappy homeowners.”

Many mature ornamental pear trees yielded wimpy limbs.

“The old Bradford pear has an inferior branching structure,” Colter said. “They’ve improved them with new Callery pear.”

Branches of Bradford pear typically grow at acute angles from the trunk, forming tight Vs instead of a stronger 90-degree joint.

“They grow against each other as they mature, creating a tight crotch. Decay sets in,” Colter said. “None of the pears uprooted, but several branches sheered off in strong wind because of weak crotches.”

Some trees are more resistant to wind than others, yet variables such as root strength, growing conditions and location apply.

Studies of the bending resistance of wood date to at least Leonardo da Vinci and Galileo, although they were more concerned with designing stronger catapults than ornamental landscapes.

Their work is mentioned in 2016 laboratory research at École Polytechnique in Paris concluding tree trunks of

all types and sizes are likely to break in 90 mph wind.

Contributing variables for toppling are rotten roots and “rain-moistened ground,” according to a report at physics world.com.

A tree's ability to absorb wind of hurricane strength is a concern in America's gulf region.

Stormscaping is such a big part of landscaping in Florida that Palm Beach County landscape designer and author Pamela Crawford titled one of her 10 books after it.

In her article, “Wind Tolerance for Trees in the Palm Beach Landscape,” Crawford details the suitability of 90 types of trees.

Most species are hardy only up to Zones 9 or 8, Florida through southern Georgia.

Yet, two rating high for wind resistance grow in Michigan, bald cypress and live oak.

“Bald cypress is also useful in areas prone to flooding because it falls less than most other species in wet soil,” Crawford wrote.

In 2004, oaks shrugged off 130-mph Hurricane Charley.

“The only problem I have with live oaks is they are so good we may end up with too many of them,” Crawford wrote.

Her examination of a fallen oak concluded location to be a contributing factor.

“(The) tree was planted within a few feet of (a)

driveway,” Crawford wrote. “Since roots of the tree resisted growing under concrete, (the) tree lost stability on that side and fell over.”

Wind needn't shred a tree to kill it.

“Strong winds cause trees to sway, pulling and stretching their roots,” according to “How Wind Affects Trees,” a 2001 article by William Chaney of Purdue University. “The movement disrupts root soil contact, decreasing water absorption and increasing the severity of water stress.”

Evergreens seem most vulnerable, although they may hang on for two years until leaves turn yellow and the tree dies, according to “Wind and Trees: Lessons Learned from Hurricanes,” by Mary Duryea and Eliana Kampf of the University of Florida extension service.

“The causes of yellowing and pine death are not completely understood,” they wrote. “It is likely due to hidden damage produced by bending and twisting. Prolonged winds may also rupture smaller roots without breaking larger support roots.”

A factor mitigating damage last week in the Pointes was trees barren of wind-catching leaves.

“I thought several times, thank goodness it isn't the middle of summer when they have leaves because it would have been 10 times worse,” Colter said.



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The event included a celebrity bowl auction featuring bowls made by Bill

Ford; Detroit Lions players Matthew Stafford, Ziggy Ansah and DeAndre Levy; Detroit Tigers alumni Willie Horton and Lou Whitaker; General Motors' Alan Batey and Mary Barra; Big Sean and more.

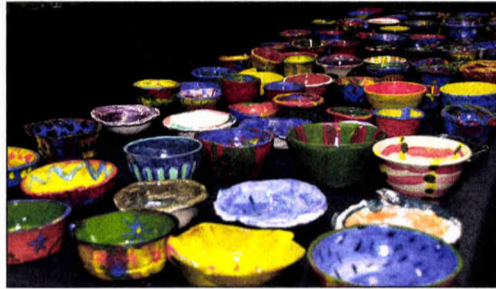
Online bids are accepted until April 1. To bid on a celebrity bowl, visit 32auctions.com/EmptyBowlsDetroit2017.

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Four-year-old Nicolas Sebastian, holding a bag with the bowl he selected, couldn't wait to get back to the table before he got to work on his cupcake.



Kate Duncan, a freshman at Grosse Pointe South High School, and Nikolina Leggett, a sophomore at Grosse Pointe North High School, are served soup by volunteers. Fourteen different soups were served.



Above, 7-year-old Penelope Routsis helps her grandmother, Penny Khorraminia, sell tickets to the event. Top left, Dimitri Mitropetros, Costa Mitropetros, Michael Vespa and Mattheos Mitropetros look over the selection of bowls. Bottom left, hundreds of bowls were created by volunteers in anticipation of Empty Bowls.

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I SAY By Mary Anne Brush
Tell the one about
... The lost art of
jokes, storytelling

My father loved to tell jokes. One recent morning, my brother and I exchanged his favorite punch lines via text in a nostalgic tribute.

“From here, Doc?”
“Good, though.”
“Had to. Dead, you know.”

This last has to be told with a British accent. The line leading up to it is: “So sorry, old chap. Heard you buried your wife.”

In the first, a patient responds to a doctor’s instructions to deposit a urine specimen in one of the vials on the counter across the room.

For my brother and me, the full jokes are no longer necessary. The punch lines alone bring back the memory of our father’s laughter.

Here’s a family favorite:
“I’m sorry to tell you this, but you have only six months to live.”
“I think I’ll need a second opinion, Doc.”
“OK. You’re ugly, too.”

The jokes were always clean. If the original version included a salty word or two, my father would replace it with something PG-rated. They were never offensive and we never laughed at anyone’s expense.

He loved the one- or two-liner, but he also enjoyed the occasional shaggy dog story. I remember him telling us the actual shaggy dog story — a long, drawn-out tale of a person’s search to fulfill a request for a shaggy dog. You know the punch line, of course, when the long sought-after dog, after much effort, expense and travel across the globe, is finally delivered: “Not that shaggy.”

He also loved coming up with his own jokes. There was one about absence making the heart grow fonder. It involved the liqueur absinthe, an adult male deer — not a stag, but a hart — the actor Henry Fonda and a misplaced comma. It never really made sense — “Absinthe makes the hart grow, Fonda” — but he worked awfully hard on it. Sometimes we laughed just to make him stop.

A one-liner he was particularly proud of fell into his lap. He took part in a hike organized by the English department at his university. One of the professors, an annoying fellow named Max, didn’t accompany them on the hike, giving others the opportunity to complain about him.

“This has become quite the anti-Max climb,” my father quipped.

Some of my childhood favorites were tales from his own youth. There was the little girl who stomped her foot and said, “I’m sick, sick, sick of playing house!”

There was the little boy looking out his classroom window. “Hey Teach, look at the boid!”

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After the wind knocked out power at Sarah Schwartz’s Grosse Pointe Woods home Wednesday, March 8, she knew the next morning her frog, Godzilla, would not survive the cold, so she put him, his tank and his heat lamp in the car and brought him to work at the Neighborhood Club Thrift Shop on Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe. Staff said shoppers enjoyed having him there the duration of the power outage.

Forum postponed

Last Thursday our forum, Raising Global Leaders, had to be postponed. The goal was to present the Grosse Pointe Public School System’s diversity plan and have an impressive panel of local and state experts answer questions from the community. The district is working to establish a new date now that power has been restored at all of our schools. As we move forward it is important to clarify that GPPSS is the sole sponsor of this forum that will be moderated by the nonpartisan League of Women Voters. We will use the league’s procedures for Q&A that our community knows well. Please watch for a new date to be announced soon and come with your friends and neighbors to hear how we seek to promote unity.

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LETTERS

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

GUEST COLUMN By Dirk Milliman

Sunshine Week explained

Our nation’s 13th annual Sunshine Week kicked off Sunday, March 12, with a gala event at the Department of Commerce Research Library in Washington, D.C.

But most of us didn’t attend. In fact, most of us don’t have a clue what Sunshine Week is or what it is all about. So here’s the background.

Started in 2005, Sunshine Week encourages openness in government. All government. At the national level, in your state government and all the way down to your county board, your city council, your township trustees.

Sunshine Week was started by press-types. Reporters’ organizations, including the Society of Professional Journalists and the American Society of Newspaper Editors, were among the founding forces. But Sunshine Week is really about you. YOUR access to government meetings. YOUR access to government information.

Elected or appointed, government is, after all, about you. You are “We the People.” Government doesn’t spend any of its own money. It spends your money. Government works for you at all levels.

The same is true of government information. In most cases, that

information belongs to you, the taxpayer.

And that is what Sunshine Week is all about. Open government.

Citizens are encouraged to recognize units of government or government officials that practice open government. And citizens also are asked to encourage those in office to be even more open with public records, which, after all, belong to the public.

In Lansing, legislation has again been introduced that would open government information and records at the state level by subjecting the office of the governor and all elected state senators and representatives to the public. The Legislative Open Records Act and changes to the Freedom Of Information Act laws were introduced in the House late last year. These changes moved through the House with nearly unanimous support only to die in the Senate in the lame duck session.

Early this year, a similar package of bills which included LORA and FOIA changes was introduced in the House with bi-partisan support. A press conference at the introduction featured more than 100 representatives who support the changes. This marks a great change for openness in Michigan. We are one of only two states that

exempt the governor’s office and the state Legislature from FOIA. This legislative class seems to “get it” — hiding the public’s information is wrong.

There are still exemptions to complete transparency in the new LORA and FOIA legislation. Communications between you and your representatives are still considered confidential, as are several categories of work product and deliberative information.

But in all, these steps are being taken in the proper direction. Citizens are soon to be that much closer to full and complete access to all the workings of their government.

So, how best to celebrate Sunshine Week, you ask? Sunshine Week is best observed when local citizens share their concerns and kudos with elected members of their governments — at all levels of government. Thank them for their openness. Encourage them to be even more open. Praise them for their hard and thankless work.

And let them know you are watching. During Sunshine Week. And every week.

Milliman is the owner of Milliman Communications and president and publisher of Three Rivers Commercial Inc.

GUEST COLUMN By John T. Fox

Officials should work together for future of health care

Delivering effective, efficient and extraordinary healthcare to all requires full access to care. Health insurance, either private or government, is essential to that access, which is why Beaumont Health is urging President Donald Trump and members of Congress to tread carefully as they consider changes to the Affordable Care Act.

As of February 2017, about 12 million Americans have gained access to care through ACA plans on federal or state exchanges. Nearly 1 million people in

Beaumont’s home state of Michigan have health coverage through the ACA or the Healthy Michigan Medicaid expansion plan. Some 61,000 people are now getting treatment at our facilities as a result of the Healthy Michigan Plan. Some of these individuals have very serious health conditions such as cancer, heart disease and diabetes.

Greater access to care strengthens our ability to improve the health and wellness of the patients, families and communities we and other health

systems serve.

Any disruption to access and coverage would be devastating to the health of those who are now insured and receiving treatment for acute or chronic conditions. Keeping patients healthy begins with health insurance coverage, so they can have access to physicians and primary care sooner rather than later. Preventive screenings, immunizations and tests help to prevent illness or detect it at the earliest, most treatable stages. When care is provided earlier at lower cost, a

medical condition can be stopped from advancing to a more serious state and unnecessary medical risk and cost can be avoided.

Repeal of the ACA without an adequate replacement plan could well wreak havoc on both the health and economic stability of our patients, clinicians, hospitals and communities.

In a letter sent on behalf of the hundreds of thousands of people we care for annually, the leadership of Beaumont Health asked President

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The opinions expressed in letters and guest columns are not necessarily views shared by the Grosse Pointe News.

Poloni presents annual public safety report

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — There were reasons to be pleased with the annual public safety report Director Stephen Poloni presented to the city council Monday night, es-

pecially with the declines in some major crimes.

"Home invasions are at a five-year low," Poloni told the council. "From 43 in 2012, we were down to 20 last year, which was down from 29 the year before."

Poloni said statistics

overall are "flat," in comparison to 2015. Crimes rose from 393 in 2015 to 399 in 2016, with part of that rise coming from a spike in car thefts, which rose from 22 in 2015 to 31 in 2016, but remained well below the high of 56 in 2013.

The annual report includes data on both index crimes, which focus on more serious offenses including homicide, rape, burglary and aggravated assault, and non-index crimes — less serious offenses like malicious destruction of property and fraud.

Poloni noted a rise in both of those crimes, suggesting distracted driving as the cause for the spike in malicious destruction of property cases, from 20 in 2015 to 26 in 2016.

He said his officers are seeing more cases of cars jumping curbs and hitting poles or fire hydrants and believes distracted

driving — using a cell phone while driving — may be the cause.

"We are working to get the message out to drivers to not use their phones while driving," he said. "Distracted driving causes accidents."

The annual report also showed a spike in fraud cases from 12 in 2015 to 21 in 2016, a hike Poloni attributes to the increase in identity theft.

"It's important for our residents to know they need to be careful with their personal identification," Poloni told the council. "This is a number that has been going up every year."

In all, the Department

of Public Safety responded to 9,783 calls for service, a 31 percent increase over the previous year. Included in those calls were fire runs, totaling 165 and ambulance runs, totaling 308. According to Poloni, fire runs included fires, smoke investigations, fire alarms, utility hazards and fuel spills.

Councilman James Robson praised the report.

"I want to commend you and your department," Robson said. "The fact that there were only three robberies is remarkable. It reflects

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Trump and lawmakers to carefully consider the most essential elements of the ACA in discussion of a future healthcare system.

Keeping the ACA's "10 essential benefits," such as maternity and newborn care, mental health, substance abuse and pediatric services, will help maintain early interventions, so conditions can still be addressed earlier and at less cost.

Uninterrupted care for the millions covered by the ACA must be maintained and so should benefits such as protections against rescinding insurance benefits after a person becomes ill; coverage for children to age 26 and those with pre-existing conditions; and preventive and primary wellness coverage that's essential to healthier lives and lower health care costs.

The ACA has pushed

our industry to make improvements in quality and the patient experience. And provider organizations have answered the call. Support for technological advancements that improve care coordination such as telehealth and electronic health records, should continue because they enhance access to care and improve quality and safety. Technology can also help avoid duplicate care.

Support for research to eradicate diseases such as cancer, and to identify best treatments for chronic conditions, should not only continue, but increase.

To combat physician and nurse shortages, support for training of healthcare professionals must also increase.

Healthcare bureaucracy can impede our ability to offer patient and family-centered care. So any new healthcare proposal needs to streamline regulations and protocols that limit

clinicians' time with patients.

Decisive action is needed to address the sharp rise in pharmaceutical prices that is straining hospital budgets and preventing people from getting the lifesaving drugs they need.

We implore our elected leaders to work with those of us in healthcare in determining what's best for the future of the system as they consider new policy directions.

Mapping the best way forward for the health of our nation is an important, laborious task. Caregivers and those who support patient care at hospitals and health systems nationwide work collaboratively every day to improve the health and wellness of the patients and families we serve. We urge our federal and state officials to also work together in a bipartisan manner to ensure the best possible healthcare for all Americans.

John T. Fox is president and CEO of Beaumont Health based in Southfield.

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"That's not a boid, Robert, it's a bird."

"That's funny. Choips like a boid."

There were boyhood summers spent in Maine at a place called Max's Camp. Max would make breakfast for the campers. He would ask each how they wanted their eggs. After taking individual orders of two eggs over easy, one egg sunny-side up, two poached eggs — you get the idea — he would produce scrambled eggs all around.

One of my father's favorite stories was about the campers taking turns cooking. The rule was you would cook until somebody complained. People wised up, keeping their mouths shut even if the food was terrible. As a result, one guy got stuck cooking so long he

had finally had it. He found several cow pies in a nearby pasture and fried them up in a pan over the campfire for dinner.

The first camper to take a bite looked up. "Hey, this tastes like cow dung!" (Another word would have been funnier, but remember, my father always kept it clean.)

The camper looked back down at his plate and resumed eating.

"Good, though."

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respect."

"There's something called black robe disease," Jarboe said. "Some judges strut their stuff. But, that's not what we do. I treat people how I want to be treated."

Responses to each of six questions seeking opinions yielded across-the-board positive percentage responses in the Pointes:

Efficiency

- ◆ City 83,
- ◆ Farms-Shores 82,
- ◆ Park 96,
- ◆ Woods 89 and
- ◆ statewide 86;

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- ◆ statewide 93;

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- ◆ statewide no results;

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- ◆ City 96,
- ◆ Farms-Shores 90,
- ◆ Park 86,
- ◆ Woods 96 and
- ◆ statewide 86.

Crime up in Farms during 2016

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

A man serving up to 15 years in prison for taking things that don't belong to him is blamed for nearly single-handedly boosting the city's crime statistics last year.

Larceny and car theft virtually doubled in Grosse Pointe Farms during the 2016 spree, causing huge percentage increases in crime for the period.

"One person can change our entire statistics when you look at percentages — one guy, Mark Paul Dessert, who decided to break into a whole bunch of cars or go into a whole bunch of homes," said Detective Lt. Richard Rosati.

Dessert, 44, of Warren, preyed on unlocked vehicles and houses.

"I can almost assure you," Rosati said, "that next year you'll see negative percentages on crime because, if we're lucky, we won't get one heroin addict who latches onto a good thing, finds a bunch of unlocked cars with a lot of goods in them and comes back tomorrow and the day after."

"He was a one-man crime wave," said Detective Tom Shimko. "He got prosecuted in the Farms, Park and City and various cities around the area."

Dessert's opportunism is a primer for crime prevention.

"He stole unlocked vehicles with (ignition) keys in them," said Detective Tom Shimko. "He was able to gain access to garages and homes because the cars had garage door openers in them."

Some 13 auto thefts

last year, a 113 percent increase from 2015, plus 128 reported cases of larceny, a 91 percent increase, contributed to 89.2 percent more major property crime reported during 2016 than the year before.

"We recovered all those cars," Rosati said.

Figures come from the 2016 public safety annual report, released recently.

Homicide went up 100 percent due to the city's first case in 36 years. Investigation resulted in the conviction of a Warren handyman and a sentence of 30 to 60 years in prison for second-degree murder.

Major property crime represented 98.1 percent of all major crime reported during the year.

The figure is alarming except, Rosati said, considering major crime represented only 1.8 percent

of all crime in the Farms during the year.

"Grosse Pointe Farms is as safe a place to live now as it's been for the 30 years I've been doing this," Rosati said. "The stats are a little skewed because one or two individuals hurt us bad."

A partial comparison of reported crime during 2016 compared with 2015 is:

- ◆ larceny, up 91 percent, 128 from 61;
- ◆ auto theft, up 113 percent, 17 from 8;
- ◆ burglary up 83 percent, 11 from 6;
- ◆ armed robbery, up 100 percent, 2 from 1;
- ◆ unarmed robbery, up 200 percent, 2 from none;
- ◆ malicious destruction of property, up 15 percent, 15 from 13 and
- ◆ bicycle theft, down 36 percent, 11 from 17.

There were no reports of aggravated assault, rape or arson.

Fire fighting

Farms firefighters deployed 133 times last year, a 41 percent increase from 94 runs during 2015.

Some 74 runs during 2016 were false alarms.

There were 18 fires — four structures, two cars and seven miscellaneous. Property loss totaled \$145,600 versus \$12,000 the prior year.

Farms firefighters provided mutual aid to other cities five times. In turn, other cities gave the Farms mutual aid eight times compared to none the year before.

Traffic

Of 158 traffic wrecks during 2016, down from 212 in 2015, 35 caused personal injury but no deaths.

Some 38 wrecks were off-road, including three

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that Grosse Pointe Park is a safe place to live, work and play."

Robson also pointed to the drop in home invasions, saying it indicated hard work by "our troops on the ground."

"We have an outstanding public safety department," he said.

Council member Dan Clark praised Poloni for keeping residents informed through the marked increase in NIXLE alerts.

"It is appreciated by everyone," Clark said.

Poloni's report also included recognition of officers who received awards in 2016.

Department commendations were given to Public Safety Officers Paul Pionk, Brady Baetens and Thomas Lazarski and Chief Dispatcher Jill Mazzara; a Distinguished Service Award was given to Public Safety Officer Daniel Kolar; Life Saving Award to Public Safety Officer Erik Davis; and receiving Chief's Letters were Detective Jeremy Pittman, Detective Mike Narduzzi and Public Safety Officer Paul Pionk.

K-9 coming along

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The city's police dog, Duke, stuck its nose into so many people's business last year it earned a merit award from the public safety director.

"Duke has been a great addition to the Grosse Pointe Farms police department," said Chief Dan Jensen.

The 2-year-old German shepherd's handler, Officer Tim Harris, has been with it since puppyhood.

"Officer Harris has proven a stellar handler," Jensen said. "Together they make a great team and provide for a safer Farms."

Primary duties are



PHOTO BY TIM HARRIS

Duke supports the Grosse Pointe South High School Blue Devil's basketball team while providing security during a home game.

sniffing for narcotics and tracking the scent of suspects or evidence.

Police dogs are trained to think of work as a game with rewards for winning.

"At the end of tracking,

we play tug-of-war," Harris said. "Duke gets a ball at the end of narcotics detection. I give him a biscuit every time he finds a piece of evidence."

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The War Memorial is removing the November 2017 opening of The Patriot Cinema in order to best determine our Association's next steps.

As we reevaluate our plans, and to assist in the decision-making process, our Board of Directors has commissioned a substantive parking study, collaborating with public safety experts and working toward partnership with our neighbors, to integrate its recommendations into the vision of a broader use of our performing arts space. At the study's completion, the revised and reevaluated plan will define an opening date, and not vice versa.

In the interim, we will proceed with board-approved plans to make necessary capital improvements to the aging infrastructure of the 1962 Fries building to ensure basic safety and accessibility standards for our guests. We expect this process to take 12 to 18 months.

Given the above, the City Council work session scheduled for March 29 have been canceled.

Our mission remains the same: to honor the legacy of our veterans and the freedoms they've provided us by providing a culturally-diverse portfolio of traditional and contemporary arts, entertainment and educational experiences that our broader community can benefit from, enjoy and support.

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No Osius well rate increase

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Municipal boat well rental rates are unchanged this boating season.

The cost to rent a slip at Osius Park marina stays the same as in 2016.

"The park and harbor did not request an increase in well rates this (summer)," said Councilman Robert Barrette, chairman of the Grosse Pointe Shores parks and harbor committee. "But, it did commit to a 3 percent raise in November."

City council approval is needed. "I will bring that back to council

in the next one to two (monthly) meetings," Barrette said.

Smooth seas don't make skillful sailors and the marina budget's drag on city finances has committee members plotting ways to raise revenue.

"Maybe we should have a surcharge for water and electric for non-metered customers," Barrette said. "We're going to review that and talk to Rhonda (Ricketts, finance director) about that. Other places do that."

Dock repairs

Worn-out decking on finger docks is due for replacement. Planks are a composite material

attached by screws to underlying framework.

"Decking repairs are going to start soon as the screws come in," Barrette said. "It uses up to 50,000 screws."

Work focuses on the inland end of the marina.

Replacement is easier during winter when the harbor freezes and allows better access to the narrow long, slender piers forming slips.

The city has replacement decking in storage. It was provided by the manufacturer free a few years ago to replace material used for the 2008 marina rebuild that failed specifications.

New vests for PSOs

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — It's an essential piece of equipment for any public safety officer — and one that should meet all updated industry standards. With that in mind, the city council at its Monday, March 6, meeting approved the purchase of 22 bullet-proof vests for Woods officers.

Twenty of the vests will

be issued to officers to replace expired vests. Industry standards dictate a vest has a warranty period of five years.

Public Safety Director John Kosanke recommended the purchase of the Safariland Threat Level II Concealable Vest, saying the vest is "the newest technology on the market." Kosanke told council the vest is designed to be worn

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New fees imposed on impounds, meters

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — If your car is impounded during a traffic stop, you're going to be looking at more than a traffic ticket and towing fee.

The city will begin charging an administrative impound fee of \$35, based on approval of the proposal by city council.

According to City Administrator Bruce Smith, the city impounds between 15 and 30 vehicles a month. The fee will reimburse the city for the time the dispatcher

spends entering data into the Law Enforcement Information Network and is in line with what several other cities, including Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Shores, charge for impounds by their public safety departments.

Administrative impound fees range from \$30 in St. Clair Shores to \$100 in Hamtramck and Harper Woods.

The fee would be collected by the Woods towing vendor, Official Towing, which would

send the Woods monthly data on all impounded vehicles released back to owners along with a check for collected fees.

The fee would apply to vehicles impounded for violations. The fee would not be collected from owners of recovered stolen cars or cars involved in traffic accidents, nor would it be collected on forfeitures.

The council also approved a request from Frank Schulte, director of public services, to charge homeowners and busi-

nesses when the city has to replace a water meter. According to Schulte, meters can freeze in unheated buildings. It also is not uncommon for meters to be stolen or tampered with.

Schulte said his department replaces about two dozen meters per year.

Based on Schulte's request, the council approved a \$50 fee to reconnect a meter and a \$50 fee plus the cost of the meter when replacing a broken meter.

—Kathy Ryan

CRIME:

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hit-and-runs.

The Farms portion of the intersection of Mack and Moross hosted the most wrecks, 13.

The total is four times the next highest number of wrecks, three, at each of four intersections tying for second:

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Boulevard and Kerby,
- ◆ Mack and Kerby,
- ◆ Moross and Chalfonte and
- ◆ Lakeshore and Provençal.

Bike and fire safety

Each May and June, a Farms officer and adult

school crossing guards teach bicycle safety at elementary and pre-schools.

Last year they conducted 288 safety inspections and issued 167 free municipal bike licenses.

Ambulance

A private medical service contracted by the Farms responded to 711 calls for service during 2016.

"Of those calls, 496 sick or injured persons were transported, an increase of 175 from 2015," according to the annual report.

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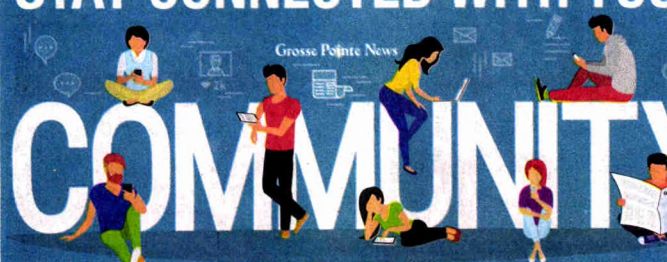
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Grosse Pointe Farms

Eventful evening

A common law couple from the Farms had a falling out while drinking at a Dearborn night spot, according to police responding to the man's report of domestic violence at their house in the 400 block of Barclay shortly before 10:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9.

