

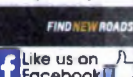
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Big bounty of tools

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — There could be scores of scores to settle by tradesmen hot under their blue collars about a suspected drug user with a habit of stealing power tools and comparable equipment.

A witness at a construction site in the 900 block of Lakeshore alerted Grosse Pointe Shores police shortly before 12:30 p.m. Friday, May 19, to the suspect, later identified as 31-year-old Martin Michael-Alan Fegley, of St. Clair Shores, stealing tools and equipment from a trailer.

Fegley was arraigned

Friday, May 26, by Shores Municipal Judge Matthew Rumora on four felonies, each punishable by up to five years in prison:

- ◆ larceny,
- ◆ receiving and concealing stolen property,
- ◆ larceny from an auto and
- ◆ possessing forged license documents.

Fegley also faces a fifth count of misdemeanor receiving and concealing stolen property.

Rumora set \$20,000 cash-only bond and scheduled a pretrial conference for Wednesday, May 31, after this week's Grosse Pointe News deadline.

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Gone but not forgotten

The War Memorial hosted its annual Memorial Day ceremony Monday, May 29, featuring a keynote address by Maj. Gen. David G. Bassett and remarks from U.S. Rep. Brenda Lawrence, as well as the reading of names of those lost, tolling of the bell, placing of the wreath and a rifle salute.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Seeing the light

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The assortment of architectural themes known as the facade of city hall, 90 Kerby, gets some cohesiveness and improved thermal efficiency this summer by the replacement of windows that transmit heat and cold air as though they were light.

"These are older, single-pane glass windows that tend to let cold air in during winter and don't have many thermal properties for summer," said Shane Reeside, city manager.

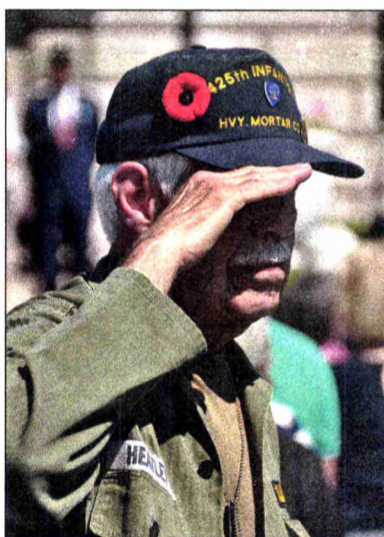
Current aluminum-

colored panes also are out of context with the building's Tudor influences, altered during renovations.

"We call them prison bars," Reeside said. "We're proposing going with deeper browns and going back to more of a Tudor style. The architect we're using is the architect for the Country Club of Detroit. We were impressed with the work they were doing."

"Schemes (keep) the overall window dimension the same for ease of replacement," Ross Hoekstra, a designer at McIntosh Poris Associates in

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Clockwise from top left, a rifle salute was performed by the 1146 Ritual Firing Team of the VFW Bruce Post; sisters Nora and Anna Labelle sit on the original Windmill Pointe millstone as they check out the flowers in The War Memorial garden; World War II veteran Donald Weatherup sits in the shade listening to the speakers; two members of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans Club place a wreath; Henry Heatley, Army 425th Infantry, salutes during taps.

World War II veteran Robert Roselle gave the keynote address, recalling being sent to Europe as an 18-year-old where he served in Germany with the 9th Army.

PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN



'Always remember, never forget'

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — For 35 years people have been gathering on Memorial Day at the Circle of Honor at Mack and Vernier to honor members of the military, both those who made the ultimate sacrifice and those who returned.

Veterans of World War II, all in their 90s now, mingled with those who followed, veterans from the

Korean War, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, Iran, Afghanistan and as Mayor Robert Novitke acknowledged in his remarks, "Other conflicts, some of which we know, some of which we don't."

And to them all, the hundreds gathered said thank you.

"This is a day to remember all those who have sacrificed so much for us," said Novitke, himself a U.S. Marine who served in Vietnam. "To all who are here

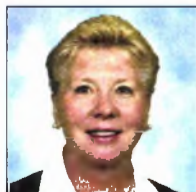
today, you are an affirmation of all this country stands for."