"Upon arrival, the (man, 49) was standing in the driveway shirtless," reported an officer. "The female (39) could be heard in the garage screaming. She was very intoxicated."

"She stated they had been at a strip club when (the man) asked her to do things she was not comfortable doing. He left. She took Uber home."

Scratches on the man's face and torso prompted officers to believe his complaint and arrest her.

Police said she was wanted on a Wayne County felony warrant for violating probation and in Royal Oak for failing to appear in court on a charge of assault and battery.

Improper transport

A female passenger in a 1983 Buick Regal was cited at roughly 4:45 p.m. Thursday, March 9, for improper transport of medical marijuana.

A patrolman pulled over the male driver on eastbound Mack at

Public Safety Reports

Shelbourne because the car had a faulty brake light.

"A strong odor of unburnt marijuana was coming from the interior of the vehicle," said the officer.

The woman, 21, of Mount Clemens, possessed a medical marijuana card.

She reportedly admitted owning five tubes of the drug found on rear floorboards and elsewhere within reach.

Shoplifting

Police reported finding more than unpaid merchandise in the purse of a woman arrested for third-degree shoplifting — meaning she's allegedly done it twice before — at a drug store on the Hill.

In addition to preventing her stealing \$94.07 worth of goods loaded in her purse and a shopping cart, officers recovered a Shell gasoline credit card in the name of a deceased Farms resident for whom she'd worked as a caretaker.

"(She) advised me she was going to pay for the items and was not aware she could not keep them in her purse," said a public safety officer responding to the store manager's alert at 1:26 p.m. Wednesday, March 8.

The deceased resident's widower said the suspect, 34, of Warren, lacked permission to possess the credit card.

Mini stolen

A 15-year-old male student at Grosse Pointe South High School said his gold iPad mini 4 Series with black case was stolen while being recharged in a classroom between 12:45 and 1:45 p.m. Monday, March 6.

He lives in the Farms.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Revoked

The driver of a white 1999 Ford F-350 pickup truck wound up arrested upon being investigated for failing to yield on southbound Shelden to a patrolman cruising eastbound Greenbriar.

"He stated he thought (I) was going to turn onto Greenbriar and that's why he failed to yield," reported the officer.

The man, 42, of Ray Township, lacked a driver's license.

"He stated he was in the process of renewing

his license, (but) couldn't provide documentation to prove this statement," continued the officer.

Records showed the man's license revoked since late 2002. Hence, the arrest.

He was released at 4:45 p.m. on \$300 bond.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

OWI

A 41-year-old Park resident was arrested after fleeing the scene of an accident at 12:20 a.m. Thursday, March 9, at Three Mile and Essex. According to police, the man struck a utility pole and fled on foot. Officers quickly located the registered owner at his residence. He admitted to driving the car and was found to be intoxicated.

Dumb idea

A 24-year-old Sterling Heights resident is under investigation for credit card fraud. According to police, on Tuesday, Feb. 28, he attempted to pay fines associated with traffic tickets at the Park municipal court with a stolen credit card.

Disorderly person

Police were called to the 1000 block of

Beaconsfield at 3:20 a.m. Tuesday, March 7, on the report of a disorderly person. Police found a 21-year-old Detroit resident to be in possession of a 5-inch knife concealed under his clothing. He was arrested.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Stolen items returned

Residents in several cities, including the City of Grosse Pointe and St. Clair Shores, received a welcome phone call around 3:30 a.m. Friday, March 10, when Woods public safety officers called them to report they recovered several items stolen from their cars. The items were discovered in a car driven by three juveniles that had been stopped after an alert Briarcliff resident called police at 11:45 p.m. Thursday, March 9, to report seeing two unknown males entering his neighbor's car. They left the scene in a dark-colored SUV, but didn't go far. The resident reported the SUV stopped at the end of the block where two males got out and entered another car parked in a driveway. This time, when they left the scene, they did not

get far thanks to an alert officer on patrol who pulled over the SUV and found three young men, two 15-year-olds and a 16-year-old, along with several purses, backpacks and assorted clothing items. The youths and the items were transported to the station. The youths were released to their parents and the items, for the most part, have been returned to their owners, some of whom were not aware items had been taken from their cars.

Public Safety Director John Kosanke praised his officers for their quick work. "We were able to return items taken from cars in several cities," Kosanke said. "The officers are to be commended, along with a very alert resident. We can't say it enough, if you see something out of the ordinary, call us. This is a perfect example of why."

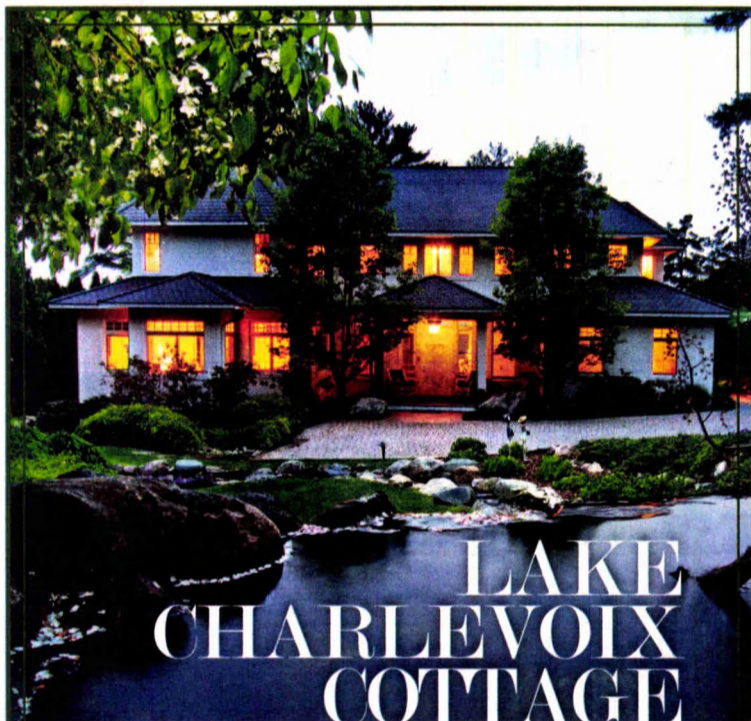
— Kathy Ryan
Report information about this and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

City of Grosse Pointe

No updates

Nothing new in the crime blotter during most of a week officers spent monitoring areas of downed power lines and risk of fire due to high winds Wednesday, March 8.

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underneath shirts and is smaller and slimmer than an exterior vest.

"The vest has a shock plate which spreads out the kinetic energy of a bullet, which results in less blunt force trauma from a bullet to internal organs," Kosanke explained.

While officers are issued a vest when they join the department, any replacements were the responsibility of individual officers who paid for the vests themselves from their uniform allowances. The Woods has a "mandatory wear policy" for officers requiring them to wear a vest while on duty.

However, the new contract between the city and public safety officers mandates the city supply upgraded vests to all full-time officers every five years. The cost to the city will be \$17,060.

The purchase of two vests, designed specifically for Special Response Team officers, also was approved at a cost of \$7,071.

According to Kosanke, these vests are designed to be worn over clothing and contain extra armor. They also are designed to cover shoulders and necks and are designed to exact specifications so all vests are identical to others worn by team members, guaranteeing the same equipment will be in the same pocket on each vest. That requirement mandates all vests be purchased through the same vendor, Galls Inc. in Lexington, Ky.

"I am pleased that the officers negotiated this change in the contract," Kosanke said. "We can now guarantee that our officers have the newest and best equipment."

Ordinance shifts auto insurance cases in-house

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — A municipal ordinance is being written to prosecute motorists possessing fraudulent auto insurance.

"That ordinance would impose penalties — fines — on drivers in the city that don't have adequate insurance as required by Michigan insurance law," said Brian Renaud, Grosse Pointe Shores city attorney.

"Our officers have been aggressive in stopping these vehicles," said Chief John Schulte. "If we run a license plate, we get an alert on the registration about whether there's insurance."

He estimated the fine would be \$500.

A state law enforcement database updates vehi-

cles' insurance status every two weeks.

"We currently impound the vehicle, arrest and prosecute under state law," said Shores Detective Lt. Scott Rohr.

"We want to prosecute in our (municipal) court," said Schulte.

The expanded database revealed phony insurance certificates to be more widespread than expected.

"It seems to be a way of life for some people," Rohr said. "They either have fraudulent insurance, or buy a short-term policy and let it expire and drive without insurance, or never had insurance in the first place. Our vehicle impounds have gone up 20 to 25 percent just on that change."

Michigan motorists are required to carry no-fault auto insurance. Proof of insurance is required to

obtain license plates and renew vehicle registration.

Fakers increase rates for legal drivers.

"Every honest Michigan motorist who follows the law and carries no-fault insurance has to pay the costs of uninsured motorists on the road," according to a Michigan Secretary of State news release announcing the database expansion in 2013. "Those costs are in the hundreds of millions of dollars."

"When we purchase insurance, it's based on the understanding that everyone pays for their own," Rohr said. "When half of that equation is not paying for its own, it costs us more for our own policy."

"We consider no insurance an important issue, especially when (fraudu-

lent drivers) are involved in a crash and one party has significant damage or if they hit a structure," said Schulte.

The Shores has a cost recovery ordinance to collect costs of fixing damage caused by drivers, such as knocking over streetlights or hitting city-owned trees.

"If they don't have insurance, we attempt to get (recovery) in court," Schulte said. "Insurance companies are very helpful to us if we have damaged property."

Officers confirm insurance coverage before releasing impounded vehicles.

"We've had numerous arrests of people coming to the police station and presenting fraudulent insurance certificates, which is a felony," Rohr said.

K-9

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"In 2015 and 2016, Duke netted \$19,870 in seizures by indicating positive (for narcotics) on 73 of 89 vehicles," said Detective Lt. Richard Rosati, head of investigations. "Out of 40 tracks, nine suspects were arrested at the end of the track and two were found in buildings."

Results are considered especially good given Duke's young age.

Success doesn't come without effort. Harris and Duke train at least

weekly.

"Harris on numerous occasions engaged in training on his own time in order to develop Duke's skills," Rosati said.

"We train every Wednesday on everything he's certified in: obedience, tracking, building search, article search, area search, aggression control and narcotics detection," Harris said.

Annual training includes week-long sessions with the Wayne County Special Response team in Grayling and another week in Alpena

with about 300 other K-9 teams.

"They set up a car chase scenario that leads into a track, which leads to a building search and narcotic detection," Harris said. "It's one thing after another to challenge the dog's mindset to switch tasks."

The team is among two groups of Farms officers earning department citations for arrests last year.

In January, Duke helped officers "talk" a larceny suspect from a hideout in Detroit, Jensen said.

In July, the dog back-

tracked burglary tools to three men caught with a stolen vehicle.

Duke also is known to school children.

"Harris performed 19 public demonstrations over the past couple years," Rosati said.

When not working, Duke is more of an overgrown lap dog.

"You could pretty much put a saddle on him and ride him," Harris said. "That's how friendly he is. He lays there and gets belly rubs."

The Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe funds the whole cost of the K-9 program.



North High Principal Kate Murray outfits Duke in Norsemen colors.

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Thinking small Tiny homes make a huge difference

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

There is new residential construction in one Detroit neighborhood that hasn't seen growth in decades. Tiny homes are starting to dot the landscape along Woodrow Wilson Street near the Lodge thanks to the vision of one woman and the donations of many.

The Rev. Faith Fowler got the idea one night while watching a show about tiny houses on HGTV.

"I'd heard organizations on the West Coast were doing things with tiny homes," she said. "What they were doing was good, but not what we wanted to do. Their homes are used as emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent support housing, but nobody is doing home ownership the way we are."

Fowler, the executive director of Cass Community Social Services, wanted to be able to end poverty and homelessness not by providing temporary shelter, but by providing people a place they could rent and eventually own.

Fowler plans to build 25 tiny homes on the CCSS campus. One home already is built, six others are in mid-construction and the foundations for the next batch will be poured next month.

The homes — ranging from 250 to 400 square feet — will house the formerly homeless, low-income seniors and students who've aged out of the foster system. They're the first tiny houses in the country that are rent-to-own.

"Nonprofits, government agencies, places out of the country — nobody else has done it," Fowler said. "We're dealing with people making \$10,000 to \$20,000 a year — people mortgage companies won't touch. They're basically locked out of the mortgage system in this country."

"So we put together a plan that doesn't require a mortgage."



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Top, the Rev. Faith Fowler sits on a futon in the living room area of the first finished tiny home. Above left, each home has a distinct look. Above right, a tiny home under construction.

The idea is for people to rent the homes for seven years while taking classes, one of which covers financial coaching.

"Any other low-income housing in the country that involves government housing, once you make more money, you have to get out," Fowler said. "With ours, you only need to be low-income to get in. Then if you can make more money, God bless you."

A class in tiny homeownership also is offered, teaching people how to live in a small home and do chores — cleaning gutters, changing furnace filters and other basics — to make sure the houses stay in good shape.

After seven years of renting, they're given the option of buying the tiny house. The idea is once renters own the home, they have an asset they

can sell to build credit, on to something else — make money and move or they're welcome to



The first finished house includes a stone walkway and chimney façade.

stay.

The houses, which sit on 30-by-100-foot lots, include a living space; kitchen with a mini fridge, sink and washer/dryer; bathroom with tub or shower, sink and toilet; and bedroom. Each is equipped with storage space, smoke detectors and a security system. Yards will be fenced in and pets are allowed, Fowler said.

"Every one's slightly different," she said. "We have Cape Cod, Victorian, Tudor, a Katrina house. We don't want people going by saying this is where the homeless live. The houses are cute, charming, gorgeous. They're all different, distinctive on purpose."

One house has a green metal roof while another will have a stained glass feature. The completed home has a stone chimney façade.

"Every house has a deck or porch which expands the living space a little bit," Fowler said. "And they have lots of windows. We thought the light would make them seem larger, brighter and warmer. It's a different way of living, but it's not for everybody. Nobody's being forced to live here."

"Our houses are real houses that are intact," she continued. "These houses are slab-on-grade — they have foundations. So we needed somebody professional to do the foundations. We hired tradespeople to do the plumbing, electric — all the licensed stuff. Everything else — drywall, flooring, cabinets, etc. — is done by volunteers."

CCSS has a canteen on campus, so renters can get food just down the block. There's also a tool bank with ladders, lawn mowers and other items residents will share.

"It's part of our community," Fowler said. "They'll live on the extension of our campus and have access to medical services, a gym, jobs, etc."

The project is off to a strong start, generating interest not only from prospective renters — CCSS opened and closed to applications in October, collecting 122 in all — but also from curious neighbors and others who've heard about it.

"We've never done anything that's had this kind of interest in our neighborhood," Fowler said. "Nothing new has been built here since the '70s. To have something totally new going up is an exciting thing, especially in a neighborhood that's vacant and blighted. We've had visitors from everywhere to see them."

In fact, the completed house can't be rented because of all the window peeping it's endured.

The project has hit a few other challenges along the way as well.

"We bought the property from a land bank, but that doesn't necessarily mean they have a

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Discipline Never Goes Out of Style



Suzanne Antonelli, CFP®
Wealth Advisor

Given the weather the last few days, after more than twelve years working at firms outside of the area, I am truly grateful to be working back in Grosse Pointe. In early February I opened my office in the Village. It is such a pleasure to once again be working in the community

where I grew up, raised my three daughters, and I continue to live with my husband and my GPAAS rescue Ozzie.

In early July last year I wrote about the markets leading up to the BREXIT vote and its aftermath. On Friday, June 24th as equity markets opened around the world, news that Great Britain had opted to exit the EU sent markets tumbling. In the two trading days after the BREXIT vote \$3 trillion in the value of global equities was lost.

My point in that article was that when markets overreact to fear and traders are running for the hills, investors should keep a cool head and evaluate what the news events mean to the

world economy. Nothing had really changed; the upheaval from Great Britain exiting the European Union would take years to unfold. When traders sell on fear, investors should remain disciplined and take advantage of the opportunity to buy at a discount.

An investor's discipline must be two-sided. When explaining volatility to a new client I clearly state that means the markets will go up AND down, and a diligent and disciplined approach is required in both instances. In the short term, markets rise and fall with uncertainty, media hype and often times a blatant disregard to fundamental valuations. Last fall the day of the

Presidential election, investors were nearly immobilized as they awaited the outcome. When it was first announced that Donald Trump was elected, the pre-market trading in the S&P 500 initially pushed it down almost 900 points. Since the market closed on November 8, 2016, the S&P 500 has risen over 10%.

Nothing has changed fundamentally in the past several months; Americans in general are feeling more optimistic about economic growth, albeit much less optimistic about social issues. Promises have been made that would be good for some companies, bad for others: border adjustment tax, lower corporate

tax rates, infrastructure spending. However, like Brexit, these issues could take years to come to fruition.

Presumably, you have a financial plan that includes a target allocation to equities. The recent gains in the markets have likely taken you beyond your target and you have more risk in your portfolio than you are aware and are comfortable taking.

I would suggest once again that investors take a deep breath, step back and examine your goals, assess your portfolio balances and have the discipline to trim your equity positions back to your target allocations. Consider what companies might be insulated from the backlash of the proposed

changes, benefit from promises kept, and those that might be harmed.

Suzanne has over 25 years of experience in personalized portfolio management, tax and retirement planning, risk management, and estate plan execution and funding. She specializes in the unique financial needs of families, retirees, and women.



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AREA ACTIVITIES

Scott Shuptrine

The design class "Trending with Scott's: The Art of Window Treatments" takes place 7 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at Scott Shuptrine Interiors, 17145 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe. Certified interior designers will offer attendees exclusive and premium level decorating tips. Space is limited and registration is required. Visit scottshuptrine.eventbrite.com.

Assumption

Registration is open for Assumption Summer Youth Camp, for ages 1 to 12. Parents may enroll their children for the entire summer or one of two sessions. Session one runs June 19 to July 21 and session two runs July 24 to Aug. 23. This year's theme is exploring and experiencing the wonders of Michigan. Camps are divided by age. Early Childhood Camp is for ages 1 to 6, while Youth Camp is for ages 7 to 12. Full and half-day sessions are available. Registration is discounted before May 1. Call (586) 772-4477.

BNI

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, March 17, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 7:45

a.m. Friday, March 17, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Reservations are not required; all are welcome. Breakfast is \$7. Call (313) 882-5330.

Neighborhood Club

The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, offers a prenatal yoga program 7 to 7:50 p.m. Fridays, through April 21. Cost is \$20 per class. Call (313) 885-4600.

Audubon

The Grosse Pointe Audubon Society hosts its next meeting 7 p.m. Monday, March 20, in the annex of Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. Don Drife, of the Royal Oak Nature Society, presents about life in the milkweed community. The meeting and refreshments are free and open to the public.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mentally Ill Eastside meets 7 p.m. Monday, March 20, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday, March 20, South Lake High School, 21900 9 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, March 24, St. John Hospital & Medical Center, 22101 Moross,

Detroit.

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack. Register online at redcrossblood.org.

Libraries

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

◆ 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, Magician Tom Plunkard. Registration is required.

◆ 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 24, Tween After Hours, for ages 10 to 13.

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

◆ 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, "An Evening with Patricia Abbott," author of the thriller, "Shot in Detroit." Registration is required.

◆ 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Classic Book Lecture Series with Assistant Professor Christopher Hill, who lectures on "Snow Country" by Kawabata Yasunari.

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

◆ 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 30, family yoga for ages 11 and older. Registration is required.

◆ 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, "Michigan Canines," featuring stories, crafts, magic, live animals, music and more. Registration is required for this Family Friday Night with Mr. Nick event.

SOC

Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms,

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GP native Abbott speaks at Ewald branch

Award-winning author discusses latest novel, 'Shot in Detroit'

Patricia Abbott, author of the novels "Shot in Detroit" and "Concrete Angel," as well as more than 125 stories that have appeared online, in print journals and anthologies, speaks at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Abbott is the winner of the Short Mystery Fiction Society's Derringer Award, a 2017 Edgar Nominee for Best Paperback Original and a 2016 nominee for an Anthony and Macavity

Award. Library Journal praised her novel as "a fresh look at the disintegration of Detroit as seen through the lens of a camera ... an account of one woman battling her inner demons against the backdrop of a city that is doing the same."

A Grosse Pointe resident for many years, Abbott recently relocated to the west side.

The program is free of charge, but seating is limited. Register on the library's online calendar at gp.lib.mi.us or call (313) 343-2074.

Moross Greenway spring pruning workshop March 26

The Moross Greenway is starting to wake up and bloom. After a hard winter, some trees and shrubs need attention and pruning. The community is invited to join board member Mil Hurley, from A Southern Gardener, for a free, hands-on pruning workshop on the islands 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 26.

Participants should bring loppers, hand pruners and gloves and dress for the weather. Hurley will show participants proper pruning techniques and explain pruning to empower them to take care of their own gardens. Participation is limited. Come rain or shine. Email reservations to info@morossgreenway.org.

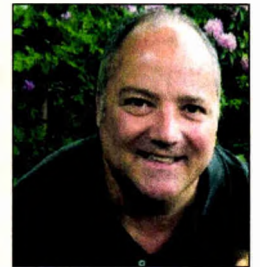
Your Old Mansion lecture set

"Matching Landscape and Architecture" is the next presentation for the Your Old Mansion lecture and tour series set 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday March 19, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Barry Burton speaks about creating harmony between architecture

and garden design. Burton is known for his ability to educate clients on the fundamentals of great landscape design.

This lecture is sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Garden Center. Admission is \$15. Register online at grossepointeartcenter.org.



Barry Burton

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clear title," Fowler said. "That's been a challenge. Also, DTE has been bogged down, so we're waiting on them, too."

In the meantime, donations of time and money have been pouring in. The Junior League of Detroit is raising money for one of the homes. Other donors include General Motors Corp.,

Ford Fund, McGregor Fund, Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, as well as several churches and individuals.

"It's been fun to watch people help us," Fowler said.

She's writing a book about the experience, detailing what CCSS is doing, why it's being done, comparing the process to others and explaining how it can be replicated.

"I believe we have very happy homeowners," she said. "If we get the 25 done and paid for, we'd like to do at least 10 for families. The ones we're doing now are small. We'll need two bedrooms for families — one for adults, one for children. They'll be slightly bigger than what we're building now, probably 400 to 550 square feet." Fowler said she hopes the first 25 are completed by Christmas.

"People have asked, why don't we just rehab? We've rehabbed every building we're in," she said. "There's literally nothing to rehab anymore. We believe in this space we can get at least 25 houses and the next 10."

For more information about CCSS and its tiny homes project, visit casscommunity.org or call (313) 869-3157.



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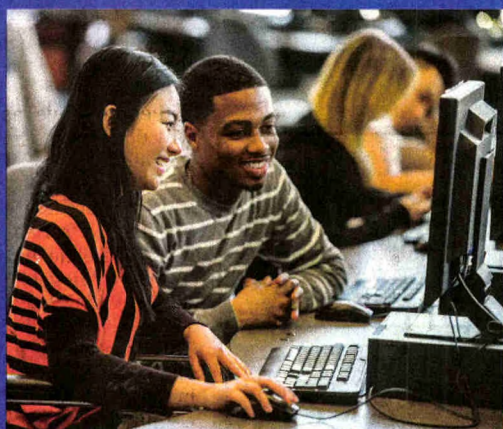


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ASK THE EXPERTS By Jeff and Debra Jay

How families can help after treatment

Q: My 28-year-old brother went to treatment for his alcohol and cocaine problem last year. He never followed his recovery plan and relapsed almost right away. He's getting really bad again, so we probably need to intervene, but isn't there something more a family can do?

A: Yes, today there are many more things you can do. Addiction is a chronic illness and family members can play a critical role during and after treatment. Studies have repeatedly shown family involvement in treatment can improve

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outcomes, but now there's even more you can do.

Treatment is like a launching pad for recovery. Because addiction is a chronic illness, like heart disease, it can't be cured. But like heart disease, there are many things loved ones can do

to support the patient. If a culture of recovery can be developed and nurtured in the family, it's far more likely the patient will do what they need to do to keep their illness in remission.

The most detailed and far-reaching method for accomplishing this task is called Structured Family Recovery™ and it's laid out in the book "It Takes a Family," by Debra Jay. There are eight essential elements to this program, which also includes the patient. By following the program through the first year of recovery, families can greatly increase the odds

of success in confronting this deadly disease.

It only makes sense. If your brother were a severe diabetic, wouldn't there be some changes made around the dinner table? Wouldn't people become more conscious of their actions and language to support his health? The same is true with his addiction. "It Takes a Family" lays out a program any family can follow.

Jeff Jay and Debra Jay are the authors of "Love First, a Family's Guide to Intervention." They head a national private practice of interventionists, therapists and recovery mentors. They live in Grosse Pointe Farms. Contact them at (313) 882-6921 or through their website, lovefirst.net. The Jays are members of The Family Center's Association of Professionals.

The Family Center's mission is to serve the community through pro-

SAVE the DATE

"The Spirituality of Taking Action: A Cooperative Approach to Lasting Recovery," with Jeff and Debra Jay of Love First Inc., presented in partnership with The Family Center, Grosse Pointe News and The War Memorial as part of its This Americana Series, takes place 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Register for this free event online at familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832.

grams and resources vital to today's families. As a nonprofit organization, it is completely supported by community donations. To learn more, visit familycenterweb.org or contact us at (313) 432-3832 or info@familycenterweb.org.

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offers the following programs:

◆ Keeping You Fit at Home: Anatomy of the Hip and Shoulder," 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23, with physical therapist Keith Finley.

◆ 12:30 to 1 p.m. Monday, March 27, "Why I Keep Speaking up even when People Mock my Accent," featuring artist Safwat Saleem.

◆ 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays, March 29 to May 3, Living with Parkinson's workshop. Topics include an introduction, medications, symptoms, rehab therapy and others. Reservations are required.

Call (313) 882-9600.

Family Center

The Family Center hosts "Sexual Victimization of Our Youth: On and Off-line" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The free program gives an overview of the use of the internet and social media to lure youth into sexual acts and exploitation.