World War II veteran Robert Roselle delivered the keynote address, recalling how he was sworn into the U.S. Army Valentine's Day 1944, as an 18-year-old graduate of Cass Technical High School in Detroit. He soon was on a troop transport to training sites in California and

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Farms resident awarded ACG Lifetime Achievement Award

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Scott Reilly recently was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Detroit Chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth at its annual M&A All Star Awards.

The award is the organization's highest honor that has been conferred by the Detroit chapter on only a few occasions. It recognizes the careers of those who have had a significant and lasting impact on the capital formation and transactional finance industry in southeastern Michigan.

Reilly was recognized for helping establish and grow the private equity industry in Michigan. In 1995, he co-founded Detroit-based Peninsula Capital Partners LLC and is its current president. Peninsula is a private equity firm that has raised six limited partnership investment vehicles totaling \$1.6 billion from institutional investors in North America and Europe and has been recognized as one of the top performing investment firms of its kind.

Peninsula was one of the earliest private equity firms in Michigan and its success helped pave the way for other private capital management firms in the state. In addition to Peninsula, Reilly also participated in founding two other Michigan-based private equity firms, Huron Capital Partners LLC and Superior Capital Partners LLC. Prior to moving to Michigan in 1995, Reilly was a resident of the Twin Cities where he participated in the development of two other private investment firms.

Reilly credited his success to the constant support of his partners, colleagues and wife of 25 years, Lan-Huong Reilly. When asked his thoughts on receiving the award, he said, "I was certainly taken aback when first informed about the award as I did not even know I was being considered for it. Now that I have had some time to reflect on it, the full extent of the honor is apparent and I am appropriately humbled that ACG would see fit to recognize my career with this prestigious award."

Garvey joins Migliazzo Group

Merrill Lynch recently announced Jill K. Garvey, certified financial planner, has joined The Migliazzo Group in the Merrill Lynch Troy office as a private wealth advisor. Private wealth advisors serve ultra-high net worth individuals and families and are part of Merrill Lynch Wealth Management's Private Banking & Investment Group. Garvey joined Merrill Lynch in December 2016 and works to provide leadership and expertise in the areas of estate planning services, business suc-



Jill K. Garvey

cession and wealth management planning.

"We are excited to have Jill as a new addition to The Migliazzo Group," said David M. Jennings, director and market executive for the greater Detroit market. "Her

experience will be invaluable as we continue to offer personalized wealth management strategies and tailored advice and guidance to individuals, families and businesses we serve."

Before joining Merrill Lynch, Garvey was regional director of wealth planning at Comerica Wealth Management for more than 13 years. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting from Michigan State University. She is a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Happy at Home

Susie at Home celebrated its first year at its location in the Village, 17139 Kercheval, with a ribbon-cutting event. The business carries home accessories, gift items and jewelry. For more information, call (313) 884-5621. Pictured with City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace, from left, are Grosse Pointe Chamber Director of Membership Linda Reid; three generations of business owners Angie Polizzi, Susie Stefani and Susan Stefani; and chamber bookkeeper Regan Stolarski.

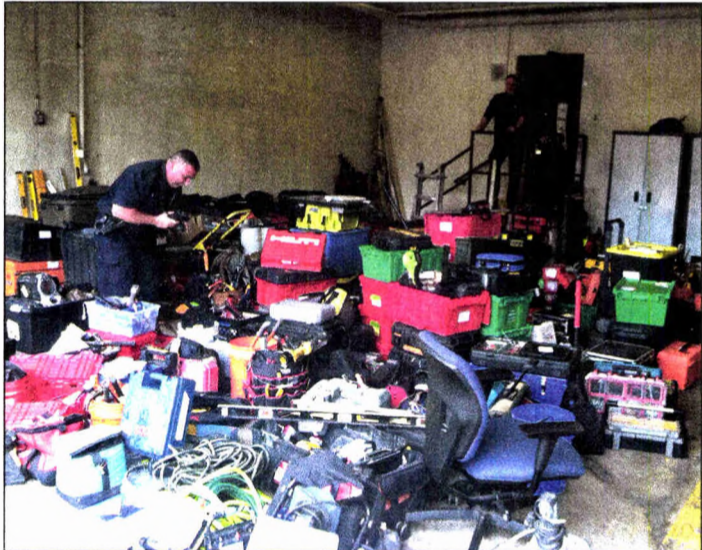


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Officer John Jabrael of the Grosse Pointe Shores public safety department photographs power tools and related equipment recovered during searches of an alleged thief's home and storage unit. Heading the investigation, Detective Lt. Scott Rohr looks on from a back door to public safety headquarters.

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Birmingham, wrote to Reeside.

Reeside intends to present the city council competitive construction bids this month.

"We will bid it out with the intent of com-

pleting (installation) before winter," Reeside said.

Preliminary cost estimates for those and other renovations are in the \$300,000 range.

"Over the last few years, we've been allocating \$100,000 per year for capital improvements to city hall, a building we have not invested much in a number of years," Reeside

said. "We also hope to do bathroom renovations."

City hall's original design has been altered through the decades.

"In the 1970s, stucco on the building was replaced with an exposed aggregate, which was popular in the 1960s and '70s," Reeside said. "We're going to put stucco over that to give it a more traditional Tudor style."

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Fegley is accused of raiding construction sites and vehicles of contractors shopping at building supply superstores throughout the north and eastern Detroit metropolitan area.

Although he successfully exited the Shores location, a network of municipal security cameras installed last year at four high-traffic spots in the city recorded him driving a small, tan vehicle northbound on Lakeshore crossing into St. Clair Shores.

"The camera obtained a really good image of the license plate," said John Schulte, Shores public safety director. "We identified him and

his residence. Based on that, we obtained a search warrant (Tuesday) May 23, and obtained the largest recovery of stolen property in my career. We estimate it's worth \$100,000."

Schulte, hired as Shores chief 5 1/2 years ago, worked 32 years prior for Grosse Pointe Park, retiring as assistant public safety director.

An initial incident report of the arrest and inventory of allegedly stolen items could reach 50 pages, according to investigators.

"Paperwork is building," Schulte said. "After we cleared out his house and garage, we learned he also rented a storage facility in Roseville."

Officers searched the unit Wednesday, May 24.

"We took two dump trucks and recovered similar, additional property," Schulte said.

Recovered items are being stored wall-to-wall in a two-bay garage normally reserved for cruisers at public safety headquarters.

"We're still sorting through property and trying to identify and tag it," Schulte said.

A thief never gets caught the first time, according to a law enforcement adage.

"He has priors," Schulte said. "I'm not sure if he has enough to be considered an habitual criminal, but he has three or four priors."

Police said the man is answering questions about a supplier of pain medication normally requiring a prescription.



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Painting the town

The theme this year for the Village's annual Paint the Windows contest was "The Circus" and kids got creative in their paintings. Businesses along Kercheval in downtown City of Grosse Pointe boasted artwork of creative children, including Oscar DeLuca, above, who painted a tent without animals because he said it looked better empty.



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Above, Piper Crossley painted a tiger outside of its tent because she likes it when they run free. Left, Myla Garceau shows off the amount of paint on her hands.

Gas leak shuts down Morningside, North

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — For the third time in less than five weeks, a gas line break caused an upheaval in a Woods neighborhood.

At approximately 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 30, a line was broken at the corner of Morningside and Coventry Lane by a work crew installing new gas lines in the area. The new line and gas meter project is being directed by DTE with work done by a subcontractor, InfraSource, a Quanta Services company.

Coventry Lane residents were evacuated and Grosse Pointe North High School placed on lockdown.

Workers were able to cap the leak at 12:20; residents were allowed to return home and the North lockdown was lifted.

This was the third gas line break caused by work crews in a little over a month. On April 27, a line at Mack and Allard required Mack to be closed to traffic about five hours and Allard residents were evacuated. On May 9, a break at Vernier and Morningside resulted in North being put on lockdown and residents evacuated. Traffic was blocked on Vernier about five hours.

"We apologize to the community for the disruption," said DTE spokesman John Fossen.

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Lakeside tai chi starting at Osius Park

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Students in Jennifer Silverston's tai chi class wear whatever outfits smooth their groove.

"I encourage people to wear what they feel fabulous in — to have a not-worrying, I'm-having-fun state of mind," she said.