The Family Center hosts "Burnout to Balance: A Mom's Guide to Mom Time" at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 29, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. This free workshop explains the four foundations of time mastery.

To register for either event, call (313) 432-3832.

Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce presents Business After Hours 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, at Village Palm, 17131 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

Women's Connection

Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe meets Thursday, March 23, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Alisa Pridle, Detroit editor of Motor Trend magazine, gives an update on current happenings in the auto industry. Doors open for networking at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Women's Connection is a networking and support organization dedicated to the enrichment and empowerment of women in their business and personal lives. For reservations, call Jan Baumann at (586) 243-2241 or for information, call Ellie Kaye at (586) 463-2463.

Woods Community Center

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, offers Crafty Afternoons at the Cook Schoolhouse 1 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month. April 12, make a sea glass wire-wrapped pendant. May 10, make a wine cork wreath or candle ring. Cost is \$7 for Woods residents, \$8 for non-residents. Space is limited to 10. Call (313) 343-2408.

Belle Isle

The Daffodil Luncheon, raising funds for the purchase and planting of daffodil bulbs on Belle Isle, takes place Wednesday, April 19. Tickets are \$45. Visit <http://bit.ly/2lbCkJg>.

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Woods native inducted into Country Radio Hall of Fame

Joe Wade Formicola, a native of Grosse Pointe Woods and a 1966 graduate of Grosse Pointe High School, has been chosen for induction into the Country Radio Hall of Fame.

Formicola, who is being inducted in the on-air category, is one of several inductees of the HOF Class of 2017 recently announced at the

Country Radio Seminar in Nashville by the country singing group Lady Antebellum.


The Country Radio Hall of Fame induction and dinner take place in Nashville this summer.

Early career stops for Formicola included WFDF in Flint beginning in 1976, where he was named Billboard Magazine DJ of the Year.




See HOF, page 6B Joe Formicola

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GPYC brings stadium sailing to Grosse Pointe

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

This spring the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club offers the community a new opportunity to get up close and personal with the sport of stadium sailing.

Sailing Director Wally Cross, a professional sailor with more than 30 years' experience, said he's watched participation in sailing decline.

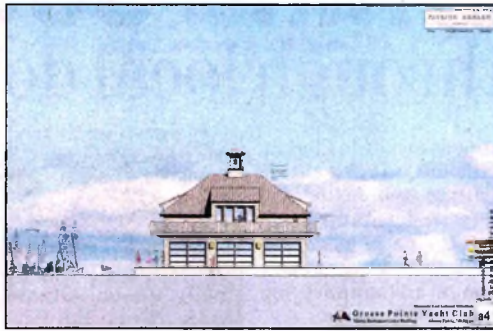
"It's not that people don't have the money; they have less time," he said.

Stadium sailing, he said, has the potential to change the way people think about sailing.

"It's four hours, start to finish," he said. "There are 18 races. Competitors sail nine and watch nine."

"Stadium sailing, if we keep it condensed time-wise ... is like playing a round of golf or watching a football game," he said. "Also, you can bring family down. You're sailing right in front and you're only sailing half the time, so you can be with family the other half."

Cross said the yacht club experimented with stadium sailing last year



A two-story sail center with balcony is being constructed that will allow stadium sailing spectators a better view of events.

and was successful.

Three buoys in the water — two on one end, one on the other — mark where competitors make their turns. Each boat goes down and around the solo buoy, back around the pair, then back to the solo buoy before heading to the finish. Each race lasts 11 to 13 minutes.

"For example, if there are 12 participants, I'll group them into four groups of three — A, B, C and D. A races against B three times, C races against D three times, then A against C, then B against D until they complete the rotation. I'll make sure there's never a stop in action. If A and

B are racing, I make sure C and D are (at the start) by the time they finish." For spectators, the yacht club is building a sailing center at its docks.

"For now, it's a two-story facility with a balcony so people can stand on it and have a bird's-eye view of the race," Cross said. "As this builds with success, we'll have stands as well."

"The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club never had a sailing center," he continued. "We've always gone back and forth; there was never a room out here. It will be beautiful, having (a) sailing (facility) totally separate from the club. We



The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club experimented with stadium sailing last year.

lose (sailors) — at the pool, if they're getting something to eat — they're gone for a couple hours. The center will facilitate a variety of things."

The first stadium sailing event is scheduled noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 20, in conjunction with the 29th annual Great Lakes Boating Festival, which runs May 19 to 21, at the yacht club. It is a Genuine Corinthian Competition — people paid to sail are not allowed to race. Participants are boat owners, largely, J/70s, though other boats are allowed.

"We're working on having boats provided for stadium sailing," Cross said.

Down the road, Cross said, he hopes to become part of a sailing league. If that happens, the yacht club could host national events, as well as participate in Midwest, East Coast and West Coast events.

For now, stadium sailing is starting small, with a spectacular draw for participants and spectators alike.

"We make it fun," Cross said. "We have people grilling burgers and hot dogs. We have beer, wine and pop. It's like a festi-

val every time — pure entertainment. And what's interesting for the sailors is they get to start and finish nine races in one day. That's as much as they might finish in one summer. Plus, people are cheering for them. They'll feel con-

nected as a professional athlete."

Other stadium sailing events are planned Friday, June 23, and Saturday, Sept. 16. All of them are open to the public and free of charge.

"It's a lot of action in a short period of time," Cross said. "We're associating entertainment with sailing. Most of the time when people think about sailing, they think of boats in the distance. Now we're making it more enjoyable to watch."

For more information, call the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club at (313) 884-2500.

AAUW used book sale collection begins April 3

Looking for a way to recycle your unwanted books? The American Association of University Women, Grosse Pointe Branch, needs used books for its 53rd annual Used Book Sale to raise funds for scholarships

and awards. Barrels to receive books will be located at Kroger, 23191 Marter, St. Clair Shores; the rear of CVS Pharmacy, 17120 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe; and Grosse Pointe Woods

Community Center, 20025 Mack, Monday, April 3, through Saturday, May 6. The branch welcomes all donations except Reader's Digest condensed books, encyclopedias, text books and magazines.

Looking for a place to buy used books? The Grosse Pointe AAUW annual Used Book Sale takes place Wednesday, May 17, to Saturday, May 20, in The Luther Center at First English Evangelical Lutheran

Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. The sale offers approximately 30,000 volumes neatly sorted into categories, including fiction, non-fiction, rare books, autographed books and assorted collectors' items,

as well as cookbooks, gift books, books on history, business and art, children's books, large print books, travel information, coffee table books and more. In addition

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Spring has Sprung

For many this is the best time of the year. It is a time of renewal when everything seems to get green and flowery overnight.

So let it be with The Village of Grosse Pointe. Winter has brought with it the hope of spring. It started with the report generated by Robert Gibbs, an internationally known urban planner who was commissioned by the Chamber of Commerce to do a study of the Grosse Pointes.

Mr. Gibbs reported enthusiastically that the Grosse Pointe communities and their shopping districts are among the top five walkable urban areas in the country. Recently connected by trolley, The Hill, The Village and the Grosse Pointe Park Development offer a unique opportunity for everyone.

At the center of the commercial developments within the Pointes is The Village. To many it is downtown Grosse Pointe. There are more than 250,000 square feet of retail, restaurant and commercial spaces.

None of this has happened in a vacuum. It is the direct result of the investment of millions of dollars into The Village over the last five or six years by the City and others. It began with the repurpose of the Jacobson's building and Kroger's redevelopment of its existing store. Those two developments alone required investments by private entrepreneurs of more than \$20 million. Next came the decision by the very venerable Neighborhood Club to permanently mark itself as an anchor not only to The Village but to all of the citizens of Grosse Pointe. Beaumont Hospital's decision to use the Neighborhood Club to provide physical therapy and medical services directed primarily to children was the icing on the cake. That investment totaled more than \$11 million. Next came St. John Hospital.

They acquired the former Border's building which had been vacant for many years. The St. John investment of more than \$8 million brought with it a convenient state-of-the-art medical center at the doorstep of the Grosse Pointe communities and the fabulous Scott Schruppine presence.

At the same time, the former Daman/Ace Hardware Store which had been vacant for a couple of years was renovated into a building which became home to 13 separate businesses. That totaled another \$5 million investment by the owners and its tenants. Twelve of those tenants are new to The Village.

In total, there are more than 20 new entrepreneurs who have made The Village their home in the last two years, offering myriad products which include clothing, household goods, personal pampering and food choices. What it also means is the "For Rent" signs are gone. The Village is bustling with more activity than it has seen since the closing of Jacobson's more than a decade ago.

We believe The Village has only just begun to meet its potential. There are many development opportunities we hope will draw more investment and more interest in "Downtown Grosse Pointe." All of it rests with you, the citizens of Grosse Pointe and its surrounding areas, to spring forward yourself, visit and become a part of "The New Village of Grosse Pointe."

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GP match coming soon

Service dog fully funded through local donations

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

It's been nearly a year since the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors decided to sponsor the training of a service dog through Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, based in Williston, Fla.

A German shepherd puppy was selected and dubbed "GP," and a call went out to the Grosse Pointe community to help pay for two years of training, which roughly costs \$25,000.

GP began his training under the supervision of Carol Borden and her staff at Guardian Angels. GP has learned obedience training, as well as audio desensitization training, confidence-building exercises, proofing and more.

Now, at 10 months old, he is close to being paired with a veteran or first responder. Once a match is made, he'll train for another year to meet the



GP PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARY JO BRANDT

GP loves his golf cart rides, which help desensitize dogs to motion, noise and vibrations.

specific needs of his recipient.

"It's pretty emotional," said Realtor Gary Patrosso, who has been involved with the project from the start. As chairman of the Board of Realtors' Community Outreach Committee, he researched and came up with Guardian Angels as an appropriate candidate.

"We wanted to do

something for the community and someone suggested helping a veteran," he said. "You hear the statistics, but it doesn't sink in. Through research I learned how many veterans need help and how poorly they're treated."

Statistics show 22 veterans commit suicide every day and there is a 90 percent divorce rate among veterans. One first responder said he couldn't walk out of his house before he was paired with his service dog. Now, after only a few months of having his new partner, he's not only able to be in public, but he told his story to a room of 200 strangers at a recent Board of Realtors meeting.

"We saved this guy's life," Patrosso said. "That's why this is close to my heart."

Patrosso is one of three Grosse Pointers who have visited the Guardian

Angels facility in Florida. He, board Executive Officer Bob Taylor and Past President Judy Barker each made the trek, to meet GP in person and check his progress.

"He's doing fantastic," said Patrosso, who visited in February. "He's passed with flying colors all of his training."

Mary Jo Brandt, Guardian Angels director of donor relations, wrote in an email, "(GP) loves nothing more than attention. He will be ready to love someone forever once he is paired. As you can see from his photos, he doesn't mind doing his 'down stay' in tight situations and he loves riding in the golf cart. We use the golf cart to desensitize the dogs to motion, noise and vibrations. GP is ready to do what is asked of him."

When Barker visited the facility in the fall, she asked the receptionist if there was a chance she could meet GP. The receptionist coyly said she wasn't sure, then opened a door and in bounded GP.

"He was already in residence waiting for me," Barker said.

She said she was so excited to meet GP, a second service dog approached to nuzzle her hand. The dog felt she was anxious, it was explained to her, and was trying to calm her down.

The facility trains approximately 80 dogs per year. Many are bred onsite while others are donated. Some dogs who've been trained by other facilities for other purposes — Seeing Eye dogs, for example — come to Guardian Angels for a career change.

"They have a 95 percent success rate with dogs they train," Barker said. "There's 80 percent



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Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors Past President Judy Barker visited GP in Florida last fall. GP greets Barker while Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs founder and CEO Carol Borden, right, looks on.

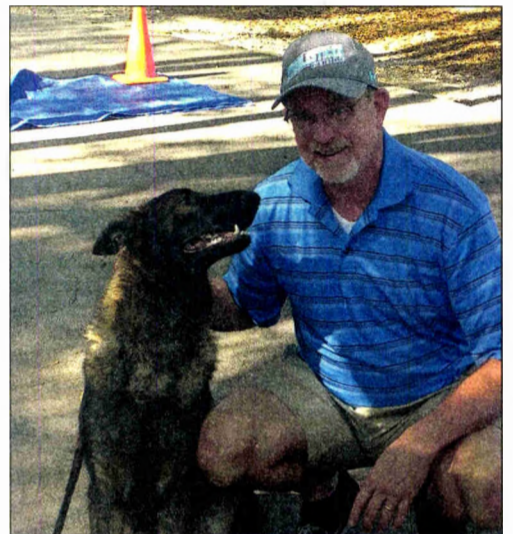


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GP and Realtor Gary Patrosso take time to bond during a recent visit.

success with dogs that are donated to be retrained. The ones that don't work out are given to loving homes."

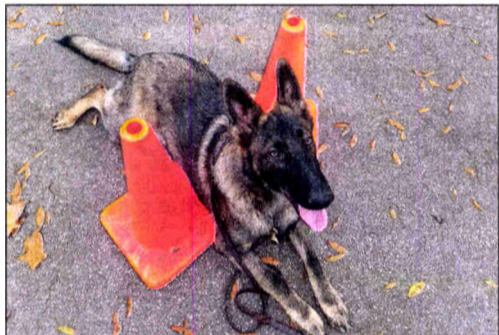
The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors hopes to sponsor a dog every year and has already started collecting for its second. It will host several fundraisers, such as euchre tournaments and lapel pin sales, to raise funds.

While the board and its Realtor members raised the biggest chunk of GP's

funding, The War Memorial, Celebrate Michigan's Military and several individuals also contributed.

"This is one way for the community as a whole to help a veteran," Patrosso said. "You hear stuff on TV and the news, all political. But I don't care what side you're on. Who doesn't want to help a vet? This not only saves a first responder's life, but

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GP doesn't mind doing his "down stay" in tight situations, according to Guardian Angels Director of Donor Relations Mary Jo Brandt.

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He went to KENR in Houston in 1979 and came to WKIX Raleigh in 1980. While there he was named Billboard Magazine DJ of the Year in 1984.

Formicola next moved to WWWW in Detroit and during his morning run there from 1987 to 1995 was named the 1988 CMA Personality of the Year.

While at WWWW he lived in Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield.

In 1995 he joined Country WYCD of Detroit.

Formicola was a nationally syndicated personality with Westwood One from 2010 to 2015 and currently works with local radio networks and is heard on stations all over the country.

He served as a member of the board of directors of the Country Music Association from 1991 to 1992.

He was co-chairman of the Conway Twitty, Ronnie Milsap, Richard Sterben Foundation from 1988 to 1991 and was inducted into the Career College Hall of Fame in 2003 in Washington, D.C.

He is married to Ellen and has two children, Emily and Joseph.

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A Lenten devotion: Having a spring-time faith

Some time ago, while I was still in high school, our teacher led the class in a discussion asking which is our favorite month of the year. For many in the class, their favorite month was the month of March. The end of winter cold, spring flowers, warmer weather are the ones I recall. I cannot say as I heard anyone proclaiming March also brought melting snow, cold rains or mud. It seems we were more willing to focus upon the benefits of March — and the promise of springtime that comes with it — and ignore, or at least endure, the products of change March brings.

For others in the class, October was their favorite month. The reasons? Autumn days, apple cider, fall football,

the smell and colors of autumn were loudly proclaimed. Others would counter that although fall was beautiful with its fall colors and all, it also ushered in a long, cold winter. The advice from the October camp? Forget about the winter that was coming and enjoy the day.

Today, each of us — and maybe our city and nation — need to wrestle with this same type of dilemma. The dilemma? Are we to revel and enjoy the present and not concern ourselves with what may lie ahead like the October camp from my high school discussion? Or do we confront that which lies ahead, agree to endure that which is required to change and seek the promise of a springtime blessing

from God?

As you read this, we are journeying through the Lenten season — a time of personal reflection. Lent is a time to review our current reality, make adjustments and changes with expectations of a deeper, more meaningful relationship with God. The season of Lent is much like the month of March — a season of change and the expectation for brighter tomorrows.

The second date, March 20 — the first day of spring — promises of spring soon will be fulfilled. What does this have to do with the challenges we face? Just as we must endure the melting snow, cold rains and mud of March before we can realize the promise of spring, we also must endure the cold

reality of that which we face as we look forward to the promise of God. We must endure the challenges while we wait with expectation of the promise the Lord of the Harvest has waiting for us. Before we see blossoms of new opportunities and blooms of new people coming into a relationship with the risen Lord, we will face trials. But through all we may face, let us remember God's promise for us: "God will be our God and we will be God's people."

In closing, may I remind each of you that God is the God who keeps his promises. And may the promise of a spring-time faith fill you with anticipation.

McGee is a pastor at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church.

CHURCH EVENTS

Woods Presbyterian

Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts a concert by the Detroit Concert Choir at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18. "Celtic Celebration" features songs, dances and instruments of the British Isles. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$10 for students. Call (313) 882-0118 or visit detroitconcertchoir.org.

Memorial

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts Kids Coalition Against Hunger noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 18, to package 75,000 meals. More than 450 volunteers are needed, 150 for each two-hour shift. Email

suebuckler@gmail.com for details.

St. Clare

St. Clare of Montefalco Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, introduces its parish mission, "Change and Transition: Time to Panic or Time for Renewal," presented by the Rev. Jim Clarke S.J., at all weekend Masses Saturday, March 18, and Sunday, March 19. The program begins 8 a.m. Monday, March 20, with the Mass and mission talk, "Facing Change with Courage," followed by a reception. Another Mass and mission talk, "Moving Towards Renewal," begins 8 a.m. Tuesday, March 21, and is followed by a reception. A final Mass and mission topic, "Experiencing God's Healing Love," and a healing service take

place 8:15 a.m. Wednesday, March 22, followed by a reception. Also that week, Monday through Wednesday, confessions occur 7:30 to 7:55 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m., with adoration noon to 1 p.m. and a Mass and mission talk at 7 p.m., followed by a reception. For information, call (313) 647-5000.

First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, welcomes Detroit Lutheran Singers for a concert 7 p.m. Sunday, March 26. Celebrating 50 years, Detroit Lutheran Singers, conducted by Christopher Hall, performs the music of Bach, Mozart, Bernstein and more. Admission is \$15, \$10 for students and seniors. Children younger than 5 are admitted free. Call (313) 884-5040 or visit detroitlutheransingers.com.

Slime dogs and snot otters at the Belle Isle Nature Center

"Slime dog" and "snot otter" may sound like something kids call each other on the playground, but they are actually alternative names for the mudpuppy — a large, permanently aquatic salamander native to the Detroit River. The Belle Isle Nature Center hosts its annual free event to celebrate mudpuppies 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 1.

Mudpuppypalooza features fun and educational activities such as mask making, games, mudpuppy cookie decorating and a scavenger hunt. The event also includes the opportunity to hear from zookeepers who care for the mudpuppies at the Belle Isle Nature Center while learning about the species and conservation efforts on its behalf.

In 2006, the Detroit Zoological Society began a long-term program to monitor the Detroit River mudpuppies, conducting catch-and-release surveys to track and better understand the size and health of local populations. The salamanders are briefly captured, then measured, weighed

and implanted with small computer chips for identification before returning to the river. The water chemistry also is tested and logged.

"While not a threatened species, mudpuppies are considered good environmental indicators of pollution and other potentially harmful changes in the ecosystem," said DZS Chief Life Sciences Officer Scott Carter. "The data gathered in our mudpuppy surveys provides a valuable baseline for monitoring the health of the Detroit River ecosystem."

The mudpuppy (*Necturus maculosus*) is the second-largest salamander in the western hemisphere, ranging from 8 to 15 inches long. It is typically brownish-gray with dark spots, a yellowish belly and bushy purple gills behind its head, which it uses to breathe under water.

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OBITUARIES

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John M. Lesesne M.D.

Grosse Pointe resident John M. Lesesne M.D. died peacefully Friday, March 10, 2017.

He was born in 1920 in Charleston, S.C., the only child of Harleston and Juliette Lesesne. He pursued his education at The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, where he graduated with honors as a top-ranking cadet. After graduating from The Citadel, John attended General Theological Seminary in New York, studying to be an Episcopal minister.

He left the seminary and enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was stationed in Panama, North Africa and the Fifth Army in Italy, where he was awarded a Bronze Star after serving 180 days in combat from Nov. 1, 1944, until May 2, 1945.

Following the war, John attended Duke University School of Medicine from which he graduated with a specialty in internal medicine and a subspecialty in allergy and immunology. He interned at Cincinnati General Hospital and continued his residency at the University of Michigan. He practiced medicine nearly 50 years. John was a member of and served as president of the Michigan Allergy Society.

In 1953, John married Ann Kamper in Grosse Pointe, where they spent their married life. He was an avid sailor having sailed in many Bayview to Mackinac races and from Miami to Jamaica, Bermuda and other long distance races.

John loved tennis, including mixed doubles with Ann. He was a member of Country Club of Detroit, the Yondotega Club, Ocean Club of Florida, The Little Club of Florida, Crescent Sail Yacht Club and the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe.

John was known for his compassion and unfailing devotion to family, patients and friends.

John is survived by his wife, Ann; children, Cap Lesesne M.D. (Briana), Juliette Moeller, Elizabeth Dixon (Mark), Sarah Tripodi (Joseph), Jacqueline Lesesne and John Lesesne Jr.; loving grandchildren, Eric and Christine Lesesne, Christine, Andrew and Ellen Moeller, Elizabeth, Peter and Sarah Dixon, Emilia, Joseph and Serena Tripodi, Peter, Alexandra and Stephanie Zablocki and Ashley, Catherine and John Lesesne III.

A memorial service will be in May at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to The John Lesesne Scholarship Fund at The Citadel, 171 Moultrie Street, Charleston, SC 29409; Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit, MI 48236.

Peter Mosely Steere Spencer

Peter Mosely Steere Spencer, 41, died Saturday, March 4, 2017, at the UP Health System Hospital in Marquette, surrounded by his loving parents and stepfather. He was a resident of Hancock.

Peter was born Oct. 3, 1975, in Royal Oak. He graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and continued his education at both Macomb Community College and Wayne State University.

Peter was a gentle person with a beautiful, resonant voice. He was known for his love of animals, music, politics, movies, family, good food and time spent by the ocean. His friends and family will miss his great intellect and generosity. He was a cheerleader to many.

Peter was an organ donor and would have been thrilled to know he was able to play a vital role in saving many lives.

Peter is survived by his husband, Erik Tichik; mother, Cherie Lesnick; father, Warren Spencer; stepparents, Daniel Lesnick and Richard Watkins; sister, Heather Kniseley (Tony) and beloved niece and nephew, Aubrie and T.J. Kniseley.

Donations may be made to Beacon House at upbeaconhouse.org or Easterseals Michigan at easterseals.com/michigan/.

Elizabeth M. Robert

Grosse Pointe Park resident Elizabeth M. Robert, 83, died Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

She was born in Detroit to Walter and Elsie King and earned a bachelor's degree from Marygrove College in 1954 and a master's degree from Wayne State University in 1961. She taught French, German, Spanish and English at Brownell Middle School.

Mrs. Robert was a founding member of Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe and a member of l'Union des Français à l'Étranger. She was twice named a chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques by the French government for her contributions to French culture.

She enjoyed travel, languages, art and films.

Mrs. Robert is survived by her sons, Frankie, Michael and Marc; grandchildren, Kathrynna, René, Megan and Matthew; sister, Philomena and brothers, Walter, Edwin, John, Frank and Paul.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, René; and sisters, Mary and Theresa.

A funeral Mass was celebrated March 15 at St. Ambrose Catholic Parish, Grosse Pointe Park.

Donations may be made to Lung Cancer Research Foundation at lungcancerresearchfoundation.org.

Lois Evelyn Harding

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Lois Evelyn Harding, 96, died Wednesday, March 8, 2017.

She was born in Elba Township to Grace McTaggart Collins and Charles Collins and graduated from Bad Axe High School and Clary College. She worked as a secretary at GMAC and New York Central Railroad.

Lois was a member of the United Methodist Women at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church. She enjoyed gardening and traveling.

Lois is survived by her son, John Charles Harding (Debra); daughter, Ann Louise Pollok (Keith); grandchildren, Evan, Bryce and Kent Harding and Robert, Randall and Gregory Pollok and sister, Edith Eleanor Jochen.

Visitation will be 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

A funeral service will be 11 a.m. Friday, March 24, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Grosse Pointe United Methodist Women, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Donald William Keim

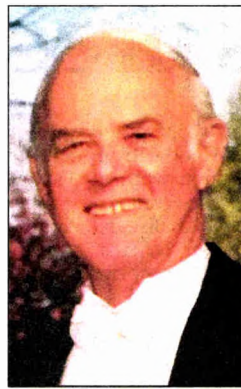
Donald W. Keim died Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at Michigan Medicine University Hospital, Ann Arbor. Donald was born July 15, 1942, in Lakewood, Ohio, the only child of Henry and Mildred (nee Manning) Keim. He attended the University of Chicago and received three degrees from his beloved University of Michigan: a bachelor's in 1964, a Ph.D. in political science in 1970 and a juris doctor in 1977.

Donald was a public finance lawyer with the Detroit law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone from 1977 until his retirement as a principal in 2012. He was a member of the State Bar of Michigan, American Bar Association and the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, as well as a Fellow of the American College of Bond Counsel. Donald was listed annually in Best Lawyers in America for Public Finance Law beginning in 2006, and in 2011 he was listed in DBusiness Magazine as a top lawyer, public finance.

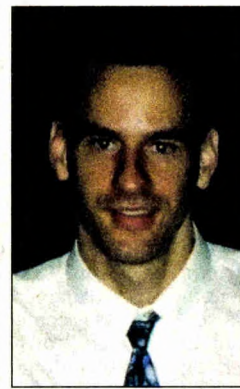
He was a professor of political science and served as department chair at Baldwin-Wallace University in Berea, Ohio, from 1969 to 1974.

Donald was a member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in Grosse Pointe Farms for 40 years, where he served in a number of positions including elder, trustee and on the pastor search committee.