Modern-day tai chi is a laid-back martial art. Practitioners are known more for breathing deeply during a series of slow, measured movements than attacking each other with jump reverse crescent kicks.

"Tai chi is often slow and fluid, like water undulating," said Silverston. "Tai chi is well-renown for what Harvard Medical School

calls medication in motion because it's good for so many things. Everything's soft and flowing so you can develop precision and accuracy."

She resumes tai chi instruction this summer at Grosse Pointe Shores Osius Park, 800 Lakeshore, across from city hall.

Three separate sessions begin:

- ◆ 10 a.m. June 5, Monday and Wednesdays,
- ◆ 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, June 6 and
- ◆ 10 a.m. Thursday, June 8.

Sessions last six weeks, cost \$50 for Shores residents and \$55 for others.

"My Thursday class is especially for beginners or people with balance challenges," said Silverston.

Register at second-floor offices of city hall right up to the start of class.

So many people enrolled last summer Silverston added a session in fall.

She's always looking for young students, but her main demographics in the Shores are 50 years old and up.

"It's very good for older people because of the benefits of enhanced balance and leg strength," Silverston said. "It's very safe."

She modifies instruction for students' level of fitness.

"The slow weight transfer from foot to foot, done mindfully, is part of the magic of balance and fall prevention," she said. "As you separate your feet wide and transfer weight,

muscle memory in our feet and legs serve us when we need them most."

Tai chi began centuries ago as a form of self-defense but now is practiced mainly for self-health.

A section of the Mayo Clinic's website, mayo.clinic.org, addresses tai chi's health advantages:

"Tai chi helps reduce stress and anxiety and helps increase flexibility and balance. Because tai chi is a low-impact exercise, it may be especially suitable if you're an older adult who otherwise may not exercise."

Silverston remembers being a 14-year-old girl attending her first tai chi class at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

"My mother signed me up," she said. "I took to it

like a fish in water."

She's either practiced or taught it ever since.

"I got the rare opportunity to study with a kung fu master who came to Northern Michigan University as a Fulbright scholar," Silverston said. "I went on to train with several Americans, but it was his original teachings that I always go back to."

Classes at Osius Park are held on firm ground under the shade of willow trees near, but not too near, Lake St. Clair.

"It's beautiful and soothing by water's edge," she said. "I love hearing stories of people feeling stronger on their feet, blood pressure coming down and all that good stuff."

She said she ends each class as refreshed as at the start.

"Turn on that elixir within, as they call it, with tai chi," Silverston said. "Tai chi makes me feel most alive. Cooking and cleaning make me feel tired."

The Week Ahead

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

◆ Park Market opens. Fresh foods, flowers and boutique items will be for sale in the market sheds at Kercheval and Wayburn, Grosse Pointe Park, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 5

◆ Grosse Pointe Farms council meeting, 7 p.m. city hall, 90 Kerby.
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods council meeting, 7:30 p.m., city hall, 20025 Mack.

Higher water rate, billing frequency

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — A rate increase isn't the only change on tap from the water and sewer department.

In addition to a 4.8 percent price hike starting the new fiscal year July 1, bills will be issued more often.

"We're definitely going to consider changing our billing cycle from quarterly to bimonthly," said Councilman Bruce Bisballe, chairman of the Grosse Pointe Shores finance committee. "That will probably be happening in the next year."

Bimonthly billing doesn't cost consumers more, but makes it easier for the city to pay bills to the Great Lakes Water Authority, supplier of drinking water and sewage treatment.

"They charge us monthly, so it's a cash flow issue," Bisballe said. "(Residents) will have more frequent, smaller water bills. It's good for residents in the sense that in September you don't get that big, shocker bill."

Grosse Pointe Farms and City also charge bimonthly.

The 4.8 percent rate

increase in water and sewer rates anticipates a comparable increase from the authority.

"That's the exact pass-through from the Great Lakes Water Authority," Bisballe said. "We're going to pass through exactly what we're being charged. That's the lowest increase we've seen in at least five years."

"Those are just proposed increases (from) the authority and Wayne County on the sewage side," said Rhonda Ricketts, Shores treasurer. "We do not have anything set in stone yet from them. It could be higher."