He was an avid reader, writer and traveler. His passions included opera, politics and good food and drink. An accom-



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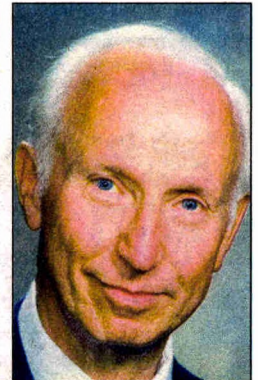
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Harvey Leith Osborne

plished athlete growing up in Avon Lake, Ohio, he shared his lifelong love of sports with his family. While his favorite was University of Michigan football, he was happiest sitting in the stands watching baseball at any level, from the World Series to the minor leagues.

He is survived by his wife, Julia (nee Birkhold) Keim; children, Stephanie Nicholson (Tim) and Alexander Keim (Karen) and grandchildren, Stuart Nicholson and Virginia Nicholson.

A funeral service will be 4 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Harvey Leith Osborne

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Harvey Leith Osborne, 88, died suddenly Monday, Feb. 27, 2017. He was a graduate of Redford High School, U.S. army veteran and Chrysler retiree.

He was married 57 years to Maryann (nee Gualdoni), who died in 2015. He is survived by his daughters, Carol Osborne and Judy Osborne (Jeri Meola) and was predeceased by his eight siblings and their spouses and his wife's three sisters and their spouses. He is the proud uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Harvey enjoyed golfing, bowling and playing hockey. He spent many years playing cards and drinking Manhattans with family and dear friends. He was especially proud to have cared for Maryann at home during her long illness. He was happy to share his home as a "day camp" for visiting animals from the animal shelter. His quick smile and friendly demeanor were loved by those who knew him.

There will be a brief

inurnment outdoors at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Columbarium at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, followed by a memorial gathering for friends and family at Sindbads Restaurant, Detroit.

Memorials may be made to Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, 296 Chalfonte Ave, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or at gpaas.org.

Mary Sweeney Oldani

Grosse Pointe resident Mary Sweeney Oldani died Saturday, March 4, 2017.

She was born Aug. 9, 1912, in Detroit to Lilian and Charles F. Sweeney and graduated from the Convent of the Sacred Heart-Lawrence Avenue and Marygrove College. She was a teacher in Detroit prior to the birth of her children.

Mary was actively involved in many Catholic and community organizations including the Associated Alumnae of the Sacred Heart, Children of Mary Sodality and the parishes to which she belonged, Gesu and St. Clare of Montefalco. She also volunteered with The Milk Fund, Christ Child Society, Heartline and Meals on Wheels.

She served as alumnae board president at the Academy of the Sacred Heart and was honored as the Wansboro Award recipient and the AASH Cor Unum recipient for the national association's central region.

Mary is survived by her children, Molly McDermott (the late Edward), Julie Oldani, Anne Kern (Otto), Christine Oldani (Peter McInerney) and Mamie Yates (Skip); daughter-in-law, Patricia Oldani; grandchildren, Edward L. McDermott Jr. (Sue), Peter C. McDermott (Molly Houlihan), John Wolski, Anne Green (Brian), William J. Oldani III (Rachael), Matthew Oldani (Christine), Michael



Mary Sweeney Oldani

Kern (Lizz), Christopher Kern (Elyse), Andrew Kern (Lindsay), Mary McInerney, Carly McInerney, Elizabeth Yates and Sterling Yates III; great-grandchildren, Patrick and William McDermott, Jack and Henry Green, Ellery and Thomas Kern and Grace Kern and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband of 57 years, William J. Oldani Sr., son, William J. Oldani Jr., as well as her parents and seven siblings.

Private arrangements made by A.J. Desmond and Sons.

Donations may be made to the Mary S. and William J. Oldani Scholarship Endowment Fund, Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.

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DAR awards presented

The Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution announced its Youth and Education Award recipients Feb. 4, at its chapter meeting at the Country Club of Detroit. The Daughters of the American Revolution is a nonprofit, non-political, volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and securing America's future through better education for children.

Among the awards presented were the 2017 DAR Good Citizen chapter awards, which went to Adam Hafner and Nic Pez. Pez also was named a state finalist and will be recognized at DAR of Michigan's state awards in April.

DAR American History grades 5 to 8 essay contest chapter winners were all Brownell Middle School students. Among sixth-graders, Sofia Guevara placed first, Luke Faulkner placed second and Anna Czech placed third. Seventh-

grader Olivia Frye placed first. Eighth-grader Zachary David Farrell placed first.

Other awards — including DAR Youth Citizenship Medals, Junior American Citizens Chapter "Celebrating 100 Years of Our National Parks" Award and Christopher Columbus Essay Contest Award — were handed out during the luncheon, co-hosted by the John Paul Jones Society, Children of the American Revolution.



Sue Sullivan's class at the Neighborhood Club won the DAR Junior American Citizens Chapter "Celebrating 100 Years of Our National Parks" Award in the banner category. The mixed media painted linen banner represents a national park. Pictured at the Country Club of Detroit ceremony, from left, were Neighborhood Club instructors Lori Corden and Molly Howard with Louisa St. Clair Chapter Regent Peggy King Scully.



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DAR Youth Citizenship Medals were awarded to nine Grosse Pointe middle school students selected by their principals based on the qualities of honor, service, courage, leadership and patriotism. From left are Jacob Harris, Brownell eighth-grader; Alyse Applegate, Brownell seventh-grader; Sarah McCloskey, Brownell sixth-grader; Maelisa Watkins, Parcels seventh-grader; Cole Abke, Parcels sixth-grader; Evie Klepp, Pierce seventh-grader; Camille O'Mara, Pierce sixth-grader and Jake McBride, Pierce eighth-grader. They are pictured with Louisa St. Clair Chapter Regent Peggy King Scully. Not pictured is medalist Fiona Flynn, Parcels eighth-grader.



Pictured, from left, are Louisa St. Clair Chapter Chair Betty McQueen; Benjamin Van Vechten, a sophomore at Van Vechten Christian Academy, St. Clair Shores, and first place winner of the DAR Christopher Columbus Essay Contest; and Louisa St. Clair Chapter Regent Peggy King Scully. Van Vechten recently was named a state first-place winner and will be considered for national recognition.

GP:

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we change the wife's life, the children's lives, the neighbors' lives, the community as a whole," he continued. "What this one dog can do for one human being can spread throughout the community."

Patrosso said he hopes once GP is paired and completes his second year of training, the board can host a "passing of the leash" ceremony, officially handing GP over to his recipient.

Honored for efforts

As a result of Patrosso's

and Barker's efforts with Guardian Angels, they were selected to receive Community Service awards — a new recognition by the board this year.

"The Community Service Award was established to recognize individuals who provide an unrecognized role in the fabric of the communities where we live, work and play," Taylor said. "Being a Realtor is not about how much business you do; it is about how you do your business."

Along with Patrosso and Barker, Tom Wells was selected as well.

"Tom Wells recently

affiliated with Real Estate in the Pointes," Taylor said. "Tom was cited for his work as president of the Grosse Pointe chapter of the League of Women Voters, as well as his work within LWV at both the state and national level."

Patrosso said he was

honored to receive his award. "It made me feel pretty good to be selected," he said.

Barker was selected for "her efforts within the community in the political area where she has been involved in candidate interviews of those seeking state and federal elected positions,

her involvement at the state level as a trustee of the Realtors Political Action Committee and, of course, her efforts in promoting Guardian Angel Medical Service Dogs," Taylor said.

"I was very honored to receive the award along with Tom Wells and Gary Patrosso," Barker said.

"What we did during the year, mostly for the dogs, was a privilege to work on. It's funny to be awarded for something when you had so much fun doing it. And we're not done."

To contribute to Guardian Angels, contact Patrosso at (313) 770-0359.

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there are audio books, VHS and cassette tapes, DVDs and CDs.

This year's chairwomen are Sandy Stanley of Grosse Pointe Farms and Mary Ellen Burke of Grosse Pointe Woods. Stanley also is this year's branch president.

Proceeds from the sale provide scholarships and awards for area young people.

Looking for a dynamic organization dedicated to women's issues? Membership in the Grosse Pointe branch of AAUW is available to those who have a degree

from an accredited community college, four-year college or university, specialized two-year program (e.g. dental hygiene, nursing, etc.) or foreign institution recognized by the International Federation of University Women with which AAUW is affiliated.

The Grosse Pointe branch has founded a STEM Project in the

Grosse Pointe Public School System; further, the branch offers interest groups to its members at no extra charge such as B.L.T. — Book Lovers Together; Party Bridge; Evening Book Discussion; Lunch — Just Because; Mah Jong; Morning Literature; Morning Stitchery; Music Appreciation; Mystery Readers; Poetry, Plays

and New Possibilities.

The branch has members in the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods, Detroit, St. Clair Shores and elsewhere in Macomb and Oakland counties.

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M. John Shamo

A memorial service will be 4 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, for former longtime Grosse Pointe resident Hon. Judge M. John Shamo. The family will begin receiving guests at 2 p.m. Judge Shamo passed away Thursday, Nov. 24, 2016, in United Hospital, St. Paul, Minn., after a long illness. He was 82.

Judge Shamo was born March 31, 1934, in Detroit. He graduated from Eastern High

School in Detroit in 1951. After a brief stint in the U.S. Army, he went on to study law at the University of Detroit, graduating with a Juris Doctor degree in 1965.

He practiced civil and criminal law for 10 years before being appointed a Detroit Traffic Court referee. The Michigan Supreme Court later appointed Judge Shamo permanent presiding judge of Traffic Court. He was elected to the Detroit Recorder's Court as a criminal division judge in September 1981.

Judge Shamo was a member of the American Judges Association, John Smith Old Timers, Detroit Crisis Club and Grosse Pointe Crisis Club. He retired in 1997



M. John Shamo

and did visiting judge work and mediation for about 15 years in Wayne and Macomb counties.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Shamo; stepdaughter, Susan Barbieri (Peter Crocker) and granddaughter, Lily-Anna Crocker; stepson, Paul Barbieri (Victoria); sisters, Amelia and Virginia of Grosse Pointe Woods, and many nieces and nephews.

He will be deeply missed by his family, friends and the lawyers he mentored over the years.

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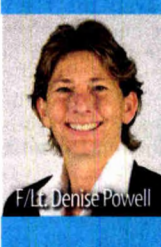
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By Debra Kaszubski
Special Writer

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of death from cancer in the United States. It affects both men and women of all ethnic and racial groups.

Since colorectal cancer typically develops in patients age 50 and older, screening is especially important. If colorectal cancer is detected early enough, it can be treated successfully.

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and the staff and physicians at Eastside Endoscopy Center urge patients older than 50, or those who may have symptoms of the disease, to schedule a colonoscopy.

Although there may be no symptoms associated with colorectal cancer, some things to look for include blood in the stool, unexplained abdominal pain, a change in bowel habits or unexplained weight loss or anemia.

"Roughly 52,000 people die a year from colorectal cancer. Experts believe that increasing awareness of the screening could save 30,000 lives," said Assistant Administrator Samantha Miller.

A colonoscopy is a procedure in which a physician looks inside the colon using an instrument called a colonoscope. The colonoscope is a long, thin, flexible tube with a video camera and light at the end. The gastroenterologist or other specialist guides the instrument through the colon, searching for abnormalities such as polyps.

"Most of the time, (polyps) are benign (noncancerous), but sometimes they can be cancerous



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The professional team at Eastside Endoscopy Center.

and that's why it's important that they're caught early," Miller said.

Experts recommend patients ages 50 to 75 have a routine colonoscopy every 10 years. Doctors may suggest those with symptoms or other risk factors have the exam more often. Most insurance plans cover the routine procedure.

"Getting screened is life saving," Miller said.

A great place for a colonoscopy is Eastside Endoscopy Center, located in St. Clair Shores and Macomb Township. Medical Director Dr. Robert Veneri leads a team of nine compassionate physicians who have been consistently recognized by Hour Magazine as the area's top physicians.

Administrator Beth Miller and the team of healthcare professionals guide patients through every step of their procedure. On average, 10,000

to 11,000 patients per year visit Eastside Endoscopy Center, which offers additional procedures as well, including upper GI endoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy and others.

The center, which opened in 1996, was recognized for its exceptional patient care when it received The Summit Award for patient satisfaction. In addition, Eastside Endoscopy Center is certified through the Accreditation for Ambulatory Health Care.

Eastside Endoscopy Center's main office is located at 28963 Little Mack, Suite 103, St. Clair Shores. Call (586) 447-5110. Its Macomb Township location is 17700 23 Mile Road, Suite 250. Call (586) 416-7501. Further information may be found online at eastsideendoscopy.com.

Screening Saves Lives!



March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month!

Colorectal Cancer is the **THIRD** leading cause of cancer related deaths in the United States. There are around 144,000 new cases diagnosed each year, of which roughly 52,000 people die. Experts believe that with increased awareness and screenings at least 30,000 of those lives could be saved.

When to have a colonoscopy:

- Age 50 or older

If you are experiencing the following symptoms you should also schedule a colonoscopy:

- Blood in stool
- Unexplained abdominal pain
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Pointe Dental Group's clear aligners are a comfortable alternative to metal braces

By Debra Kaszubski
Special Writer

Your smile is often the first thing people notice and smiling has a positive impact on those around you. If you shy away from smiling, or try to hide your teeth because they're crooked, you may want to consider treatment.

Clear aligners are alternatives to traditional metal braces and may serve as a viable option to patients of all ages. No one will notice the device; all they'll see is your smile.

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Clear aligners, also known as Invisalign, cost the same as traditional metal braces at Pointe Dental Group. Prices range from \$5,000 to \$5,500 and payment plans are available. Qualified patients may benefit from an express case of 10 aligners, a partial treatment, which costs \$3,500.

Clear aligners work as well as metal braces, said Friedman, who is a certified member of the American Board of Orthodontics.



Before Invisalign.



After Invisalign.

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"Due to some giant leaps in their technology over the last three years, I now find myself treating patients with Invisalign," said Friedman, noting that clear aligner treatment is more comfortable and faster.

"We also don't have the traditional orthodontic emergencies like broken brackets or poking wires, which has led to much greater compliance and satisfaction by our patients," he said.

On average, patients use clear aligners for about 15 months; however, some may complete treatment sooner. They're a good choice for teens and adults, especially those who enjoy sports.

Invisalign also is less

likely to irritate soft tissue surrounding the teeth and doesn't interfere with eating or speaking.

The only disadvantage to this treatment option is patients who don't wear the aligners as often as they should or properly.

"In order to stand by their product, Invisalign now offers a trial period for adolescents and pays for the transfer of a case to traditional braces if your child is non-compliant with their clear aligner wear," Friedman said.

If you're unhappy with your smile, consider clear aligner treatment at Pointe Dental Group, 18342 Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call (313) 881-2480 or visit pointedentalgroup.com.

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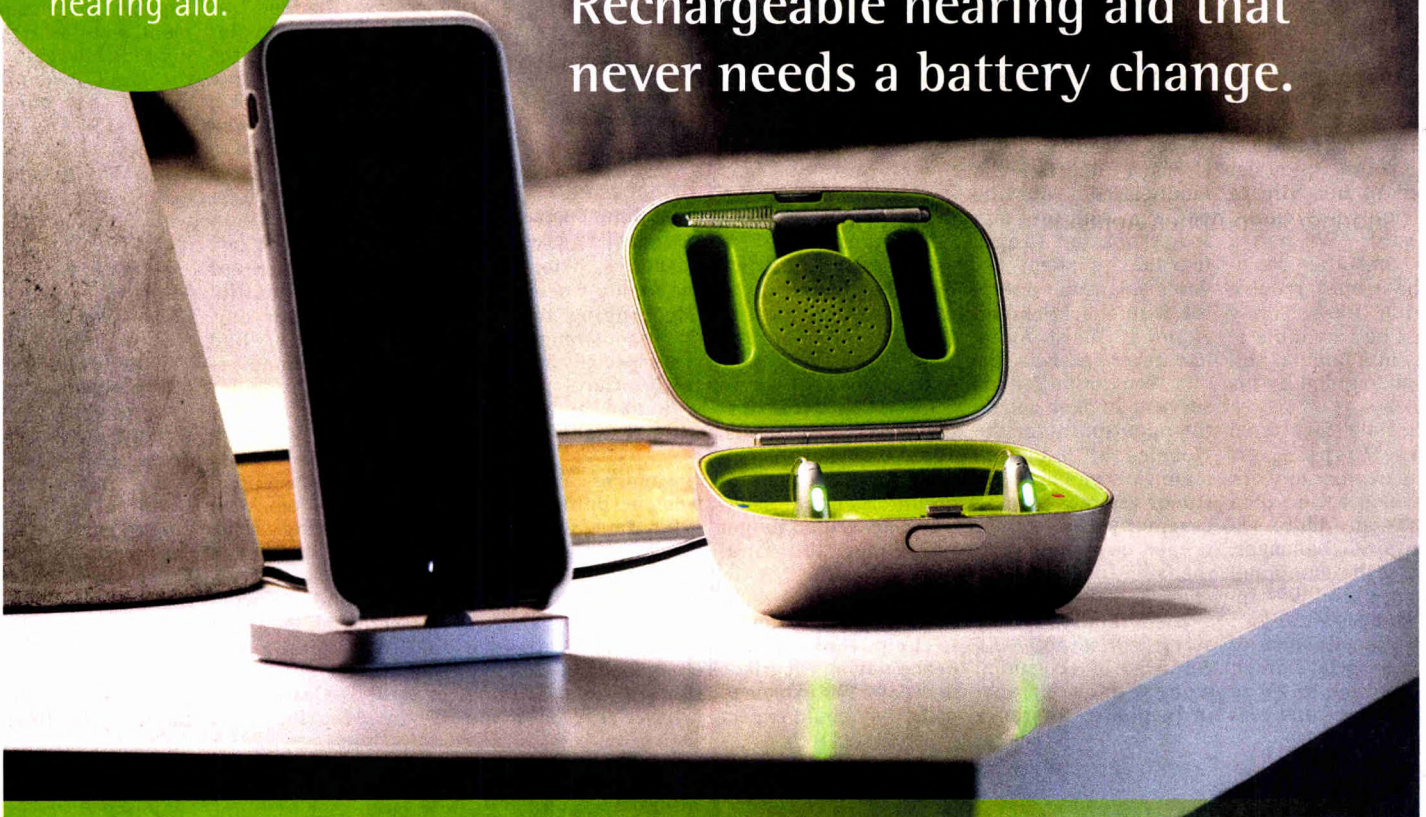
ment. Grosse Pointe Audiology has been able to help wearers who could never handle traditional hearing aids, with disposable batteries, transition into hearing aids that simply go from the charger to the user's ear without any fumbling with small batteries.

Grosse Pointe Audiology, located at 20239 Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods, was one of seven Audiology offices in the United States to test this new technology last year. The testing process was a great success and the Audéo B-R became available to everyone at the end of last year. Grosse Pointe Audiology has been providing hearing care services to Grosse Pointe and its surrounding communities for the last 15 years. All clinical services are provided by a Certified Clinical Audiologist who is licensed as an audiologist by the State of Michigan and holds a Doctorate Degree in audiology. The Audiologists at Grosse Pointe Audiology have over 50 years of combined experience in helping you hear better. So what are you waiting for? Better hearing can now be simple and easy. To learn more about the Phonak Audéo B-R and get a free two-week in-home trial with the devices, call us at (313) 343-5555 or visit us at gpaudiology.com.

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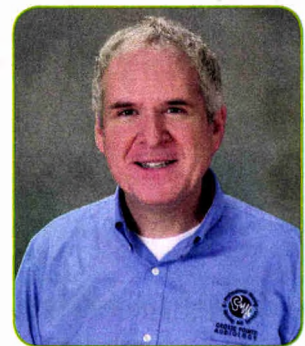
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The impact of a social worker: One hospice patient's journey

Howard Siegrist worked until his most recent health crisis as a criminal defense attorney, a career he loved more than 40 years. Between hospitalizations and surgeries, it had been a long journey as he battled salivary gland cancer. In his hospital room, Siegrist turned to his wife of nearly 50 years, Carol, and said, "We had a good run," after deciding he would receive hospice care. They agreed he would die at home, in a familiar setting surrounded by his loved ones.

Siegrist's care team from Hospice of Michigan went to work to develop a care plan that not only addressed his physical challenges, but also the emotional needs of the entire family. Debbie Langer, LMSW, the Hospice of Michigan social worker, took the time to get to know Siegrist, his wife

and four sons — Brian, Darren, Corey and Kevin, who lived in different parts of the continent. Her goal: to ensure they didn't feel alone, scared or hopeless.

Langer encouraged the Siegrists to share a life review, which also helped her get to know Howard Siegrist. His family already knew he had a passion for amateur radio, but Langer learned he spent six years as a radio operator with the Michigan National Guard. As he had never received formal recognition for his service, Langer seized the opportunity for the Hospice of Michigan team to organize a We Honor Veterans pinning ceremony that would create new memories the family could forever cherish.

With family by his side, Siegrist received a certificate of recognition along with his pin and, in response, offered a



touching thank you to all veterans. As he revealed in the ceremony, Langer videotaped the intimate affair.

Appreciative of the care the entire hospice team provided, Kevin Siegrist called out Langer's contributions. "The day before my father passed, we had an unforgettable meeting. She helped us get ready for the final phase," he said.

Langer shared techniques with the family to help them create peace during Siegrist's final days. She explained what they could expect

during the end-of-life process, answering questions, listening to the family's needs and encouraging them to find inner strength. This was especially meaningful for Carol Siegrist, who had never been without the love of her life.

"Families can be overwhelmed during this difficult time. They think they have to go through death alone, but that's not the case," Langer said. "The Siegrists were honest with each other about anticipating Howard's loss. Grieving is never easy, but if you

start communicating with your loved ones before end-of-life, it helps ease the pain further down the road."

One of the principles Langer shared with the Siegrists was despite keeping a family vigil, a loved one often will wait to die until left alone to spare the family from additional heartache.

Carol and Kevin Siegrist spent one last morning with Howard Siegrist on a beautiful warm November day. Because Langer had encouraged them to say "goodbye" whenever they left the room, they both did as one left the house to run errands and the other stepped into another room. With the sun glowing on his face, Howard Siegrist died, protecting his family to the end. Knowing this could happen and that they literally said their final "goodbyes" provided Carol and Kevin Siegrist with

some comfort in the midst of their devastating loss.

Thanks to Langer's support and encouragement, along with that of his dedicated care team, the family was able to make the most of Siegrist's end-of-life journey. Kevin Siegrist said, "The exceptional care Debbie provided wasn't just for my father, it was for all of us."

March is Social Work Month, celebrating Langer and all the professionals who ensure millions of people everyday receive comfort and exceptional care through life-limiting illnesses and other difficult circumstances. Hospice of Michigan employs more than 30 social workers throughout the state who guide families in making the most of their time with their loved one at end of life. For more information, visit hom.org or call (888) 247-5701.



Three steps to a comprehensive skin care plan

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Protection, product and procedure. These

are the three steps to a good skin care plan, according to Dr. Richard Ferrara of Ferrara Dermatology Clinic and

the Skin & Laser Center of Grosse Pointe.

"They all have synergy. They all work together. It's multi-

modality," Ferrara said.

These steps become increasingly important as warm weather approaches and fitness routines move outdoors.

Protection

According to Ferrara, protection is the number one thing for anti-aging and staying youthful. Photo protection — or protection from the harmful effects of the sun and ultraviolet radiation — requires the regular practice of seeking shade, wearing wide-brimmed hats and sunglasses and applying sunscreen.

Failure to protect has acute consequences. These include sunburn, which can cause pigment alteration; free radical formation that damages DNA; and UVA mutagenesis, ultimately resulting in cancer. Chronic consequences include cancer induction, photo-aging and immunosuppression.

Product

Next is "our whole freshening up on the skin," said Ferrara. Products for skin rejuvenation fall into two camps. Physical sun-

oxide and titanium dioxide, deflects or blocks the sun's rays, while chemical sunscreen absorbs the sun's rays.

Ferrara recommends broad-spectrum sunscreen or block be applied sufficiently to cover exposed areas and prior to sun exposure. It also must be reapplied every two hours when outdoors or after swimming or sweating.

Topical antioxidants protect against free radical, sunburn or DNA damage. Finally, oral photo-protective agents help maintain the skin's ability to protect against sun-related effects and aging. Examples are green tea and heliocyte, a natural fern extract with anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties.

Procedure

Once he has covered the basics of protection and products for anti-aging, Ferrara turns to procedural options, determining first what bothers his client. Is it brown pigments in the skin from the sun or aging? Is it ruddiness in the face?

"Sometimes it's the tone-texture smooth-

ness. Fine wrinkles, porous skin, rough-looking skin. Sometimes we get into a resurfacing conversation," Ferrara said.

These discussions lead to choices in non-invasive procedures to address features of aging and loss of youthfulness.

Treatment options fall into six categories referred to as the "Six R's." These are resuspend — or lift and tighten — accomplished through plastic surgery; resurface — a laser-only treatment targeting tones, texture, smoothness and scar reduction; retain and repair, involving medical-grade cosmetic products such as growth factors, retinols, antioxidants, specialty products and sun protection; relax — injections such as Botox offering instant gratification; refill — products used to fill, add or restore volume to the cheek area and reduce folds and wrinkles; and red and brown reduction through the use of laser and lights.

Ferrara has an extensive background in general medical dermatology, surgical dermatology and cosmetic dermatology. He is certified by the board of the American Academy of Dermatology and received his training from the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. He is a Diamond Level injector for Allergan Products in metro Detroit, Grosse Pointe and St. Clair Shores.

Ferrara Dermatology Clinic offers comprehensive dermatologic medical, surgical and aesthetic services. The Skin & Laser Center serves as the cosmetic aesthetic wing, providing treatments, skin care and procedures.

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THRILL OF VICTORY, AGONY OF DEFEAT

Blue Devils tripped in semis

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Chris Booth knew the semifinal game between his Grosse Pointe South girls' hockey team against defending state champ Farmington Hills Mercy was going to be a battle.

The two met last year in the state championship game and it was the Blue Devils falling in a close game. They met in the season opener Nov. 19 and the Blue Devils won 5-4 in overtime. They also played Dec. 10 with the Marlins winning 5-4 in overtime.

The table was set as the semifinal winner moved on to the state championship game to face top-ranked Livonia Ladywood, a 5-2 winner over Walled Lake in the first semifinal at Novi Arena.

It was a tense contest for three periods and when the final horn sounded it was South losing 2-1, ending its season 17-3-0-2.

Erin Brannagan scored with an assist from Lauren Kramer. The goal tied the game 1-1 heading into the third period.

"The refs disallowed two goals because they said they lost sight of the puck. That was the game," Booth said. "We are crushed. Bridget (Donaldson) played really well."

Booth loses nine



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South junior Lauren Kramer led the league in scoring this season, netting 26 goals and 25 assists for 51 points in the 13 games.

seniors, Carmen Peck, Megan Michaels, Bridget Donaldson, Carson Dennis, the league's second-leading scorer, Shannon McKenna, Skye Keith, Dominique Maes, Megan Ryszewski and Grace Scott.

In the quarterfinals, Grosse Pointe South blanked city rival Grosse Pointe North 10-0.

The Blue Devils scored four times in the first period and added six goals in the second to win via the mercy rule.

Dennis and junior Lauren Kramer each had hat tricks to power the Blue Devils.

Scoring one goal apiece were freshman Madison Ryszewski, junior Erin Brannagan, freshman Kelsie Francis and Junior Maddalena Boyer. Junior Hannah Miller and McKenna had assists.

The defense did a good job of bottling up the Norsemen's top forwards, junior Kylee Banaszewski and Bella Welke, and Donaldson, the Blue Devils' goaltender, made 11 saves to post another shutout.

South won the season series with North 4-0, outscoring them 37-6.

For North and head coach Joe Lucchese, they lose only four seniors, Lia DeCoste, Erin Haggerty, Rachel Stander and Eve Feldman.

Besides Banaszewski and Welke, the Norsemen return both goaltenders, McKenzie Obermork and Erika Benoit, plus several other statistical leaders, Clare Murphy, Darby Pickford, Hannah Martin, Lindsey Ramsdell, Natalie Barstys and Maddie McIntyre.

Knights storm back

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' hockey team stormed back from a 6-1 deficit to beat Ann Arbor Pioneer 8-6 in the Division 2 championship game last weekend at Novi Arena.

"That win was the epitome of never giving up and a collective belief in each other and buying into what needed to be done," head coach Anna Kuehnlein said. "The easiest thing to do would have been to roll over, lose faith and quit, but the girls did the complete opposite."

"From our defense really stepping up, to our goaltender bouncing back and continuing to make big plays, to our forwards pouring on the pressure - they dug deep and got it done. And of course Kara Francis' epic performance is defi-



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Liggett senior Kara Francis put on quite a show in the Division 2 championship game, scoring six goals.

nately one for the books.

"Every single girl in that locker room had an immediate impact on the outcome of the game, and my heart."

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YOUTH HOCKEY



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State champs

The Grosse Pointe Bulldogs Hockey Club 10U Lady Bulldogs — Black capped off a great season by winning the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association 10U Tier 3 state championship Sunday, March 12, beating Honey Baked 7-1 in the championship game. The girls have only one loss this season and were undefeated in the state tournament. They finished the season 12-1-2 overall. Team members pictured above are Annie Cleland, Ella Dobbs, Lexi Dobbs, Abby Evans, Tia Kosmas, Allie Lindsay, Bella Metry, Leanna Phillips, Fay Robb, Evie Smith, Annie Walsh and Maggie Weiss. The team is coached by Scott Lindsay, Steve Smith, Kurt Dobbs and Dennis Weiss.

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3/26 3pm ESH Ice Arena

2006 12U (PeeWee A)

Head Coach: Eric Londo - 313.570.5860
Tryout Info: 3/11 4:15pm
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2005 12U (PeeWee AA)

Head Coach: Tom Viggiano
tom.viggiano@rscmain.com
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3/24 7:15pm ESH

2005 12U (PeeWee AA Black)

Head Coach: Trevor Sattlemeyer
tsatt116@gmail.com
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Norsemen make it interesting

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

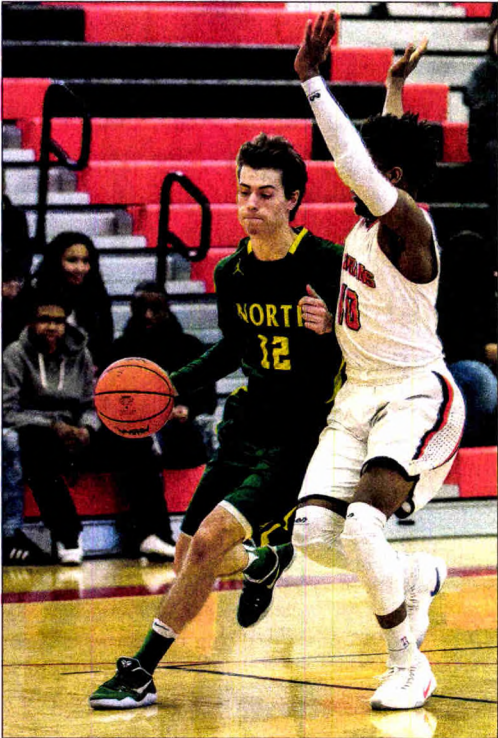
Head coach Ron Kochan knew his Grosse Pointe North boys' basketball team had to play a good game to beat host St. Clair Shores Lake Shore in a Class A district championship game last weekend.

The Norsemen missed too many layups and committed 18 turnovers in a 57-49 defeat, ending their season 14-8 overall.

"We came into the game wanting to get them in foul trouble, which we did, but we committed too many turnovers and made mistakes at crucial times," Kochan said. "We played hard and had a chance in the fourth quarter, but couldn't pull out a win."

The Norsemen were a step behind the entire game, trailing 8-4 in the first quarter, 20-15 at the half and 36-27 after the third quarter.

They would cut the deficit to a basket, but then



North senior Steven Levick scored 15 points in each of the Norsemen's two district games.

the Shorians would go on a run to open up a near

double-digit lead once again.

In the fourth quarter, the Norsemen trailed 44-40 and had a transition layup opportunity, but the shot missed and the Shorians came down to nail a basket to make it a 46-40 game.

The Shorians hit several free throws in the final two minutes to seal their first district title since the 1994 state championship team.

North never backed down from the challenge as seniors Marvin Amerson, Dillon Webb, Steven Levick and Sam Cross gave it their best effort in their final high school game.

Levick had 15 points

and Webb added 12. Junior Sheldon Cage had seven points, while Amerson, Cross and junior Tyler Hill each had five.

North was pushed to the brink of elimination in its district semifinal, edging Warren Woods-Tower 59-57 in overtime.

Levick scored four points and Cross added a free throw in overtime as the Norsemen's defense took over. They created turnovers and challenged shot attempts from the Titans in the extra period to earn the win and advance in the state tournament.

"Our guys hung together and defensively they clamped down in the fourth quarter and overtime," Kochan said. "We had other guys step up tonight and we needed it. This was definitely a team win."

The Norsemen led 14-13 after the first quarter and used a 15-7 second quarter to take a 29-20 lead to the intermission.

The Titans turned the



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

North senior Dillon Webb has the edge to the basket in the Norsemen's semifinal win over Warren Woods-Tower.

momentum in their favor by out scoring the

Norsemen 24-10 in the third quarter to take a 44-39 lead.

WWT senior Jauron Vicks was unstoppable, scoring 31 points, but he was held in check during the final four minutes of the fourth quarter and throughout overtime.

The Norsemen forced overtime by winning the fourth quarter 15-10 and they won the overtime 5-3.

They had a chance to win at the end of regulation, but Webb was called for traveling, even though his pivot foot was stationary.

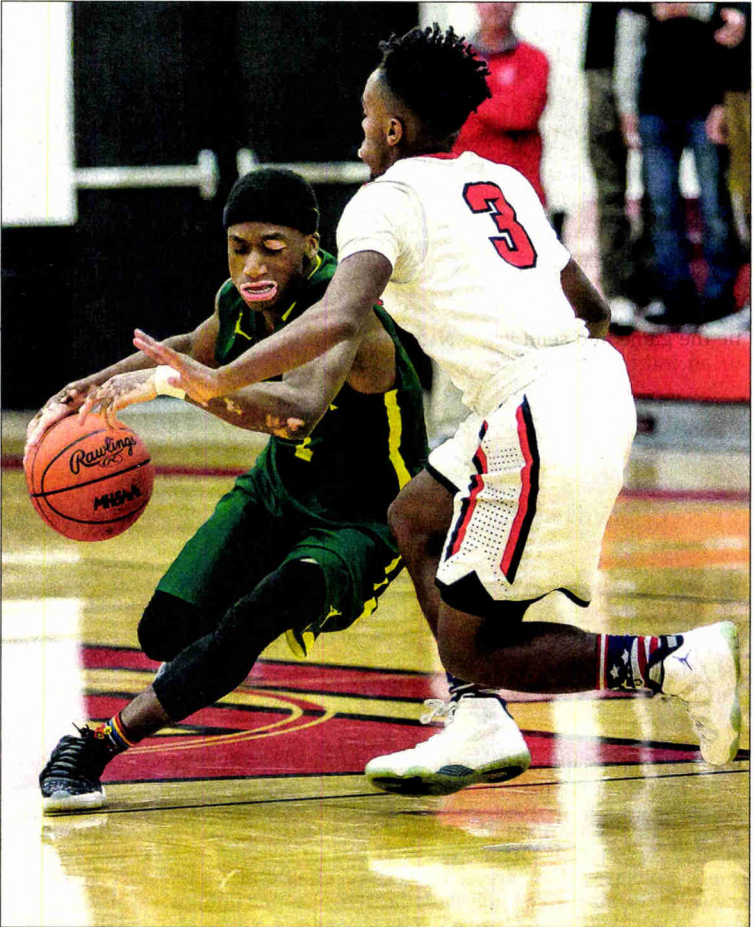
At the time, the game was tied at 54 with under five seconds left in regulation.

Webb led the way with 19 points, while Levick had 15 points and eight rebounds.

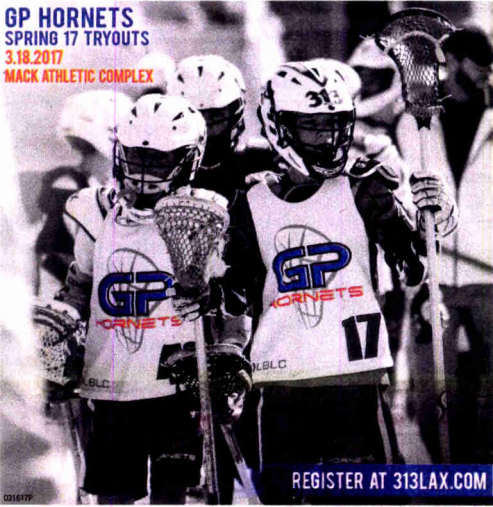
Cross added nine points, followed by Cage with eight and junior Tyler Hill with six. Hill hit two big three-point baskets in the fourth quarter.



North senior Sam Cross saves a ball from going out-of-bounds in the semifinal game against Woods-Tower.



North senior Marvin Amerson tries to drive to the basket during the Norsemen's game against Lake Shore.



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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Councilperson Vivian Sawicki.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilperson Sawicki from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held February 6, 2017 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Ordinance Committee meeting held February 6, 2017.
- 3) To open the public hearing on the 2017 Community Development Block Grant Program.
- 4) To close the public hearing on the 2017 Community Development Block Grant Program.
- 5) To Receive and file the attached Neighborhood Improvement Plan as prepared with the specific items to be the subject of further discussion during the goal setting sessions.
- 6) To add to the agenda the scheduling of Goal Setting Sessions.
- 7) To hold Goal Setting sessions on March 6, 2017 for discussions regarding Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis and also on March 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., following the regular meeting agenda, with SEMCOG being present to facilitate these sessions.
- 8) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 110304 through 110414 in the amount of \$532,074.39 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to We Preserve Michigan in the amount of \$6,249.00 for the renovations and repair work at 19668 Washtenaw as part of the CDBG rehab loan project. (3) Approve payment to SafeBuilt, Inc. in the amount of \$33,109.00 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of January 2017. (4) Approve payment to the City of Grosse Pointe Farms in the amount of \$12,579.21 for Harper Woods' proportionate share of the Intermunicipal Radio System for the period July 1 through December 31, 2016.
- 2) To adopt the 2017 Community Development Block Grant Program as follows: Housing Rehab, \$67,252.68; Pointe Area Assisted Transit, Service (PAATS), \$11,868.12; Administration, \$ 8,791.20; Total, \$87,912.00.
- 3) To approve the attached proposal from McKenna Associates for the professional services in support of updating the City's Recreation Master Plan in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.
- 4) To accept the 1.3% rate increase proposal dated January 30, 2017 from engineering firm Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. effective July 1, 2017.
- 5) To authorize the sale of the City owned property located at 21519 Kingsville, Parcel No. 42-004-11-0091-000 to Mr. Willie McDaniel in the amount of \$4,414.00 and further to authorize the Mayor to sign the Purchase Agreement and Quit Claim Deed.
- 6) To introduce and place for first reading an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 95-2, Section 11-73(14)," and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.
- 7) To authorize Councilwoman Kindle to attend the Michigan Municipal League's Capital Conference in Lansing March 21-22, 2017 with the City paying all of her necessary and related expenses.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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Swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils finish 6th at state finals

The Grosse Pointe South boys' swimming and diving team continued its claim of elite status with a sixth-place finish at the Division 2 state championship meet held at Eastern Michigan University last weekend.

After finishing seventh in 2015 and 2016, the 2017 squad had a little more depth and diversity to finish a place higher out of the 70 teams competing in their division.

This was the 50th South team to finish in the top-10 at the state finals, which started with the 1934 Blue Devils' squad which splashed to a seventh-place finish.

Next year's squad looks to improve and could finish in the top-4 if a large majority of the boys continue to swim and dive with their club teams and commit to achieve such a lofty goal.

Head coach Eric Gunderson was pleased with the improvement his splashers made throughout the season, which



PHOTO COURTESY OF TODD BRIGGS

Members of the Grosse Pointe South boys' swimming and diving team who qualified for the Division 2 state finals.

started with a team win at the Pangborn Invitational, second place at the Wayne County Championships and winning the Macomb Area Conference Red Division Championships for the 16th time in a row.

The 200-yard medley

relay kicked things off with a fourth-place All-State finish with a time of 1:35.61. Team members were Ethan Briggs, Matthew Koueiter, Matthew Melican and Cam Francis.

Thomas Jogan placed 26th in the 200-yard free-

style, while Khalib Rahmaan finished 23rd in the 200-yard individual medley.

Nick Vallan was 27th in the 50-yard freestyle and Grady Eger twisting to 14th in diving.

The 100-yard butterfly saw four Blue Devils

place, with Briggs touching in an All-State place of eighth, followed by Francis 9th, Melican 13th and Koueiter 15th.

Jogan finished 27th in the 100-yard freestyle with Vallan placing 33rd.

The 200-yard freestyle relay team of Francis,

Rahmaan, Vallan and Jogan finished in ninth, just missing All-State recognition. South also scored several points in the 100-yard backstroke with Melican finishing as an All-Stater in eighth place and Briggs also splashing to an All-State sixth place.

Koueiter also became an individual All-State swimmer with his fourth-place performance in the 100-yard breaststroke, with Cam Sanders placing 11th and Rahmaan finishing 20th.

The 400-yard freestyle relay squad of Francis, Vallan, Jogan and Briggs capped a successful season for South by placing seventh with a solid time of 3:14.12, and are now recognized as All-State swimmers in that event.

In the final team standings, Dexter won the state title with 284 points and Ann Arbor Huron was runner-up with 256.5.

— Todd Briggs
Special Writer

Girls basketball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen's final shot comes up short

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

A horrible start and a near miracle finish was the name of the game last week for Grosse Pointe North girls' basketball team.

The Norsemen played host Birmingham Marian in a Class A regional semifinal and fell behind early. It was 15-5 after the first quarter as turnovers and mistakes allowed the Mustangs to build the lead.

The home team led 26-16 at the half and 32-21 after three quarters.

Head coach Gary Bennett knew his team needed a spark and three-pointers by sophomore Julia Ayrault and freshman Michelle Bodnariuk, plus two-point buckets by senior Katie Snow and sophomore Rachel Sexton, brought the Norsemen to within three points, 34-31.

The Norsemen forced a turnover and had one final possession to try to tie the game and send it to an improbable over-



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North sophomore Evelyn Zacharias runs a play during the Norsemen's regional semifinal loss to host Birmingham Marian.

time.

The three-point attempt missed and the Norsemen's season ended with 12 wins, a district title, and 11 losses.

"Nice comeback," Bennett said. "The girls

never gave up, but Marian's defense proved to be the difference maker."

Snow led the way with 13 points, followed by Ayrault with eight points, nine rebounds and four steals. Bodnariuk fin-

ished with four points, followed by Sexton with four and sophomore Maddie Mills with two.

Bennett loses only Snow to graduation and gets two underclassmen back who missed the

entire season with injuries, sophomore Cariele' Humphries and freshman Christina Braker.

Baseball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Register for camp

It's time to register for the 22nd annual Grosse Pointe South Baseball Instructional Camp from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 25, at Grosse Pointe South, located at 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI.

The camp is for hitting, pitching, infield, outfield, catching and sliding techniques and is open to boys and girls in sec-

ond through eighth grade.

Coaches may observe, take notes or videotape. Players should bring their own equipment and South is not responsible for lost or stolen articles.

Players should report to the main gymnasium at 8:45 a.m. in proper baseball attire. The cost is \$50 per player and coaches are free. Make

checks out to GPS Dugout Club and send to Dan Griesbaum, 835 Hidden Lane, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

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Boys hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

South junior varsity wins title

The Grosse Pointe South junior varsity/prep hockey team delivered a 2-1 win over Northville Saturday, March 4, to earn the Great Lakes Prep Hockey League Green Division championship.

The win came in a four-on-four sudden-death overtime.

The teams battled to a 1-1 tie at the end of three periods of play at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center. At 1:28 into the 10-minute sudden-death overtime, forward Adam Ebenhoeh scored for the Blue Devils to end the game.

The team's earlier goal came in the second period from Wyatt Dennis with an assist by Alex Krcho.

Grosse Pointe South center/forward and team captain Max Bryson was



PHOTO COURTESY OF CRAIG BRYSON

The Grosse Pointe South boys' junior varsity/prep hockey team members, with trophy, are front row from left, goalies Ray Morris and Sam Nehra; middle row from left, assistant coach Alex Doran, Holden Rist, Bobby Armstrong, Nate Bosau, Adam Ebenhoeh, Wyatt Dennis, Alex Krcho and Willis Yeamans; and back row from left, manager Greg Nehra, Ray Hasanaj, Joseph Serventi, Chase Clark, Captain Max Bryson, Max Taber, Nick Raicevich, Colton Ensor, Reis Dempsey and head coach David Pullis.

named the game's most-valuable player. Goaltender Ray Morris collected the win.

The Blue Devils were in fourth place entering the playoffs, but defeated first-place Walled Lake Northern Feb. 25 to earn the spot in the championship game.

That win was noteworthy, because the team had only 11 players on the ice, including goalie Sam Nehra, who turned in a stellar performance.

Blue Devils coach David Pullis praised the squad's play, "I'm very proud of this group of young men. They fought hard against a very tough opponent. If not for an entire team effort, there was no way we would have won today."

The team ended the season with a 13-8-3 record.

Girls basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOB ZARANEK

Undefeated

The Grosse Pointe South girls' freshmen basketball team finished the season a perfect 20-0, which is a school record. The Blue Devils won the tough Macomb Area Conference Red Division, as well as the MAC Red/White Division Tournament, beating two junior varsity squads in the process. The team combined great defense to create easy transition baskets, in addition to having a stellar low-post game. They beat opponents by nearly 40 points per game as five players averaged nine or more points per contest. Of the 80 quarters played, the girls never trailed after any of them and held foes to under six points in 66 of them and scoreless in 10 quarters. Pictured above are, front row from left, Susie Jarboe, Hannah Ottaway and Meaghan Bojarczyk; and back row from left, Maggie Frost, Sophie Iafrate, Callin Gallagher, coach Bob Zaraneke, coach Dave Charvat, Gray Rahm, Shannon Kerr and Maura Shine. The girls' freshman basketball program has been one of the most successful in the MAC for several years. Fans will see the girls at the varsity level playing for Kevin Richards in the next season or two.

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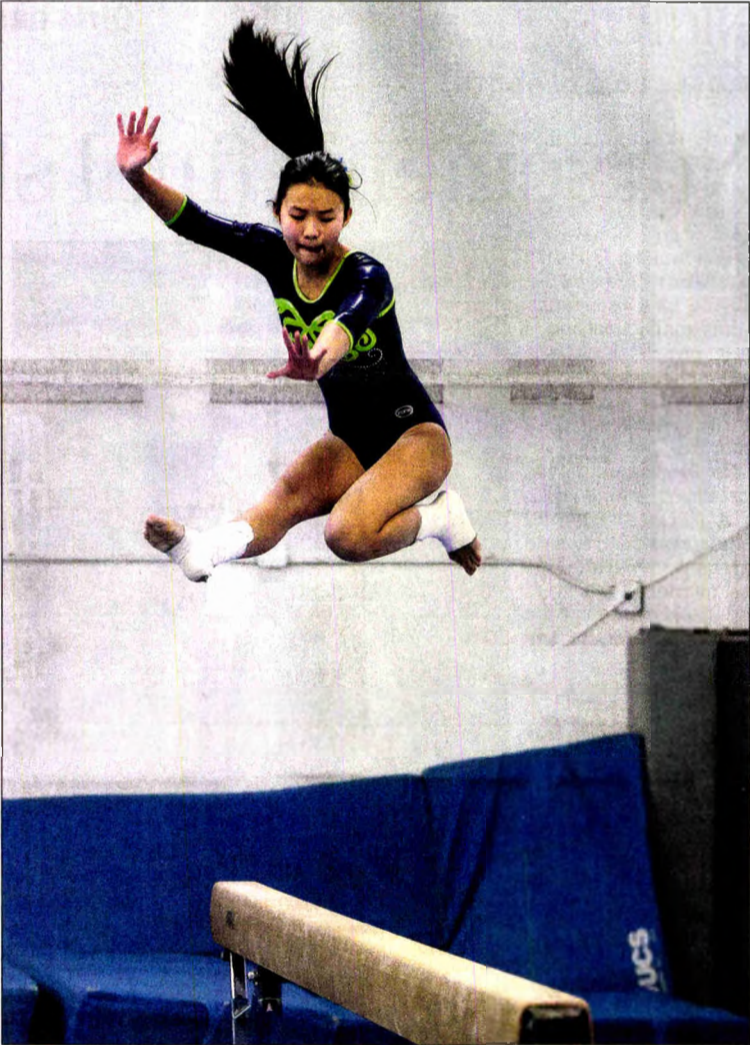


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State finalists

Grosse Pointe Unified gymnasts Amanda Nguyen, above, and her older sister, Isabelle Nguyen, competed in the individual state finals last weekend at Plymouth High School. In her final high school meet, Isabelle Nguyen was fourth in the all-around competition with a score of 36.725 points. She scored a 9.425 to take third on uneven parallel bars, a 9.400 to tie for fourth on the vault, a 9.125 to get ninth on balance beam, and an 8.775 to get 28th on the floor exercise. Amanda Nguyen, a freshman, was 45th on the vault with a score of 8.100.

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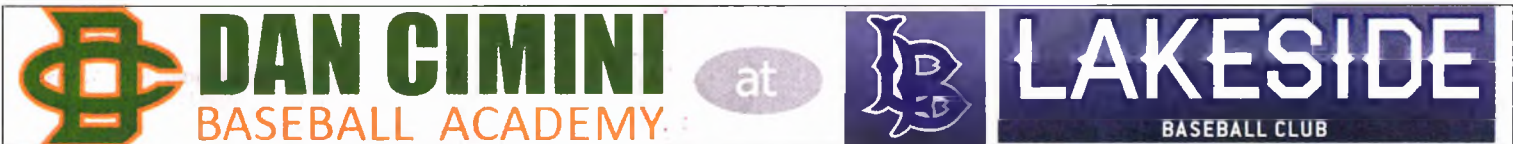
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Baseball/softball

GROSSE POINTES

DCBA & Lakeside: a winning team



By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Dan Cimini, part owner of Lakeside Baseball Club, provides coaching to children of all ages.

Cimini is the founder and director of the Dan Cimini Baseball Academy, which is dedicated to creating an atmosphere where athletes of all ages and skill levels can thrive through fundamentals, discipline, dedication and respect of the game.

His slogan is, "Take your game to the next level."

"We educate, motivate and inspire student-athletes to build foundations for success on and off the field," Cimini said. "I want every kid who attends my academy to

learn the skill necessary to make them a better and confident baseball player."

The academy provides individual, group or team instruction regarding throwing, hitting, fielding, outfield play, base running and pitching. Campers will learn the proper way to hit a baseball so they aren't rolling their hands and hitting weak ground balls.

They will field ground balls and catch fly balls with confidence and be ready for high school or middle school baseball/softball.

Cimini's varsity baseball teams have won four state championships, several regional titles and more than a dozen district crowns.

His schedule contains teams from all four levels

and he has not shied away from playing any team at any level. It's his belief in his players' abilities through the dedication to fundamentals which will win in the long run.

Interested parties can call Cimini at (313) 600-7502 or go to his website, danciminibaseballacademy.com to register or for more information.

He conducts a lot of his teaching at Lakeside Baseball Club, the 12,000 square-foot facility dedicated to baseball and softball.

LBC has pitching tunnels, hitting machines for baseball and softball, as well as a space which can accommodate a full infield practice.

"There is no off-season," Cimini said of Lakeside Baseball Club.

"Anyone can sign up on the website to use cage time for anything they need to work on, like hitting, pitching and fielding. Lakeside is great to

use in the summer for extra practice or if the weather isn't cooperating."

People can call LBC director Kevin Nugent at

(313) 231-9926 or visit the website at lakesidebaseball.us. Lakeside Baseball Club is located at 3538 Cadieux, 500 feet from Mack.