The hike takes minimum bills to \$178.80 based on consuming 1,500 cubic feet of water.

"Most of our residents are at minimum billing," Bisballe said.

The new billing cycle is planned for implementation when crews are 75 percent finished replacing analog household water meters with the remote-sensing variety.

Automated meters transmit real-time water usage data to city hall. A warning is signaled when usage suddenly increases, as when household pipes break during winter while residents are out of town.

"We've caught some of these major breaks in the nick of time and alerted residents there was something wrong with their house," Mayor Ted Kedzierski. "We gained access and prevented a problem that would've been a major disaster."

Residents planning on being out of town can

request public safety officers give their property extra attention.

"We check the watch list every day," said Chief John Schulte.

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Longtime pastoral associate retires

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Among the 40 years of memories cherished by St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church Pastoral Associate Janet Guensche, a favorite occurred before she was even hired.

"It was 1978," she said. "I remember it very well. I was sitting in my bedroom, looking out of the window. My two children had gone to school and the house was clean. I thought, 'How am I going to fill this day?' I thought I had more to give to life than just sitting around."

She had mentioned to a neighbor, Dorothy Grout O'Brien, that she was looking for some part-time work. O'Brien happened to be retiring as secretary at St. Clare. Guensche said she wasn't looking for a full-time job, but O'Brien encouraged her.

"So I interviewed anyway," she said. "I was very relaxed at the interview because I really didn't want the job. Well, they were looking for someone laid back and

that was me. Forty years later, here I am.

"I've had no regrets. It turned out to be just the thing for me."

Guensche retires from her post June 1, and will be recognized for her 40 years of service during Recognition Sunday, June 4. A special 11 a.m. Mass also recognizes six priests who've put in 86 years of outstanding service on behalf of the parish.

Guensche started at St. Clare as secretary and during her tenure worked with 33 priests — 30 Augustinian and three Michaelite.

"It's like changing jobs every time the pastor changed, with their different personalities," the Grosse Pointe Park resident said. "I had to be able to adapt."

Adapting for Guensche meant taking the Rev. Fred Taggart up on his offer of a free semester at Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

"Up until then, my only education was from a business college in Windsor, where I grew up," she said. She took

night classes for 12 years anywhere she could — Madonna University, University of Detroit Mercy, University of Phoenix — "so I could complete a bachelor's degree in time to receive the last ever Eli Lilly grant at the seminary. It was offered to Sacred Heart Major Seminary for the education of lay pastoral ministers. I was a minority back then. Women were just starting to take classes; I was the only woman in a lot of my classes. Then in 2007, I got my master's degree in theology from the School of Theology."

Guensche has served as pastoral associate since 1995. She also works as a procurator advocate, working with people seeking annulment and reconciliation with the Catholic Church.

Also in 1995, Guensche received a special honor from the Augustinians. A certificate from Rome names her an affiliate of their order.

"It's a great honor," she said. "They don't do it for just anyone. Many of the priests I worked for came

back for that ceremony. Just to have been recognized was wonderful."

The certificate, which hangs on her office wall, is one of many items Guensche is sorting through as she clears out for her yet-to-be-named replacement.

"It's a bit overwhelming," she said. "If anybody wants to know what's happened the last 40 years, they come to me."

"The parish is heading in the right direction," she continued. "It's a good time to retire."

Guensche, 71, will continue her work with the Archdiocese and her membership at St. Clare. She also plans to travel and hopes to take piano and French lessons.

Her husband, Clayton, has been retired for a year.

"He said he's happy to have me home," she said. "I told him be careful



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Janet Guensche

tle, knowledgeable, holy, patient, well-dressed woman," Avery said. "She's very helpful and keeps calm. She's welcoming. She's an icon at St. Clare. She's pretty much the go-to person for everything. I don't know what we're going to do without her."

Added the Rev. Tom Wilisowski, "She's a rock star. I owe her a lot."

"There have been so many happy times," Guensche said. "What I've given doesn't com-

pare with what I've received. I've been a part of parishioners' lives for their happy events — marriages and births — and I've made so many friends who are gone. The key to the job is to build trust. Keeping confidence has always been my No. 1 priority.

"I've had a very good life at the parish," she continued. "Now I'll go home and let life happen to me. Whatever's next, I'm going to enjoy it."

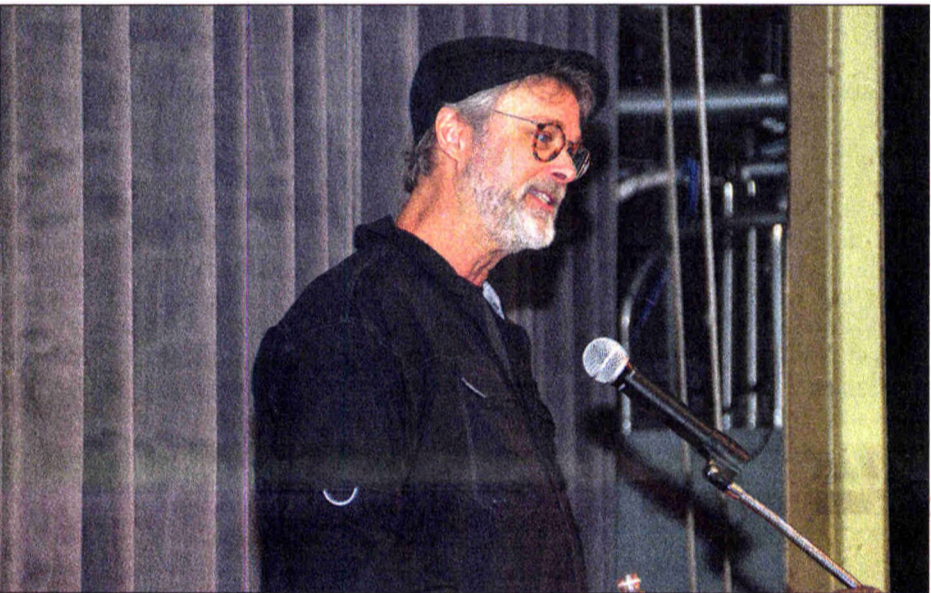


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Author talk

The Grosse Pointe Public Library celebrated National Library Week, April 9 to 15, with a visit from author Christopher Moore, the best-selling author of 15 books who has two more coming soon. Moore spoke at The War Memorial about what it's like to live in the sometimes solitary world of writing and how he got ideas for his books. More than 250 people attended the event.

Road work in north end

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Concrete replacement on Duval, starting mid-summer, is Christmas in July for a boy with visions of cement mixers dancing in his head.

"One mom on the street told me her son looks out the window every day waiting for the equipment to show up," said Mark Wollenweber, manager of Grosse Pointe Shores. "It's probably going to be July 2."

Repairs are a long time coming.

"This road has been in poor shape for a number of years," said Brett Smith, public works director. "We put it on the back burner because there's not a lot of traffic on that street."

Consulting engineers recommended replacing the entire roadway, a curb-to-curb approach costing a budget-bruising \$430,000.

Smith saw it from a less expensive angle.

"We did a lot of work measuring that street," he said. "We measured everything that was good (and) recommended to the finance committee that we do expensive patching — save what's good and replace the bad areas. I'm sure we can get another 20 years out of that road."

"This is a perfect example of the staff going above and beyond," Wollenweber said. "They took a \$430,00 potential job and are going to spend \$140,000."

"By doing a piecemeal approach for low-traffic streets, (we) get more bang for our buck," said Councilman Bruce Bisballe, finance committee chairman.

"Money we're saving from that project gives us the advantage to take care of Briarcliff, the street next on the list in being poor condition," Smith said. "We could

do the same on that street, extensive patching. We have another area in terrible condition, Ballantyne from Briarcliff from Stillmeadow."

The city council authorized repairs at an overall cost not to exceed \$250,000.

Leftover funds may be used for roadwork elsewhere in the city.

The public works department is serving as its own contractor for Duval and related construction.

"We're just taking out old concrete and putting in new," Smith said. "We hook-bolt it where old concrete meets the new. So, as the road rises and falls with frost, the whole road comes up together and goes down together."

Consulting engineers are contracted to perform on-site testing of concrete, but the balance of work is being done in-house.

"It's something I've never done, but I feel we can do a good job and save a lot of money," Smith said.