KNIGHTS:

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six goals to build a 6-1 lead heading into the second intermission.

Francis scored the next five goals to tie it 6-6 with still eight minutes left.

Junior Maddie Hamilton scored what was the winning goal and

junior Olivia Yates added an insurance goal to give the Knights a two-goal advantage heading down the stretch. Senior Haley Malewicz assisted on four of Francis's goals to put her mark on the D2 title contest.

Liggett doubled up Detroit Country Day 6-3 in the semifinals and finished the season 8-11-2-1.

Division 2 was the consolation bracket of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League state playoff format. The top eight teams in the regular season standings made the Division 1 playoffs, while the bottom six in the standings were moved to the Division 2 tournament.

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19 D A B A 20 I L L E L A T E
21 A B E D C A T P L A C E
22 L E S S A T E M A R C S
23 I R E L E D S A M E

- CLUES ACROSS**
1. Pea stems
6. Type of music
9. Leader
13. Distant
14. 5,280 feet
15. Beloved Yankee great
16. A female domestic
17. Free from alcoholism
18. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
19. Entertains with song
21. Wooden shoe
22. Female horses
23. Group of males
24. Sodium
25. Revolutions per minute
28. Neither
29. Woody climbing plant
31. Dismounted
33. Orbits the earth
36. Female parents
38. Separates acids
39. Origins
41. Stuffing and mounting animal skins
44. Rupture
45. Fathers
46. Large primate
48. Shape-memory alloy
49. Halfback
51. "Family Guy" daughter
52. Irish mountain chain
54. Paired
56. Drinks
60. Death notice
61. Skirts
62. Fertility god
63. Where a curve intersects itself
64. Red Sea port

- CLUES DOWN**
1. Excessively theatrical actors
2. Wings
3. French river
4. Internet device
5. Where Tony Bennett left his heart
6. Flowering shrub that bears gooseberries
7. Brews
8. For each
9. Dictatorships
10. Slavic person in Saxony
11. Nobel laureate
12. Shmuel
13. Lasso
14. Tones down
17. Lunar period
20. Leavened Indian bread
21. Military elite
23. One thousandth of an inch
25. L.A. footballer
26. Land plan
27. A satellite of Saturn
29. "Cat Ballou" actor
30. Obscure aspect of Sun God and a group of asteroids
32. Indicates the fare
34. ___ and feather
35. Round Dutch cheese
37. Begat
40. Relaxing place
42. ___ Hit'an of Alaska
43. Belgian city
47. Organ of hearing and balance
49. Isolated Southeast Asian people
50. "Power Rangers" villain
52. Yellow-fever mosquitos
53. Heavy cavalry sword
55. Laundry detergent
56. A way to wait
57. Mother and wife of Uranus
58. Justly obtain
59. Stony waste matter
61. Helps you find places
65. Oil company

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7	1	5	6	8	2	9	3	4
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4	6	1	3	7	5	2	9	8
2	7	3	8	9	6	4	5	1
9	5	8	1	2	4	3	7	6
5	4	2	9	6	7	8	1	3
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A guardian angel

Special visitors inspire Destination Imagination team

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

For Ryan Woodford, a police officer diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, life changed when he met his guardian angel.

Woodford was put on top of the Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs list when his symptoms grew so severe they interfered with his ability to function. His sleep was disturbed by nightmares and he faced crippling anxiety attacks.

Today, with the help of Wesson, his service dog, Woodford sleeps through the night medication free and is able to calm himself before anxiety attacks take over. He also is able to work again. While he resigned after seven years with the police force due to his PTSD, he recently opened a private security company. Wesson accompanies him to offsite client meetings as well as the office.

Woodford said Wesson senses his anxiety and alerts him to it before it escalates into a full-blown attack.

"If you don't do anything about anxiety, it



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Pictured with Ryan Woodford and his service dog, Wesson, are, from left, Raegan Rybicki, Jacqueline Wang, Elli Richter and Jack Michaud. The students are members of Pierce's Destination Imagination team, the Departed Dogs.

can lead to panic attacks," he said.

Kneeling and placing his forehead to the dog's forehead, an exercise

called "doming," helps Woodford break the cycle of anxiety. The German shepherd relieves Woodford of his hyper-

vigilance by shielding him in public. He also senses if Woodford is about to have a nightmare, licking his face to

wake him before the nightmare occurs.

During a visit Thursday, March 2, Woodford told his story to Pierce Middle

School eighth-graders Jack Michaud, Elli Richter, Raegan Rybicki and Jacquelyn Wang, members of the Destination Imagination team, the Departed Dogs. As part of their service project outreach for this year's competition, the students set a goal to raise \$2,000 to donate to Guardian Angels, a nonprofit that rescues, raises, trains and donates medical service and assistance dogs to mentally and/or physically impaired individuals.

This amount covers travel costs for a recipient of a medical service dog to go to Florida for training, according to Jolanthe Bassett, Guardian Angels' Michigan coordinator. Jill Richter, who coaches the team along with her husband, Tom Richter, said so far the students have raised \$1,668 through bake sales, can and bottle drives and sales of car wash coupons. In addition, Principal Chris Clark has nominated the team for a Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education

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2D | SCHOOLS

Class at North opens door to medical careers

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Nadya Herfi witnessed her first obstetrical delivery as a high school senior. Standing next to her in the delivery room was a first-year resident, also observing a delivery for the first time.

The Grosse Pointe North High School student had this experience so early in her education because she enrolled in North's Applied Medical Research with Clinical Investigations course. Consisting of mostly seniors, the yearlong class gives students opportunities to conduct experiments as well as shadow physicians and nurses at local hospitals. Shadowing began in October with the last rotation in March.

"The whole goal of the program was that we know there's going to be a shortage of physicians and nurses in our country. We know that for a fact," said Sue Speirs, who has taught the course since it was approved as a pilot class for the 2007-08 school year. "And we want to make sure we can increase that pool."

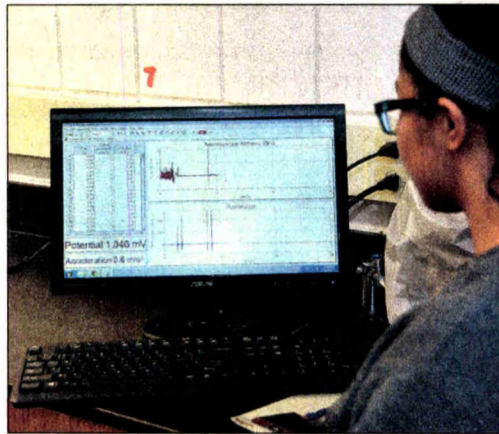
The track record is good so far; there are currently seven North graduates enrolled at Wayne State University's School of Medicine — an unprecedented number representing one high school, according to Speirs.

"Students are getting into programs all the time. They're coming back and saying that what they're doing in here is spot on," said Speirs.

The class grew out of what was initially a club. The Health Careers Club



Above, Abhinav Nannapaneni tests Augie Sonaglia's knee for reflex and voluntary reaction time, while Lindsay Lesha monitors the results on the computer. Above right, Aiyana Badih watches a graph on the computer as it registers different reaction times when the knee is tapped versus voluntary reaction times.



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began in 2006 and continues today, offered to students in grades 9 to 12 interested in medicine.

"The class began because students wanted more," said Speirs. "They had big, beautiful questions and they wanted a course designed around the clinical rotations."

The dean of Wayne State University School of Medicine, parents and community members gave shape to the rotations and course content emerged from hours of research and interviews with students and medical professionals. While Speirs initiated the class, "it was and remains a truly community affair," she said.

Students view the class as giving them an edge over peers. It opens doors, provides clarity on future career options and helps them stand out in a competitive field of college applicants.

Herfi, for example, was accepted into the Osteopathic Medical

Scholars Program at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, a mentoring program that guides students through their undergraduate experience and the application process at MSUCOM. Students who maintain a grade point average of 3.5 in science and overall waive the MCAT requirement for admission into MSUCOM.

Herfi said her experience with the class was the focus of her interview — an integral part of acceptance into the program.

"I talked about this class and our rotations," she said. "I sat in the OR for seven hours and watched surgeries all day. And that's why I was like, I want to be a surgeon. I want to be a DO. How would (other students) know that if they'd been in class looking at bio textbooks all day? Having an experience like this helps."

In addition to surgery

and delivery, students had the opportunity to do rotations in radiology, pediatrics, infectious diseases, nursing, pre-op and the critical care unit. They also participated in grand rounds.

Aiyana Badih said the class impacted her decision on careers "in the long run."

"I knew I wanted to study medicine, but I kind of had an idea that I wanted to work with kids," she said. "And then I went on the peds rotation here and I knew that pediatrics was definitely it for me."

Badih was accepted at Cornell University in the biological sciences program at the College of Arts & Sciences. She said the class helped with her application.

"Kids don't get this experience in most places. We're very lucky," she said.

For Gowri Yerramalli, the class helped her decide on a medical career.

"I want to study endocrinology," said Yerramalli. "We shadowed an endocrinologist as a part of this class and I found that really interesting. My grandpa has severe diabetes and endocrinologists treat diabetes. I didn't really understand his condition, but after I shadowed the endocrinologist, I really understood what his condition was and what to do with it."

Speirs said the range the class offers would not be possible without the partnerships she has developed with local hospitals.

"The generosity of our community at large is so phenomenal," she said. "We could not do this without that." Partners include Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, St. John Hospital & Medical Center, Henry Ford Medical Center, Detroit Medical Center, American Physiological Society, Wayne State University School of Medicine and a variety of local doctors, nurses, physical therapists and medical health professionals, many of whom serve as guest lecturers.

In addition to applied medical research, the class includes clinical investigations. For exam-

ple, in a recent experiment, students learned how to use probe sensors to measure muscle activity and response. Based on data they collected, they conducted a statistical analysis, or T-test.

"When you show up as a high school kid, and you know how to do a T-test and analyze data, it's not just that it looks different, it really is different," said Speirs.

The first semester addresses cellular pathophysiology, with students exploring five things that can go wrong in a cell. In the second semester, they learn about systemic pathophysiology, looking at systems and how disease manifests itself in the body.

"Some students will say this is the best part of the class," Speirs said. "Some will say, nope, shadowing is the best part. There are so many cool aspects for them in terms of what's available for them And it all kind of fits together."

"Every day is an adventure and a discovery," she continued. "Every year, students will come up with different questions And they learn a little about science and they become published. It's fun."



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Wesson, Ryan Woodford's medical service dog, is trained to know he is on duty whenever his service vest is on. When the vest is removed and Woodford gives the command "free dog," he knows his work day is done.

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"Caught in the Act of Giving Back" award. If selected, the team will exceed their goal with an additional \$500.

Helping veterans and first responders has personal meaning to the students, as each team member has a connection to a veteran, said Wang.

"We really wanted to honor our families as well as veterans," she said.

As dog lovers, the students also related to the

way a dog's loyal companionship improves the quality of life.

"We all have dogs and we all know the benefits of having dogs," said Michaud. "They're like friends. You can talk to them whenever and they'll listen."

"There are 56 million Americans that have a disability. There are annually about 2,500 that are paired (with a service dog)," Woodford said to the students. "There is a big need So if more people could do what you're doing, it would really help."

The students had many questions for Woodford, including how he found out about Guardian Angels and why people shouldn't pet a service dog.

Woodford said he heard about the organization after suffering a panic attack in public.

"I like to say (Wesson) found me," Woodford said. "I'd read about service dogs for PTSD, but didn't really know anything about it."

A typical wait for a pairing is six months to a year and recipients are triaged according to need.

"The waiting list is exploding," said Bassett, adding they receive 30 to 40 requests a day. In the more than three years Guardian Angels has been in operation in Michigan, the nonprofit has paired nine veterans and two law enforcement officers with service dogs. Out of 180 recipi-

ents nationwide, there have been no suicide attempts reported "and marriages are staying together," Bassett said, compared to a 90 percent divorce rate within the population of disabled veterans suffering from PTSD nationwide.

As to why people shouldn't disturb a service dog at work, Bassett said, "You're taking the dog away from what he should be doing, which is paying attention to Ryan. You wouldn't take away a person's wheelchair, would you? It's kind of the same thing."

While Woodford said, "Technically, he's always working," Wesson does enjoy free time with Woodford at home.

"I have less of a need at home versus in public, so there's not as much work for him there," Woodford said.

Removal of his service vest and the command "free dog" alerts Wesson he is off duty.

"He's kind of a goofy dog. But with his vest on, he's very serious," Woodford said.

The Departed Dogs team competes in the Region 2 tournament Saturday, March 18, at Saline Middle School. The top three finishers in the middle level — grades 6 to 8 — in each category qualify for the state competition at Central Michigan University April 8. The top two finishers at states proceed to the global finals May 24 to 27 in Knoxville, Tenn.

The team qualified for the global competition the past two years, placing 12th last year and making it onto the top 10 leader board two years ago, according to Wang. She and teammates Richter and Rybicki have competed together since they were fourth-graders at Trombly Elementary School, with Michaud joining them this year.

Each competition presents new challenges. The twist for this year is for teams to present their service project in the form of a fable. In addition to costumes and an "impact prop," the 8-minute theatrical and creative presentation in front of judges must include an active change by one of the characters, according to Jill Richter.

In the Departed Dogs' fable, animal characters represent chance, change, hope and unity, with an eagle symbolizing a soldier. By the fable's end, a dog — representing hope — meets the eagle and transforms into an angel.

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St. Paul presents 'The Lion King Jr.'

St. Paul Catholic School presents "The Lion King Jr." 7 p.m. Friday, March 24, and Saturday, March 25, in the St. Paul Gymnasium at 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets can be purchased at stpaulonthelake.com. Ticket prices are \$5 general admission for seniors/students, \$7.50 general admission for adults and \$9 for reserved seating. Call (313) 885-3430 for more information.



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Grosse Pointe South's Pointe Singers pose with the grand champion trophy at Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne.

South choir groups sweep competition

Grosse Pointe South High School's Pointe Singers and Tower Belles swept the Grand Champion titles at the 2017 Bishop Luers Midwest Show Choir Invitational this past weekend, topping a field of 23 competitors from 16 different schools representing Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia and Virginia. The Tower Belles repeated as grand champions in the women's division, while the Pointe Singers captured the overall title in the mixed competition.

"Our show choirs have a winning tradition and this weekend exemplified that," said Christopher Pratt, South's choir director. "The young men and women in our varsity choirs brought their 'A' games to this prestigious competition and the judges recognized that. I'm very proud of them."

South also scored a couple major individual honors, as Melody Balos, a sophomore, was first runner-up among more than 50 competitors in the solo competition. Additionally, Eion Meldrum, a junior, was named the event's best male soloist.

Finally, junior Grace Brandon was named the Most Dynamic Performer for the Tower Belles, while Virginia Cinnamond, a senior, was named the most dynamic performer for the Pointe Singers. Both the Pointe Singers and the Tower Belles compete at the varsity level.

Next up is Broadway Thursday and Friday, May 25 to 26, when students cap off the school year with a show featuring graduating seniors and a wide variety of musical styles from the Pointe Singers, Tower Belles, as well as the South Singers, the Sounds of South and the Suspensions.

The Pointe Singers are a select ensemble of 36 to 40 singers and dancers comprised of students in grades 10 to 12. They have earned many awards at regional and national competitions. Students received top honors at MSVMA solo and ensemble events and were featured at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival. The group was named grand national champions of Showstoppers National and International Show Choir Invitational in 1997, 1998 and 1999.

They also have been named grand champion show and concert choir at several regional competitions including Findlay Fest in Ohio, Norwell Knight Stars Invitational and Center Grove's Best of the Midwest, both in Indiana.

The Tower Belles are a select ensemble of 32 to 36 singers and dancers comprised of women in grades 10 to 12. They have earned many awards at regional and national competitions. Students received top honors at MSVMA solo and ensemble events and were featured at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival. The group was named national first runner-up of Showstoppers National Show Choir Invitational in 2007. They also have been named grand champion show choir at several regional competitions including, Findlay Fest and Teays Valley competitions.

The Pointe Singers and Tower Belles are under the direction of Christopher Pratt, assisted by Richard Wolf. The Pointe Singers are choreographed by Andy Haines, while the Tower Belles are choreographed by Haines and Jason Pearce.



Ed Brock

School: Pierce Middle School

Years at Pierce: 23

Grade/Subject: Sixth-grade math

Nominated by: Chris Clark, principal

Principal's quote:

"Mr. Brock not only works hard to provide curricular leadership for his colleagues as the department chairperson, he also spends extra time each week to sponsor the Game Club at Pierce. The club provides an opportunity for students with a common interest in all types of games to gather together and interact after school. It is such a positive experience, that many 'alumni' often return to visit Mr. Brock's room each Thursday over the years. In addition to those extra things he does, Mr. Brock works hard to lay a solid foundation for sixth-graders as they move through the middle school math curriculum. His institutional knowledge is also a tremendous asset to all of us at Pierce."

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

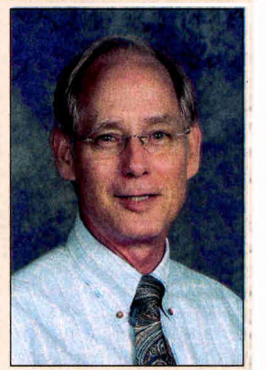
During my 23 years at Pierce instructing sixth-grade math and honors math classes, I have found that making connections with the students has been a critical and enjoyable part of teaching. I attempt to provide a comfortable

classroom environment that encourages questioning, sharing of ideas and making connections between concepts. Interacting with the students is a highlight of each day.

I enjoy updating myself on the experiences and accomplishments of my current and previous students. Visits from high school and college students, as well as past students who have started their careers, are always special times. Over the holidays, I received an email from a man who was part of my first fifth-grade class at Mason Elementary School 32 years ago. He brought me up to date with his personal and professional life and thanked me for motivating him toward his own career as an educator. That was a unique and special Christmas gift.

Describe a teaching accomplishment.

As age continues to sneak up and my career gets closer to the end, I feel compelled to share how wonderful an experience teaching at Pierce has been. When I first became a staff member here, I was greatly impressed by the dedication and professionalism of the teachers. There was a subtle current that flowed when a group of staff members gathered.



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They were a positive and unified collective working together to accomplish the goals that were considered to be in the best interest of our students, both academically and socially. Over the years, this characteristic of professionalism has not wavered. Our various departments continue to keep abreast of best practices, support each other's programs, share materials and strategies where possible and continually educate each other on the latest and greatest technology that can be applied in our classrooms. The years at Pierce have passed rapidly. It has been an exciting and enjoyable ride.

Name a person who has inspired you or your teaching.

I was influenced by Cora V. Chism, a teacher in the Detroit Public Schools who shared her techniques and experience with me when I was a starting teacher.



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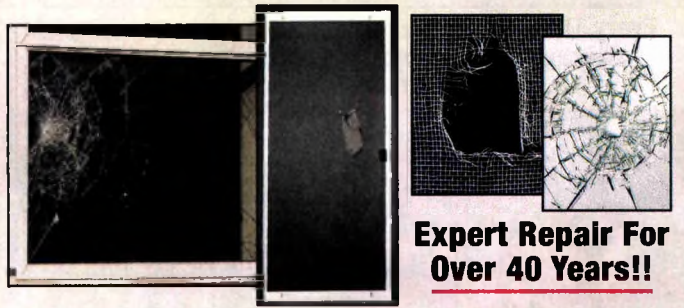
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Workshop teaches students empathy

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Activities scheduled for fourth-graders at Richard Elementary School as part of a disability awareness workshop provided hands-on ways for students to experience the world from a different perspective. But the most important lesson they learned, according to fourth-grade teacher Susan Schmitz, was the difference between sympathy and empathy — “not feeling sorry for people, but understanding.” Schmitz served as teacher liaison with parent volunteers Juli Rybicki and Stacey Chen, who coordinate the workshops for elementary schools throughout the district.

Students were given a packet providing tips on what to do when they met a person with a disability. These included exploring mutual interests in a friendly way, appreciating what a person can do to avoid causing barriers due to social attitudes, speaking directly to the person rather than using a companion as a go-between, being alert to possible architectural barriers and remembering a person with a disability has feelings.

One thing that struck home with a number of students was the extra time it might take for a person with a disability to get things done.

“I learned to have lots of empathy toward people with these disabilities because in the morning we have like five steps,” said Duncan Richards. “Get up and take a shower, eat breakfast, put on my clothes and go to school.” Each step would take longer for a person in a wheelchair, he said, adding, “You have to have much more empathy towards them.”

“What I learned is when your hands don’t work as well as ours it’s



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Clockwise from top left, Lily Kester tries to walk with crutches; Lily Girvan and Carnella Crane reach for items while sitting down, simulating what a person in a wheelchair experiences while reaching into a cupboard or high shelf for food; Henry Tiderington, left, and Quinn Cameron put on gloves, then have their fingers taped together to experience what it is like to have fine motor skills impaired; and Sam Craparotta sits in a T chair to experience what it would be like to be a person with balance issues while parent volunteer Amy Girvan gives instruction.

much harder for buttoning your clothes or unlocking stuff and for tying shoes,” said Kelsie George. “When you’re in a wheelchair, it’s harder to grab stuff, like up in a high cabinet.”

The full-day workshop included a host of activities. In the gym, students worked with physical adaptive devices to help with fine and gross motor skills.

Upstairs in the library were vision, hearing, learning and speech stations. Students discovered strategies or equipment people with disabilities might use to make things easier for them, like grippers to reach objects on a high shelf from a wheelchair or gloves to help undo buttons. They wrote on Braille typewriters, walked with canes while wearing blindfolds, rode in wheelchairs and added and subtracted numbers that appeared backward.

In the afternoon, they participated in a scavenger hunt, the purpose of which was to ensure their school was properly equipped for people with disabilities. They checked the parking lot to make sure the school had an appropriate number of handicapped parking spaces; took

measurements to ensure the aisles in their classroom accommodated wheelchairs and windows were the appropriate height for people in wheelchairs to see outside; and checked for Braille and hearing lights on fire alarms and elevators. They also measured the height of mirrors in the bathrooms.

The day included a fundraising component. Students raised money by paying a dollar to wear a hat to school.

“This school’s a hat-free school so you can’t wear a hat normally, but today was a special day,” said Olivia McMillan.

Last year’s donation paid for the reusable, washable bandannas students wore when they walked with white canes to experience the world as a vision-impaired person might. This year’s donation of more than \$80 will help purchase equipment for next year’s workshop.

Seedlings, the company that makes Braille books, and Leader Dogs

for the Blind in Rochester Hills provided informational videos for the children to watch.

Students concluded the day writing what they were thankful for and taking a quiz on what they learned.

One thing George took away from the workshop was that while it was “fun learning Braille, for kids who can’t see, they wouldn’t be able to see the pictures and what it’s like to see the world.”

In addition to Richard, workshops have taken place at Defer, Maire and Trombly elementary schools and are scheduled at Ferry, Kerby, Mason and Monteith elementary schools. Morning workshops require a minimum of 25 volunteers and a full-day workshop involves 38.

“The kids gain a lot more understanding and compassion for others,” said Principal Mary MacDonald-Barrett. “This gives them a whole new view. It’s a wonderful program. I’m so glad we get enough volunteers that we can do this.”

Week Ahead

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

◆ Grosse Pointe North High School’s 7 p.m. band and orchestra spring concert has been moved to the multipurpose room at Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. Students perform works by Franz Schubert, John Sousa, James Curnow, David Shaffler, Eric Whitacre and John Barnes Chance. Donations of any amount will be accepted at the door. Contact David Cleveland at dave.cleveland@gpschools.org or (313) 432-3322 for more information.

THURS.-SAT., MAR. 16-18

◆ Grosse Pointe South High School presents ArtFest 2017 featuring art by 500 student artists. The show, held in South’s multipurpose room, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Awards night is 5 to 7 p.m. Friday.

FRI.-SUN., MAR. 17-19

◆ Due to the recent power outage, Grosse Pointe North High School’s production of the musical “The Addams Family” is rescheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets are \$15 main floor reserved, \$10 balcony general admission, \$10 students and seniors (60 and older) main floor reserved. Gold cards are welcome. Tickets are available at the door one hour before each performance or at Wild Birds Unlimited, 20281 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

◆ Monteith Elementary School’s Ladies Night Out, hosted 6 to 9 p.m. by the PTO, has a new date and venue. It will now be held at the Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. This shopping event includes complimentary hors d’oeuvres, a cash bar and silent auction, with 40-plus participating vendors offering items for a tin-can raffle. Local businesses will provide services such as manicures, makeup applications and psychic readings. Added to the festivities is a paint party hosted by the art school Mini Picassos. Admission is \$5 and tickets are available at the door or in advance at mkt.com/monteith-elementary-pto-spirit-store. For more information, call Natalie Thompson at (313) 570-2412.

MONDAY, MARCH 27

◆ College Night, a one-stop shopping event, will be held 6 to 8 p.m. at Grosse Pointe South High School’s gym, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Representatives from more than 100 colleges, universities, technical schools and military organizations will be on hand to answer questions and educate students and their parents. A schedule of presentations will be available at the event. Look for more information on colleges in attendance in the March 23 issue of the Grosse Pointe News or contact Liz Naporano at elizabeth.naporano@gpschools.org for more information.

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Map creates giant leap for learning

A giant traveling map made its way to Ferry Elementary School Monday, March 13.

Sean McBrady, K-12 social studies consultant for the Macomb Intermediate School District, brought the 16-by-20-foot map to Ferry as part of an educational program provided by the National Geographic Society. Each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia received a map as a gift from the National Geographic Society. Michigan's map was entrusted to the Michigan Geographic Alliance to be loaned out along with learning activities school to school through a network of educators including MGA teacher consultants, ISD/ESA consultants, school administrators and classroom teachers.

From February through April, McBrady, along with David Hales, social studies consultant at Wayne County RESA, will deliver the map and lead educational activities at more than 20 different elementary schools

in Macomb and Wayne counties.

During his visit to Ferry, McBrady facilitated first-graders' exploration of map features such as colors, labels and symbols as well as spatial concepts such as inside/outside, near/far and hierarchies. For example, students learned Grosse Pointe is in the Lower Peninsula in Michigan in the United States.