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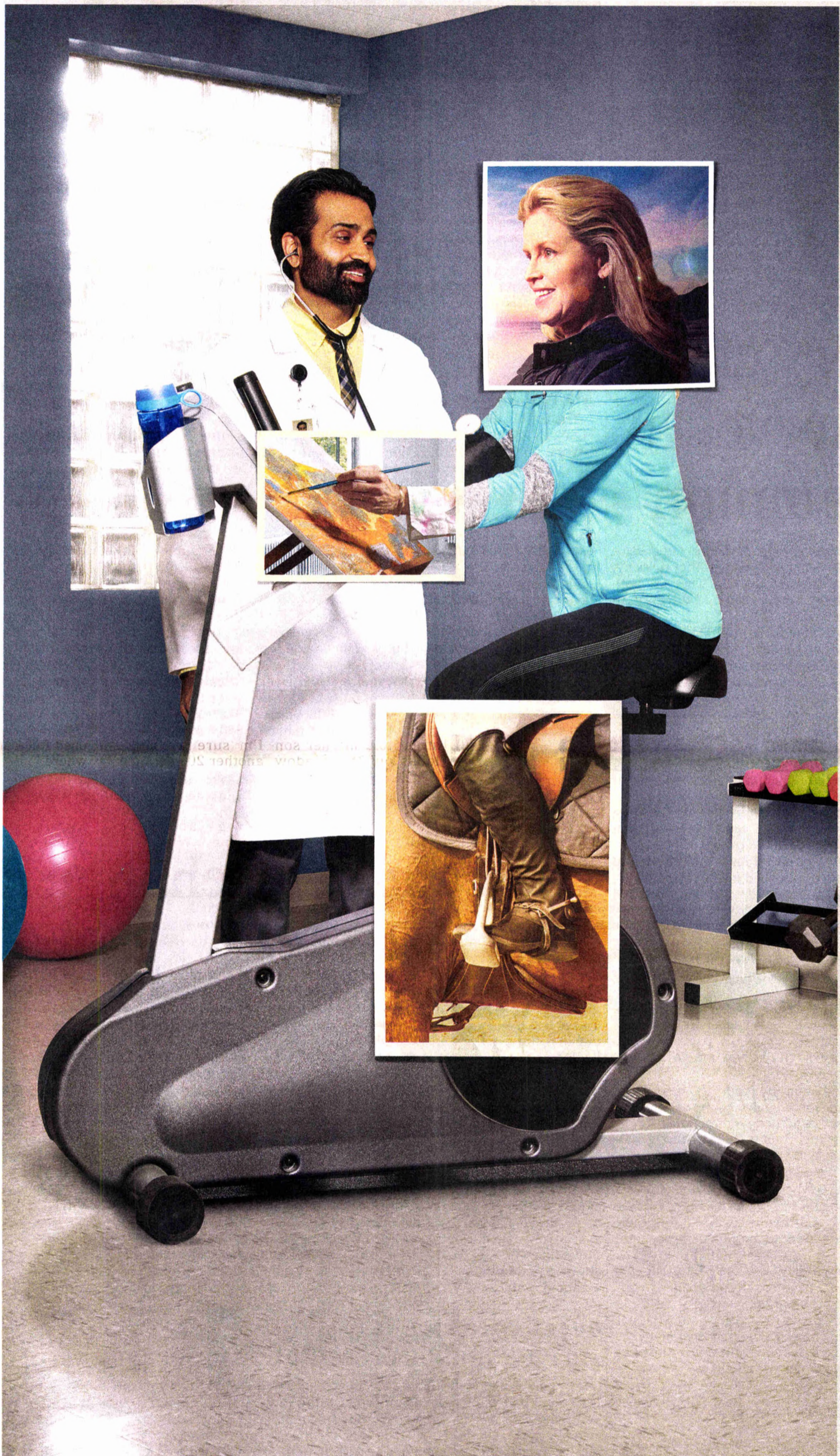
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I SAY By Mary Anne Brush

Every child deserves a champion

Recently I had the privilege of meeting and hearing the stories of two men who chose different paths in life, but share a common mission. They are both committed to helping young men find direction in their lives.