"We ended our session with a game of 'Simon Says' to practice following a compass rose for direction," McBrady said. The autism spectrum disorders class joined McBrady on the map for an exploration of land and water features and to look for locations of interest.

Third-graders in Jane Ellis's class performed a similar exploration of map features, culminating in the creation of a giant population density map.

"We told the students that we did some math and poured all of Michigan's population into 100 plastic cups," McBrady said. Data was based on the 2010 cen-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Special guest Sean McBrady used the Giant Traveling Map of Michigan to demonstrate population trends in the state to third-graders at Ferry Elementary School.

sus, with numbers rounded up. Students teamed up and used cards with city or county names, a grid location and a number of cups, then placed the cups on the map in the correct

location, gradually building a map showing where people live in Michigan.

"The end result was a map crowded with cups in southeast Michigan and a rather sparse northern Michigan and Upper Peninsula," McBrady said. "Kids are quickly able to see where most big cities are located and where the crowded parts of the state are."

According to McBrady, the Giant Traveling Map of Michigan provides kids a fun and powerful way to practice spatial thinking skills, practice reading maps and using map features and learn about the state of Michigan.

— Mary Anne Brush

Students learn civics lesson

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Second-graders at Maire Elementary School studied insects and civics at the beginning of the school year. They learned about the conservation of monarch butterflies whose population has fallen by 90 percent in the past five or so years. They also learned if they want to change something in the government, they need to let elected officials know. Here is where their two lessons converged, according to second-grade teacher Sarah Neely.

Students from Neely's and Amy Brauer's second-grade classes wrote letters to the mayors of Grosse Pointe Park and the City of Grosse Pointe asking them to sign the Monarch Mayor's Pledge and plant more milkweed

at the parks and along the median on Mack Avenue.

The students were invited to attend the Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting Monday, March 13, where Mayor Bob Denner issued a Mayor's Monarch Resolution. In attendance were Brian Colter, Grosse Pointe Park for-ester, and members of the Beautification Commission, which supported the pledge.

"The students were thrilled to hear back from Grosse Pointe Park in a letter a couple of months ago," wrote Neely in an email. "Then getting another email from them about the resolution is really exciting. It is a special time, as the monarchs in Mexico are getting ready to travel on their journey north."

At the meeting, Denner declared 2017 the "Year



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Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Bob Denner with Maire second-graders at the Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting.

of the Monarch" and said, "I am pleased to take the mayor's pledge in support of monarch restoration efforts," adding the city will support the effort as well.

In addition to planting milkweed around the city, Colter said the city plans "to educate our gardeners on how to tend to milkweed plans." He also said eventually the city would like to do all 25 things recommended by the monarch restoration project.

Councilwoman Laurie Arora asked the students

what they would like to see the city do in support of monarch restoration. "Grow more milkweed" and "Don't use pesticides" were the responses.

"It is such an amazing lesson in civics for our young scholars to be able to make a difference in their own neighborhoods and the world," said Neely.

Kathy Ryan contributed to this story.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

The following area students graduated fall 2016 from Grand Valley State University: **Julianne A. Grobbel**, Bachelor of Science degree; **Hugh J. Hales**, Bachelor of Business Administration degree; **Ursula A. Robinson**, Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree; **Erika S. Arora**, Bachelor of Business Administration degree; and **Lauren E. Rhodes**, Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

Charles J. Peck was named to the President's List for the fall 2016 semester at Elon University. He is the son of Stephen J. and Lorrie Peck of Grosse Pointe Park.

Grosse Pointe resident **Margaret Sullivan** was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at Loyola University Maryland.

◆◆◆ **Danielle Brayton** of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at Saginaw Valley State University.

◆◆◆ Grosse Pointe Woods resident **Claire St. Louis** was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at Saginaw Valley State University.

◆◆◆ **Jerome Jackson** of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at Alma College.

◆◆◆ Grosse Pointe resident **Carina Taylor** was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at Lawrence Technological University.

◆◆◆ **Adam Roach** and **Sophia Roach**, both of

Grosse Pointe Woods, 2016 semester at were named to the Rochester Institute of Technology.

City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan

BOARD OF REVIEW

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2017 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017
From 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
and
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

and

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017
From 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236.

Hearings will be scheduled by appointment. Please contact City of Grosse Pointe Farms at (313) 640-1618. You may also petition the Board in writing through the mail if you cannot make the hearing dates. These letters HAVE TO BE IN THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH.

Timothy E. O'Donnell
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Sgt. Thomas Teatsorth
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6D | SCHOOLS



Board of Education Vice President Margaret Weertz reads to students in Katy Forcillo's Young Fives class at Defer Elementary School.

PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

March is reading month

Students in Katy Forcillo's Young Fives classroom at Defer Elementary School enjoyed a variety of activities to celebrate March is Reading Month.

To kick off, they celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday March 2, by reading a book by the popular children's author at home and watching a Dr. Seuss movie in class. Other at-home activities on the schedule were to read a favorite poem or fairy tale, read a book to a pet and celebrate reading around the world by reading a book about or from another country.

Monday, March 13, students enjoyed a visit by special guest reader Margaret Weertz, vice president of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education. Weertz explained the role of a school board member and read two of her own children's favorite books.

Future guest readers include board treasurer Judy Gafa, trustee Christopher Profeta and GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus.

Other activities on the calendar include wearing a shirt with words to

build vocabulary, bringing in an "extraordinary word" to share during "Wow Word Wednesday," wearing or bringing Disney gear to school, bringing a stuffed animal to school to read to and celebrating the first day of spring by bringing a favorite spring poem or book to share.

Final events for the month will be to read a comic from a newspaper during parent-teacher conferences Thursday, March 30, and to wear a favorite hat Friday, March 31, in a "hats off to reading" salute.

— Mary Anne Brush

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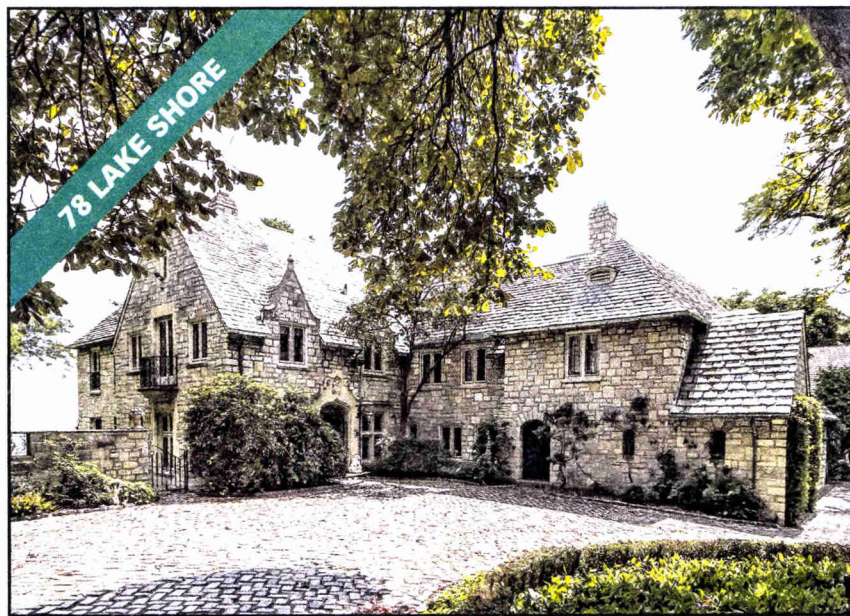
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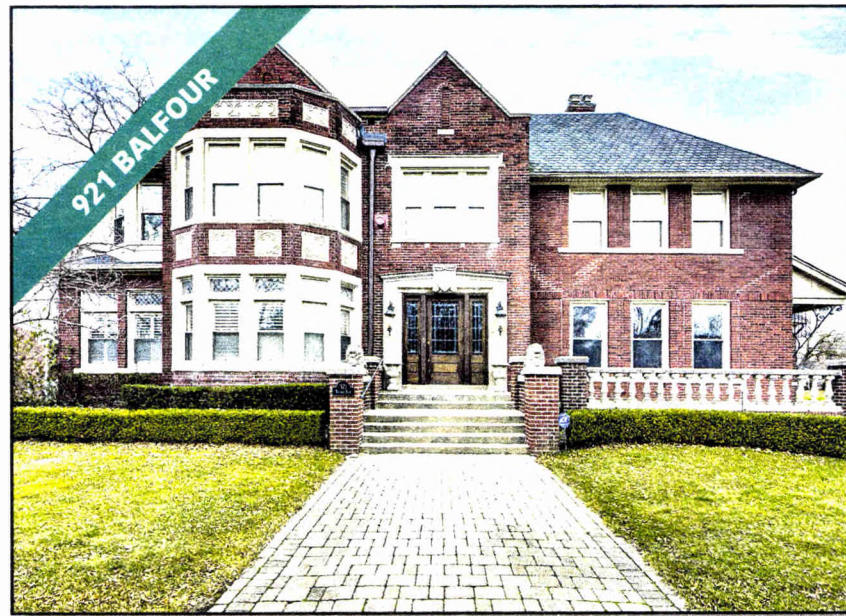
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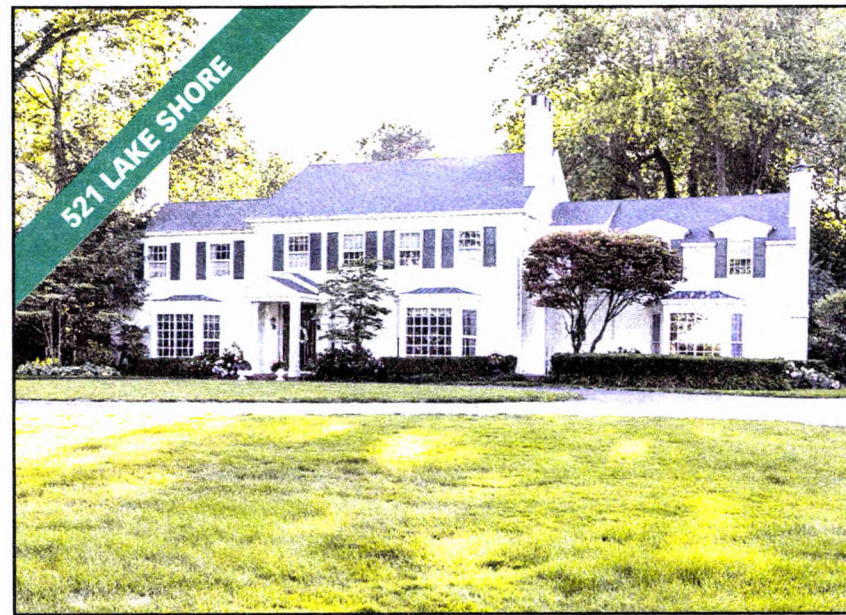
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Investing in real estate

By Mario Como

As a Realtor I am often asked to assist somebody in the search for investment property. Typically, it is relative to buying a property for rehabilitation and reselling "a flip" or single-family residential home or condo for rental purposes. For the purposes of this article I'll focus on single unit investments whether that be a home or a condominium.

First, good real estate investing is simply a part of an individual's life investment goals. It's a slice of the same pie along with 401(k), stocks and bonds and savings. The majority of the investors that I have dealt with over the years



Mario Como

have simply been taking assets from one area of their life, typically savings, and making outright cash purchases. It is possible, though, to use leverage and obtain bank financing and I have investor clients who have made acquisitions using large down payments, typically 20 to 30 percent down. Either way they have signifi-

cant "skin in the game" as they say. Although there is a famous book titled "Nothing Down" and those deals can, on rare occasion, be possible, I simply do not subscribe to that philosophy. So what does it take to be a landlord? The biggest misconception is that you need to be a handyman in order to maintain the property. That is simply not the case. You do have to understand the basics of house maintenance so you're not taken advantage of when repairs arise. If you own your own home and have lived in it for three or four years, you've already earned your diploma! Another mis-

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conception is that you will have to evict people or go to court regularly. Over a period of time, especially if a person invests in more than one piece of rental real estate, they will have some experience with the court system. In reality there are precursors to going to court, which when executed properly, will usually rectify a bad situation efficiently. One precursor is not allowing tenants to fall behind. If a person can't pay one month's rent, how in the world can they pay two. The other is learning what notice is legally required. A great free publication issued by the State of Michigan is "The Landlord Tenant Guide," which can be found at michigan.gov. Simply type in "landlord tenant guide" in the search bar on the home screen at the State of Michigan homepage.

For the purposes of this article I will describe an investment in a \$100,000 property to make the math as simple as possible. The rule of thumb an investor client of mine made is the 1 percent rule. The 1 percent rule is that the rent generated from the property should be a minimum of 1 percent of the acquisition. In this example, \$1,000 monthly. The biggest expense that you typically have at the rental property is property taxes. In Michigan, owners need to be cognizant of the fact that we have a two-tiered property tax structure. Investment real estate pays a higher tax rate than the owner of their own home/principal residence. So when analyzing a particular property, proper research has to be done to determine if the property taxes are based on non-owner occupied status, as an acquisition may be of a property that is currently owner occupied and paying lower taxes. Many individuals and brokers simplify the taxes as being 30% higher when it is a non-owner occupied property. That is a quick way, not the best way, but a good quick guideline to assess anticipated tax expenses relative to the investment. Additional expenses are property insurance, rent loss or vacancy, maintenance, maintenance reserves (large ticket items such as, future roof or furnace), rental registration and tax preparation.

Here's a look at \$100,000 invest-

ment with \$1,100 a month coming in.

\$300 Taxes
\$50 Maintenance
\$50 Maintenance reserves
\$75 Insurance
\$40 Rent loss at 4 percent
\$10 additional tax reporting
\$10 Rental registration/C of O
\$535 Gross monthly expenses

\$565 Net monthly income x 12 = \$6,780

Now let's look at the same property with a \$70,000 mortgage at 4.75 percent for 30 years. A 4.75 percent interest rate is used because rates on rental or investment property are higher than your family home. With a mortgage payment of \$365 plus \$535, and other monthly expenses, the total monthly expenses are \$900 against \$1,100 in rent netting \$200 x 12 equaling \$2,400 annually against a \$33,000 investment. The investment is \$30,000 — a down payment on \$100,000 plus \$3,000 for mortgage paperwork closing costs.

In both examples the cash on cash return on investment is basically 6.7 percent, which is a good return on investment. That is just the return at the surface. The committed, properly prepared long-term investor will enjoy additional financial benefits. The person who is using financing will receive principal reduction of the loan balance. In this example the loan balance is \$56,500 after 10 years. That is an average of \$1,350 annually in addition to the \$2,200 in net rental income. Although a substantial amount of real estate equity was stripped at the end of the first decade of the millennium, the long-term investor or the investor who acquires multiple properties, even just two or three, will find there is some appreciation almost guaranteed when it comes time to sell. That appreciation will further enhance the investment return. In this example, I used extremely conservative numbers, but personal real-world experience indicates most real estate investors enjoy double-digit returns when they are patient and secure the right property.

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4 tips to flip the switch to a more beautiful home

(StatePoint) The average home has 45 light sockets, which means you probably have more light bulbs than just about any home product, and yet the lighting aisle still can be a daunting place. With the right knowledge, you can save money, protect the

environment and bring the best features of your home to life.

Here are four quick tips to get you started:

◆ Opt for LED. By 2020, half of all residential sockets will have converted to LEDs, which is good news, as LEDs can last more than

10 years and use up to 85 percent less energy than the traditional lighting you may use today. Available in a variety of shapes, sizes, wattages and color temperatures, they are becoming increasingly affordable, too. Just a few years ago, LEDs

topped \$40, but today you can find a high-quality LED for less than \$5.

◆ Pay attention to color temperatures, wattages, shapes and quality of light. A few lighting facts can help you make useful purchases. For example, an average 60-watt replace-

ment bulb would require about 800 lumens. The higher this number is, the brighter the light will be. And remember: when you invest in an LED that's expected to last more than a decade, you want one that's going to reliably live up to your expectations, so

brands that have been around for a while and have proven their commitment to quality truly matter in this space.

◆ Identify how you use each room and the mood you'd like to create. Use comfortable,

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soft white light in cozy places like bedrooms, family rooms and dining rooms. Active spaces like laundry rooms and playrooms can benefit from an energetic daylight bulb. Feature pure, clean lights in kitchens, bathrooms and craft and hobby spaces that tend to benefit from light that delivers exceptional color contrast and brightness. Today, select manufacturers such as GE are taking the guesswork out of the equation by listing whether each bulb has a warm or cool tone and by offering room and use recommendations on the packaging. A warm white light will have a lower K (Kelvin) number, while a cool daylight will have a



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Use the right LED lighting in each room to set the mood and bring home features to life.

higher K number.

◆ Put your home in its best light. Even with the right colors, perfect accessories and trendy furniture, a home can look lackluster. Look for new options, such as GE's High Definition LED light bulbs, which are engineered with a higher color rendering index for greater color contrast and boldness

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Home, Garden & Lifestyle Expo is March 25

Spring is just around the corner and with it comes warmer temperatures and the budding of flowers, trees and new home improvement ideas.

To meet the needs of anyone looking to spruce up their landscape, learn the latest trends or find inspiration for their home projects, the Grosse

Pointe Board of Realtors presents its 30th annual Home, Garden & Lifestyle Expo.

The show takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

What started decades ago as a Realtor trade show has evolved to include vendors of all kinds — from windows, siding and roofing to planting and tree trimming. And it's not just local anymore; vendors come from all around to participate in the show, which has drawn up to 700 attendees in past years.

"We take over the whole place," said Judy Barker, show chairwoman, "the dining room, library, sunroom, ballroom. We get great cooperation among everybody."

The expo is free and

open to the public. Visitors are asked to come through the main entrance, where they'll receive a bag that includes the event layout and a list of vendors. More than 45

Chef Frank Turner will be available as well.

Proceeds are raised by vendors, who rent space at the show for \$300. Spaces are still available.

"This is a profit cen-

'Everybody has projects they'd like to get done once spring arrives.'

JUDY BARKER,

Home, Garden & Lifestyle Expo chairwoman

vendors are participating so far, but more are expected to sign up, Barker said.

"It's a really fun day," Barker said. "We're hoping for good weather, because that really boosts attendance, too."

Not only will visitors be treated to exhibits and information from home improvement specialists, landscapers and local service companies, but charities are represented at the event as well. A booth for Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs — a pet project of the GPBR — will be available, among others. New to the event this year, the board welcomes Freedom Boat Club.

Some exhibitors offer giveaways.

Craft cocktails and tasty bites created by The War Memorial's

ter for the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors, but we give a large portion to a charity," Barker said. Last year, proceeds benefited Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs; however, this year's charity has yet to be selected.

"The ballroom will be full, but there are beautiful views at every window," Barker said. "The staff at The War Memorial has been very gracious, very helpful."

"Spring is coming," she continued. "Everybody has projects they'd like to get done once spring arrives. This is a chance to speak to local vendors about anything they want to do around the house."

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1499 Anita, Grosse Pointe Woods

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Buying or selling, now is the time

Chris Dasaro wants the Grosse Pointe market to know they have buying power.

"For home buyers and sellers, the interest rate is at such a great number," he said. "I can see people kicking themselves years from now, saying, 'I can't believe I didn't buy or sell a house.' There's buying power with this interest rate."

Dasaro, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel in Grosse Pointe Farms, said there are lots of variables involved when running numbers, but, "the fact is the number of the interest rate is 4 percent. I don't see it staying at 4 percent for much longer."

Dasaro illustrated his buying power point with two examples using clients with

low and medium incomes. Someone making \$5,000 a month who can save \$20,000 for a downpayment can afford a \$313,000 home at 4 percent. At 5 percent, their buying power goes to \$281,000 and at 6 percent, to \$253,000.

"The interest rate for buyers and sellers — if you want to sell, you can get more for your money. If you want to buy, you get more for your money," he said.

A client making \$100,000 a year with a downpayment of \$10,000 can afford a \$479,000 home at 4 percent. At 5 percent, their buying power moves to \$427,000 and at 6 percent, to \$383,000.

"I anticipate three interest rate increases this year," Dasaro said. "They've been

talking about it for five years. So get off your horse and buy a house or sell a house."

Dasaro did note expectations are important to keep in check, whether buying or selling.

"When looking to buy, be prepared," he said. "Know how much money you need and get a good lender who explains the process. Oftentimes, I run into buyers who just don't have a clue. It's important to get a good lender and have good information."

"With sellers, they know it's a seller's market," he continued. "Try to temper expectations along those lines."

Dasaro said Grosse Pointe is a popular destination not just among young families, but for young people who

grew up here and moved away.

"If you talk to 20-somethings and 30-somethings who were here and left, almost every single one of them wants to come back," he said. "They've moved to Chicago, New York, Los Angeles. They see what they've given up by leaving here. Lakefront parks, police, fire, safety — you can't duplicate it. What a great bargain the Grosse Pointes are. People don't realize what they have around here."

Not to mention Grosse Pointe's proximity to Detroit. Often, Dasaro said, people want to work and live in Detroit, but it becomes impractical. For people who work in Detroit and want to live nearby, "Grosse Pointe is

the most practical place of all.

"We have different arteries to get there," he continued. "You can get back and forth in 20 minutes. That's helping get our property values back. We're still a pretty affordable place to be."

Dasaro said while the number of people buying houses is staying the same, the number of sellers fluctuates dramatically. Regardless, there are always homes for sale.

"You can still get much more for your money here than you can over (in Royal Oak or Birmingham)," he said. "We're one of the nicest places in the state."

Coldwell Banker Wier Manuel is located at 102 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms. Call (313) 886-4200.

A simple spring cleaning checklist

(StatePoint) It's the time of year to roll up your sleeves and do some spring cleaning. Experts point out it's helpful to streamline the tools you use to do the job and the tasks you seek to accomplish.

"An all-purpose cleaner and a tough degreasing agent can be used in so many areas of

the home," said Jeff Devlin, a licensed contractor who's appeared on several home improvement television shows. Devlin's first tip: look to reduce the number of products in your cleaning arsenal. "Along with high-quality sprays and cloths, I use one all-purpose cleaner that also contains degreasing

ingredients."

Devlin, along with Mean Green and its line of heavy-duty, all-purpose cleaners, offers these different strategies for critical areas of your home.

◆ **Stove and range hoods:** While you should be cleaning these areas regularly after food preparation, take this

opportunity to conduct a more thorough cleaning. Spray cleaner directly on the mess for up to 2 minutes. Wipe clean with a sponge or cloth. Then rinse thoroughly with clean water.

◆ **Sinks and countertops:** Sinks and countertops can be a trap for

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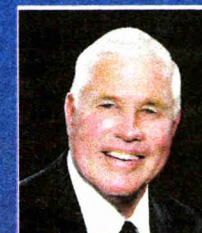
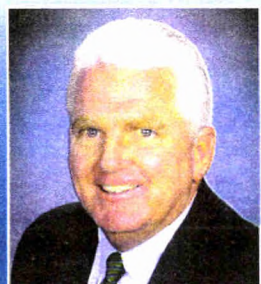
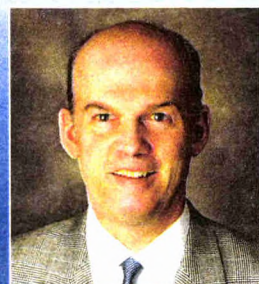
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Saros Real Estate:

Custom strategy to buying or selling a home

A real estate transaction, either buying or selling, can be complicated, taxing, draining and just plain difficult. But it doesn't have to be, according to Jimmy Saros, vice president of Jim Saros Real Estate in Grosse Pointe.

Said Saros: "We strongly believe our platform offers a service that you can't find anywhere else. Our goal is to make the home selling and buying process seamless for our clients. We want to deliver real options and expertise in order

'We give our clients a competitive advantage in the home selling and buying process.'

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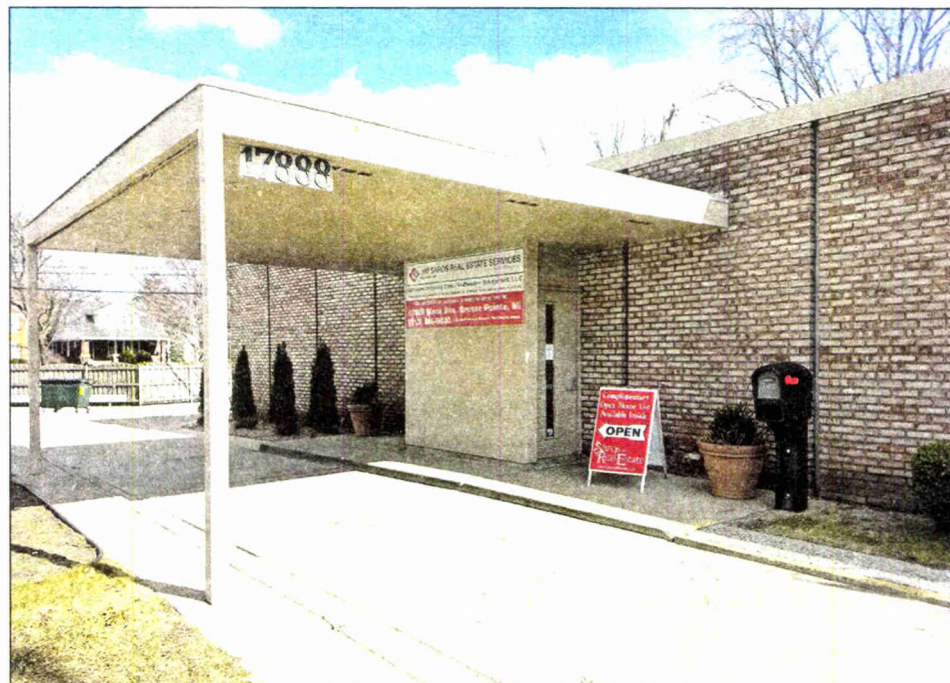
Vice president, Jim Saros Real Estate

to ensure they make the most informed and rewarding decisions possible."

Notable about Saros's approach are his traditional real estate sales techniques that he couples with the latest technologies in the

field.

"We operate with a good old-fashioned 'roll-up-your-sleeves-and-hit-the-pavement' mentality. By utilizing our decades of experience in Grosse Pointe and our deep-rooted relationships, we give



our clients a competitive advantage in the home selling and buying process."

Saros touts the firm's "advanced Client Relationship Management System that allows our brokers to be in touch with more property owners, manage existing and new relationships through automated processes and proactively market our clients' listings to help widen the potential buyer pool for their home.

"We give our clients a competitive advantage in the home selling and buying process," he continued. "Real estate is an information business and through our proactive marketing approach we are able to deliver firsthand infor-

mation to our clients that helps maximize their potential outcome for whatever they are looking to accomplish."

"Their team has done a fine job for us answering all our questions and representing us well," said Peggy Ptaznik, who, along with husband, Vic, used Saros Real Estate as they moved to Troy to be closer to family.

Saros and his colleagues want clients to benefit from their approach.

"Our goal is to build a custom strategy around each and every client in order to maximize their potential outcome based on what our client is looking to accomplish. We are able to do this by utilizing the most advanced technology

in the market, operating with our ears to the ground and having a deep understanding of brick and mortar that can't be found anywhere else," he said.

The Jim Saros Real Estate Agency features a wide variety of real estate offerings, including residential (including condominiums) and commercial properties. Also offered are vacant land and multi-family properties. The firm is a third-generation, family-operated company, which began in 1937 and boasts of decades of experience.

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234 Touraine, Grosse Pointe Farms

A desirable Cape Cod home in one of Grosse Pointe Farms most desirable locations. Breathtaking 12 inch pine wood floors, completely renovated gourmet kitchen with high end appliances, gas fireplace in kitchen, coffered ceilings, soft close drawers, granite counter tops, first floor laundry and mud room. Large first floor master suite with separate sleeping/sitting room, walk-in closets, en suite bath. Beautiful library with bay windows. Three sizable bedrooms on second floor along with bonus room. Finished basement, huge backyard, attached garage, sprinkler system. **\$785,000.**



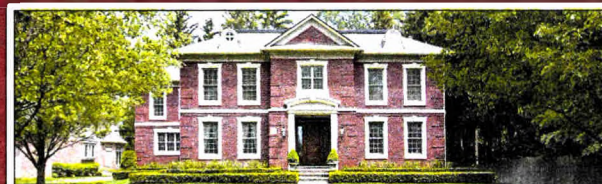
1126 Berkshire, Grosse Pointe Park

Absolutely Breathtaking architectural splendor in a Classic English Tudor. Original chandeliers and light fixtures, solid core leaded glass doors and windows, exotic molded plaster, limestone natural fireplace, Terrazzo floors in basement recreation room with natural fireplace. This house is gorgeous and priced far below value. **\$495,000**



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277 Moran Grosse Pointe Farms

Beautifully updated Colonial with an excellent floor plan on one of the Farms highly desirable "M" streets. Complete kitchen remodel in 2014 with maple "slow close" cabinets. Silestone and quartz counter tops, deep sink and new stainless steel appliances and hardwood floors. Sizable family room with beautiful crown molding, very large living room with beautiful fireplace, large dining room, all updated mechanicals, updated electric, windows and plumbing. **\$330,000**



418 Manor Grosse Pointe Farms

Outstanding Colonial in the heart of Grosse Pointe Farms that has been updated from top to bottom. Bright new kitchen with granite counter tops, marble floors in kitchen and foyer, all new appliances. Large living room with natural fireplace. Beautiful hardwood floors in the dining room with built-in bar. Family room with bay windows. Master suite with large walk-in closet and huge full bathroom en suite with deep soaking tub, glass enclosed shower and his/hers sinks. **\$345,000**



381 Moran Grosse Pointe Farms

Stunning Tudor with excellent floor plan that features a double height foyer, large living room with fireplace, beautiful hardwood floors throughout, large dining room. Well maintained kitchen with eating space. Renovated full bath with Jacuzzi tub and his/hers sinks, custom closets. Large balcony located off one of the bedrooms. Finished basement with wet bar, large home office with a half bath in basement. **\$329,000**



326 Moran Grosse Pointe Farms

Wonderful maintained brick Colonial with substantial updates located on highly desirable "M" streets. Generous sized bedrooms with good closet space, one of which has a private balcony, master bedroom with "his & hers" full bath with beautiful tile, new vanity. Original hardwood floors throughout. Large formal dining room, breakfast nook opens to kitchen. Charming living room with beautiful fireplace, partially finished basement with fireplace and half bath. Attached 2 car garage, large deck in yard for entertaining. **\$325,000**



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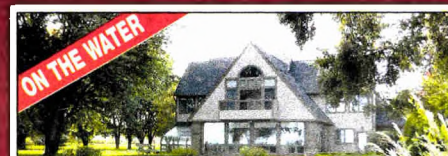
1352 Wayburn Grosse Pointe Park

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32630 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores

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Pear Trellis Rust

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Hosts and Damage

All species of pear are susceptible to the disease. There is no resistance observed on any ornamental pear species or varieties. In May and June during warm, humid and rainy weather, the fungal spores spread from juniper to pear by wind. At the early stages of the disease, the infected pear leaves show small orange spots.

In early summer, the spots enlarge and become bright orange and later red lesions. In late summer, the underside of these lesions begin to swell and form a number of blisters. Spores released from these blisters are carried by wind back to juniper.



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"I'm a big believer in fertility. If I don't have to spray, I won't. I'd rather develop the plant's healthcare through fertility and proper maintenance," said Brett Marshall, owner of Marshall Landscape and a Grosse Pointe resident.

Marshall is proud to offer top-quality customer service and personal attention. Those trucks with the bright yellow star belong to this landscape business and are easily recognizable; chances are good residents of Grosse Pointe and the surrounding communities have seen one of their 14 trucks in the neighborhood.

"We work with some very high-end properties throughout the Pointes," Marshall said. "We've found our niche as a plant healthcare company and we're very good at it."

Highly trained and knowledgeable experts monitor properties to make sure lawns, shrubs and trees remain healthy. Marshall is quick to point out a growing problem in southeast Michigan called Pear Trellis Rust, a European disease that has hit the American shores the past couple of years and can be deadly to pear trees.

Symptoms of the disease include spots on the backsides of the leaves. As the disease progresses, the spots develop into spores. If left untreated,

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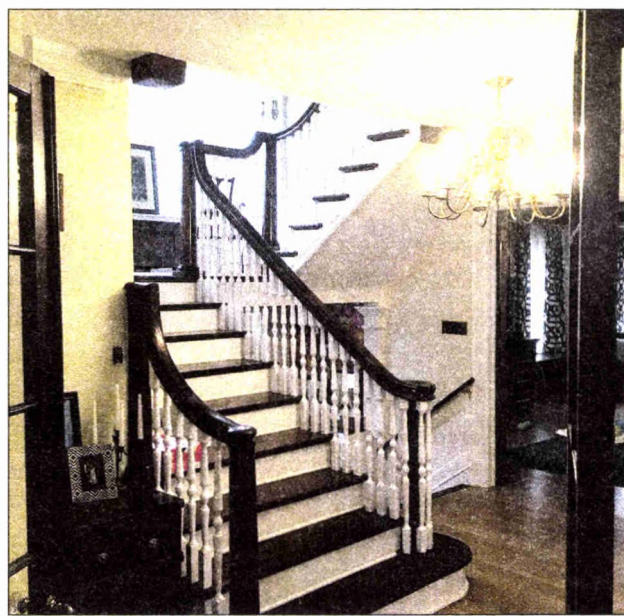
Renaissance Restorations brings historic splendor to Grosse Pointe homes

If you're considering a historic home restoration, it's important to hire experts who specialize in dealing with older structures and building materials. Mature buildings often are full of surprises, which is another reason a professional is vital to ensure a smooth process.

Renaissance Restorations Inc., a registered member of the Michigan Historic Preservation Network, is the area's authority on historic and classic home restoration projects. Their craftsmanship has brought value to homes in the Pointes, Detroit's historic neighborhoods, Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham, Royal Oak, Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge and Ann Arbor.

"We do true home historic restorations and specialize in old-world craftsmanship," said owner Jamie Craig. "We do everything from single projects like repairing windows all the way to a complete gut rehab and restoration of an old Grosse Pointe mansion."

Along with full historic restoration and home preservations, the Birmingham-based company offers kitchen, bath, basement, home additions, windows, masonry, porches, carpentry, painting, siding, flooring, plastering, copper work, cutters and metal and wrought iron work. Several roofing



options are available as well, including asphalt, clay tile, slate, wood shingle and flat roofing. Financing is available.

Craig said it's important owners of classic and historic homes seek the right contractor for their project. Many homes in the Pointes feature vintage elements that are worth preserving, including 1940s bungalows, Craig said.

At Renaissance Restorations, the staff understands the difference between preservation and ripping something out and starting over.

"Our focus is not how fast and cheap we can get a project done, but how to maintain and preserve the character of the home," Craig said. Craig has worked on numerous restorations during the past 20 years and is

proud of all his work. A project he completed last year, however, stands out. The home is located in the Joseph Barry subdivision in Detroit, near the mayor's Manoogian Mansion. It was in rough shape, he said.

"The floors were not level, plaster was falling down," he said. "We did a complete rehab of the house. We redid the kitchen and that kitchen won the best kitchen in Detroit Home Magazine for 2017."

Renaissance Restorations works on commercial properties as well, having completed projects at Michigan State University, Wayne State University and Dearborn Public Schools.

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Don't let emotion stop you in your tracks

Clear out and move on, says local businessman

There are multiple reasons people hold on to a loved one's belongings once they've passed. Clearing out a vacant home can be hindered by physical limitations, limited help or nostalgia. But the bottom line is keeping an unoccupied home can cost a fortune.

"I know people who've spent upwards of \$110,000 to hold on," said Sean Lane, a

Grosse Pointe Farms resident and owner of Clean Up Clear Out and Your Home Valet. "The carrying costs of the house note, insurance, utilities, taxes — it adds up. Individuals have held onto items and tried to be as cost effective as possible, but in the long run it has cost them more money."

Hiring a vendor can make the process easier and may even put a few

extra bucks in the family's pocket.

"Try to liquidate as much as possible," Lane said. "It's better to sell online."

"It comes down to the fact that continued pushing off of getting the project done due to memories is not helping in the long run. Also, the longer a house sits vacant, the greater the chance of burglary, it starts to lose value,

there's cost to taking care of it."

It can be overwhelming going through a person's belongings and assigning them value. Qualified vendors can help by designating items to sell, donate or throw away. However, it's important to keep realistic expectations.

"People often misunderstand the value of items," Lane said. "They may have paid a lot when they got it, but that was 20 years ago. It's not worth the same anymore."

Sometimes people stall out on the cleaning process because the help isn't there.

"If phone calls are not being answered and you're not getting assistance, don't let it stop them from continuing the process," Lane said. "There are qualified vendors out there who can help."

"People fail to realize when a house is sold, the first thing the realtor's going to say is they want that house 'broom clean,'" he continued. "They don't want your refrigerator, your couch. Houses need to be ready for the next owner."

Lane has seen people leave behind furniture, boxes of random items, unused chemicals and

old paint cans, among other junk.

"It's more common than you think," he said.

A professional can help sort the valuable from the rest. Hiring the right pro is key.

"When they hire a vendor, it's important to find out if they're going through and tossing things or are they finding things of value, financial or sentimental. It's more than just tossing out. It's about being thorough," Lane said. "Hiring a vendor takes the burden off of them. They don't even

need to be there necessarily. We provide a checklist of things to look out for if they haven't found it yet."

Checklist items Lane recommends are important documents that include Social Security numbers or any financial statements.

"Computer hard drives should be destroyed. Same with faxes, scanners and printers," he said. "Check hiding spots — in books, dresser and desk drawers, under tables, in ceiling tiles or basement rafters, the backs of pictures, under house plants. I've found items rolled up in socks. Make sure to go through coat pockets, underwear drawers.

And if they're not sure about art or jewelry, it should be appraised by a professional."

Lane advised making well-thought-out decisions when clearing out a house, "because it's final. Once it's sold, donated or disposed, I can't get it back."

He said the key is to hire someone trustworthy, bonded and with references. He suggested making the process easier by not involving the family when the professional steps in.

"Yes, I'm looking at it from an outsider's view, but sometimes an outsider's view is what's needed to get the job done. And it can be done with decorum and class," Lane said.

In the case of a family squabble, Lane said, "They can make me the devil's advocate. I'm the spokesperson at that point. The executor, trustee or personal representative are the only people whose direction I'll follow."

"People young and old are afraid to let go," he concluded. "There's no advantage to that. It's not going to get easier. Think of it like a Band-Aid — you're not going to pull it off in stages, you do it in one fell swoop."

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Fincham on point in the Pointes



Providing service to the Pointes is nothing new for the Fincham family and these days, it's in yet another capacity. For more than 43 years, Tom's father, Al "Skip" Fincham, led both the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Woods in public safety and city administration, leaving behind a legacy of exemplary service to the community.

As expected, his son is following in his father's footsteps by way of also serving the Pointes with that same level of integrity, bringing with him a wide range of experience to support the local real estate industry.

Tom's early career started in the Pointes working for a number of the municipalities. This experience has allowed him to build both an extensive knowledge of the area, as well as relationships within each city.

The Finchams have a legacy of leaving things better than they were found. When it comes to matching up properties and people, Tom is on point.

"I am so thankful for the relationships that I have made and the great clients I've been able to help over the years," he said. "This isn't just a business to me and my family, but another way to serve our community."

Anyone who's worked with Tom knows his extensive knowledge of the Pointes, his responsiveness and professionalism are unmatched. His goals? Aside from ensuring his clients are educated and happy with every facet of each transaction, he wants to continue moving more people into the Pointes. It's no surprise to Tom that more and more people are looking to move into this wonderful community.

Having relocated buyers from as far as California and New Hampshire, competing with Birmingham, Bloomfield and Rochester areas, Fincham said, "You just can't compete with our schools, parks and city services, the lake, the overwhelmingly close-knit community and the proximity to all that is up-and-coming in the Pointes and surrounding areas."

Fincham feels this is a big year for moves into and around Grosse Pointe.

"We have empty nesters looking to downsize, a large population of young people looking to move back from out of state or other local areas to start raising their families here and everything in between."

Going the extra mile for his clients to either sell their current home or help them find the right home means leaving no stone unturned for this agent. According to Tom, it's a great time to buy due to continued low interest rates, as well as a great time to sell due to the strong market and low inventory.

Not sure which Pointe is right for you? Ready to make a move and list? Tom can advise. Contact him anytime at (586) 899-5565, t.fincham@yahoo.com or FinchamRE.com.

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food, grease, grime and soap scum. Generously spray non-porous surfaces with your cleaner then rinse with clean water.

◆ **Stove exhaust filter:** The grease buildup that collects on the stove's exhaust filter can be a tough nut to crack. In a sink basin, mix 8 ounces of a concentrated multi-surface cleaner and 1 gallon of hot water and submerge the filter. Place the filter in a sink or dishpan and pour in concentrated cleaner to cover. Allow the filter to soak 30 minutes. Drain the dishpan and rinse thoroughly with hot water.

◆ **Floors:** Give your floors a mopping. Mix 4 ounces of cleaning solution with 1 gallon of warm water. Apply with mop or sponge.

◆ **Garbage cans and diaper pails:** Bags often leak nastiness into the bottom of the garbage can, which easily can be missed when quickly replacing the bag. Turn your cleanser's nozzle to spray and generously cover the can. Wipe or brush any areas that have any residue. Rinse thoroughly with clean water.

◆ **Showers, tubs and tile:** Use your

cleaning agent at full strength and generously spray surfaces directly. Allow it to penetrate the soap scum for up to 2 minutes. Do not allow to dry. Wipe away with a coarse sponge or cloth. Rinse thoroughly with clean water.

◆ **Toilets:** Let's face it. This isn't anyone's favorite job, but it has to be done. Turn that nozzle to spray and generously spray the outside of the toilet. Wipe clean with a paper towel, then give a quick rinse.

◆ **Patio:** For patios, outdoor furniture, concrete, vinyl fences and siding, use the same cleaner outdoors: simply spray, then wipe clean with a cloth or sponge and rinse surfaces with clean water. While you're at it, consider removing grease and grime from tools, engine parts, tires, sports gear and lawn equipment.

For efficiency, consider cleaning solutions that don't require pre-cleaning, such as Mean Green Super Strength Cleaner & Degreaser. More tips for getting your spring to-dos completed can be found at meangreendegreaser.com.

"Make spring cleaning simple and effective by using smart strategies on every surface of your home," said Devlin.

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the disease will kill the tree.

"If we don't get a hold of it soon, it will wipe out all of our pears," Marshall said.

The treatment of Pear Trellis Rust consists of a two-part process of spraying the tree in the spring and injecting it in the fall.

"We're never going to completely

eradicate it, but it can be controlled," said Marshall, a certified arborist.

With spring around the corner, now is the perfect time to consider a healthcare treatment program with Marshall Landscape. Marshall said lawn programs begin mid-April and tree programs usually start by end of March. For information on any of their plant healthcare services, including pest control, call (313) 885-7272 or (586) 427-6577, or visit marshalllandscape.com.

Smart kitchen upgrade ideas to help you save time

(StatePoint) Most home cooks want the flexibility of preparing complicated meals with ease and convenience. However, even those with a deft culinary hand may be limited by their tools, space and appliances.

Smartly outfitting your kitchen can help you jump meal preparation hurdles, particularly if you are someone who is inclined to prepare multi-course meals. Consider space-saving appliances with versatile functionality that can do more than one job at a time. Just as you can multitask, so should your kitchen appliances.

Experts point out that it all boils down to the capabilities of your oven range. When pressed for time, you may have compromised on cooking times or temperature, leaving dishes to suffer through over- or under-cooking. Home chefs with this problem should consider upgrading to a double oven range, which would allow you to cook multiple dishes at separate temperatures. Consider the flexibility of being



able to bake cookies in convection mode at 350 degrees while simultaneously broiling chicken, all in one unit.

If you do plan to make this upgrade, consider your needs and options. For example, if an electric connection is the only option for cooking, consider Verona's 36-inch fully electric double oven range, which offers cooking performance one might not expect from a fully electric range. Also available in dual fuel and all gas options, the Verona double oven ranges are fully equipped with two easily programmed multi-function ovens and provide multiple cooking modes, including

baking, defrosting and broiling.

When form is just as important as function, consider ILVE's larger double oven range options in 40-, 48- and 60-inch sizes. All sizes feature two multi-function ovens and added multi-tasking tools such as a rotisserie and warming drawer. Cooktop options such as a French top and removable griddle give even more flexibility to ambitious home cooks.

With a dual oven range, you may find that a separate built-in oven becomes unnecessary, freeing up valuable cabinet space and valuable dollars for other useful

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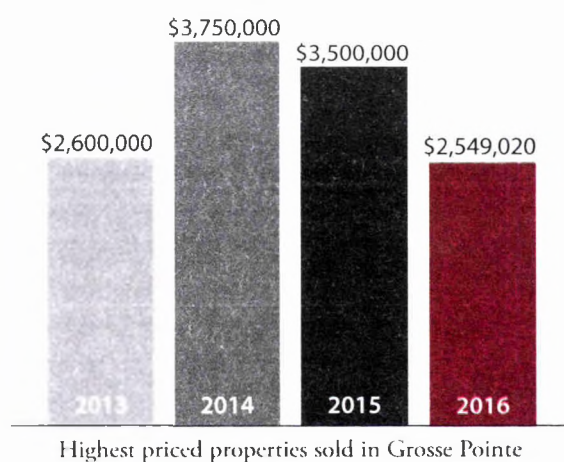
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Agney: New construction 'a really good sign'

Kay Agney is pleased with the new construction she's been seeing around town. It's a positive note on a resurging economy.

"Since the first of the year, three vacant lots have gone under contract, near Bishop and Ellair (Place) in the Park," said the owner of Higbie Maxon Agney Realtors in Grosse Pointe Farms. "That's a really good sign. Over the last couple of years, too, you see some vacant land sell. Or there are teardowns."

Either way, a lot of people are investing in new construction.

"New construction is nice to see," Agney said. "It appeals to young couples with

families. People are thinking, if you can't find what you want in an existing home, they're willing to start over with their own."

Agney said the resurgence of Detroit is bringing in new families to the area.

"I'm seeing people excited about being close to Detroit. That certainly has helped the Grosse Pointe market," she said. "Look at what the community has to offer. We have a walkable community. It makes it very appealing. I'm seeing people who are working downtown picking Grosse Pointe as their first choice for a place to live. All the good stuff going on downtown I

bet is spurring our market here."

The challenge, she said, is having a low inventory.

"There's a low supply of houses and a high demand," Agney said. "I think some sellers are holding off because they don't know where to move to."

Overall, Agney said her outlook for 2017 is positive. The unseasonably warm winter kept her busy through the last several months.

"Winter was extremely busy," she said. "This was one of the busiest December/Januarys I remember. That wonderful warm spell caused a very active fall and winter market throughout

Grosse Pointe."

With an active housing market, Agney said she expects this year to be on par with 2016.

"I'm seeing multiple

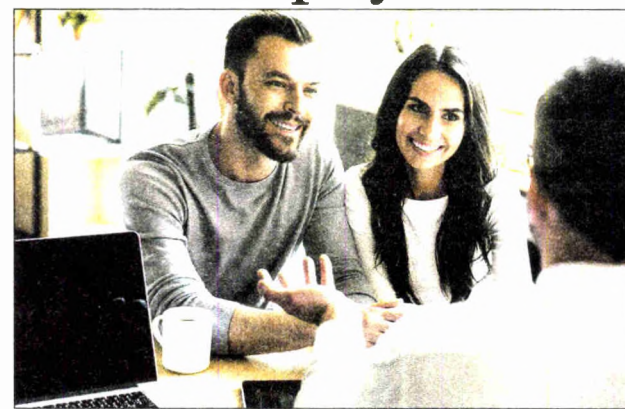
offers coming on the market that are priced right, in good shape," she said. "Last year was a good year. I expect 2017 is going to be a

very good year, too."

Higbie Maxon Agney is located at 83 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call (313) 886-3400.

Buying a home? What to know about down payments

(StatePoint) If you're in the market to buy a home, your down payment is probably top of mind. However, it's important to understand all your options, particularly if you've heard the rule of thumb that you shouldn't pursue homeownership unless you can put 20 percent down.



"In today's market, misconceptions about down payments are some of the most common, unfortunately," says Danny Gardner, Freddie Mac vice president of Affordable Lending. "And this discourages many prospective buyers from even leaving the starting gate."

Gardner points out that a growing number of homebuyers are putting down between 5 and 10 percent, and even as little as 3 percent through products like Freddie Mac's Home Possible Advantage. This is important to keep in mind when determining how much home you can afford.

Prospective homebuyers concerned about down payments should also be aware that there are nearly 2,500 home-

ownership programs across the country that can help with down payment and closing costs and an estimated 87 percent of U.S. homes are eligible for one or more of these programs, according to research by Down Payment Resource. The down payment program benefit most frequently found is about \$10,000, making researching these options and discussing them with your lender and real estate agent a worthwhile step. To determine your eligibility and learn more about down payment assistance, visit downpaymentresource.com/are-you-eligible.

Of course, home buyers should not forget that there are benefits to putting more down initially — this will lower your monthly mortgage

payment and reduce the amount you will owe the bank. Additionally, those who put down at least 20 percent don't have to pay Primary Mortgage Insurance, an added insurance policy that protects the lender if you are unable to pay your mortgage. However, if putting 20 percent down will deplete all of your savings and leave you with no financial reserves, it's probably not in your best interest. What's more, you can cancel your PMI once you've built equity of 20 percent in your home.

Don't assume the dream of homeownership is beyond your reach. Get savvy. There are numerous programs and products available that can help you afford your down payment and beyond.



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Buying or refinancing your home this spring? Tips for success

(StatePoint) Many Americans start to think about their housing needs this time of year. For some people spring aligns with the school calendar, given the time it takes to find the right home, arrange financing and move in time for the next academic year. For others, an income tax refund, coupled with refinancing a mortgage, is the way to fund a home improvement project.

So how do you find

the right loan products and lender?

◆ Research products and terms. Home loans come in two forms: fixed rate or adjustable rate. Fixed rate loans come with terms varying from 10 to 30 years for consumers who want the security of consistent monthly payments plus a rate that won't change over the life of the loan. Adjustable rate mortgages typically are offered at a lower rate

with an initial term of five to 10 years.

"A 30-year fixed rate loan is by far the most popular mortgage product with borrowers, but ARMs can be a good option if you plan on moving or refinancing," says Craig Evans, Ally Bank's mortgage executive. "When we start a dialogue with a potential customer, we'll discuss the various options and suggest products geared toward their specific needs."

◆ Choose a lender focused on your needs. In a crowded mortgage landscape, it's important to find loan experts to help you through the process. For example, the Ally Home Team is on hand to help home buyers through the home loan experience, from application to close, ensuring they regularly answer questions borrowers may have along the way.

"Service and communications are the biggest considerations when it comes to choosing a lender, whether it's new construction, buying an existing home, or refinancing," says Beth Foley, broker

associate at Beacon Sotheby's International Realty.

◆ Ask your lender what products fit your needs. For example, Fannie Mae's HomeReady product may be a good option for first-time homebuyers and millennials. Key benefits include down payments as low as 3 percent, plus these loans are priced similarly to standard loan pricing and flexible sources of funds can be used for the down payment and closing costs.

◆ Establish your limits. Some lenders provide useful tools to get you started, such as Ally Home, a new

direct-to-consumer home loan service offered by Ally Bank. Its Affordability Calculator helps you analyze your household income and current financial obligations to estimate how much house you can afford.

◆ Refinance an existing loan. Refinancing is a potential option if it offers a better rate than your existing loan, allows you to lower your mortgage payment, or shortens the term of your existing loan. If you have considerable equity, it's also a way to consolidate debt or fund home improvements if used wisely.

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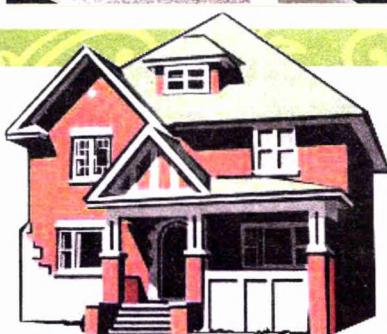
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