Former Detroit Police Chief and Deputy Mayor Isaiah “Ike” McKinnon spoke at Grosse Pointe South High School to a group of teachers and administrators about schools, society and social justice. One of the first black officers to join Detroit’s police department in 1965, McKinnon recalled how a brutal encounter with white police officers when he was 14 drove him to pursue a career in law enforcement.

“If you can turn your life around, you not only change your own life, you can change the lives of others,” McKinnon said.

Odis Bellinger, executive director of Building Better Men, said, “I knew at 12 years old I was going to do something, but I didn’t know what.”

B2M is a community-based male mentoring and leadership program established in 1991. This spring Bellinger brought the program to Poupard Elementary and Grosse Pointe North High schools, sharing his core belief that every young male can be successful in life. He is author of “7 Steps to Promote the Success of Young African American Males” and “100 Effective Strategies for Single Mothers Raising Black Boys.”

Bellinger spoke to North students about privilege. “The reason it’s a privilege to come here is because I get to make an impact and get to come here and talk to 25 young guys who I know are going to be successful.”

McKinnon talked about how during his years on the police force, he “saw so many young people, particularly young men, who had no direction.

“It is particularly important to them to have a male figure in their lives,” he said. McKinnon was fortunate to have had his own father in his life and was active in raising his own sons, now 39 and 33.

Bellinger, on the other hand, never knew his biological father and said this motivated him to help other young males cope with the pain of an absentee father.

“Who in here has at least one male figure in your life you can talk to?” he asked the students.

Every hand but one went up.

“Who here believes you’re smarter than what you do every day?” This time, all the hands went up.

McKinnon’s years as a police officer were inspired by his negative encounter with the law.

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Savannah Porter of Grosse Pointe Farms points to her hometown on a Michigan-shaped garden stepping stone.

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MARY ELLEN BURKE
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budget talks, due to GPPSS being self-funded there has not been a drastic increase yearly.

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A few observations

In Mrs. Boll’s letter to the editor in the May 25 edition, she claims teachers should take pay cuts and pay a larger portion of their health benefits like what has happened in private industry. My answer to her is teachers have taken pay cuts and have had substantial increases in their health-care contribution. In the 2012-13 school year, teachers took a 3.34 percent pay cut, combined with an increase in healthcare benefits cost the teachers from 7 percent of overall healthcare cost to 20 percent of the overall cost. In the 2013-14 school year, teachers in Grosse Pointe took an additional 4.9 percent pay cut. The cuts the Board of Education face

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Correction

I wanted to correct some information included in Ms. Boll’s letter last week regarding Grosse Pointe Public Schools health care increases. The health care cost increase from the last three years are as follows: 2014 to 2015, 1.16 percent; 2015 to 2016, zero percent; and from 2016 to 2017, there was a 10.34 percent increase. All employees pay 20 percent of the increase in health care costs. The increase to the district in 2014-15 was \$80,000, zero dollars in 2015-16 and then \$800,000 this year. While health care certainly is a consideration during

Many thanks

Thank you, citizens of Grosse Pointe and beyond, for the wonderful support you have given us again this year as we wrap up our 53rd annual Used Book Sale. It was truly a humbling experience for us to realize the tales of the long hours many older members had committed to those sales early on, coupled with the enthusiasm of shoppers of yesteryear from the community to make those sales successful — all so we may continue to give education scholarships.

Getting the book sale together takes the efforts of all of us. Many of the jobs are hard work. We

are fortunate this year to have had a host of young students from Grosse Pointe North and South to do much of the heavy lifting. Thank you to those students recruited by Milissa Pierce in the North counseling department for volunteering to transfer the books from the sorting and marking room to The Luther Center sales area at First English Lutheran Church. They made fast work of a very hard job.

We thoroughly enjoyed the sale days last week when we had the opportunity to visit with numerous former helpers and shoppers who reminisced as they shared stories of how positively they have

I SAY By Renee Landuyt

Love and grief change lives

Grief can cover you like a patchwork blanket, sometimes so heavy it’s hard to breathe momentarily. As time goes by the grief lifts little by little and a patch falls away, one at a time, making it lighter.

I once read something that said, “Love and grief both have the power to forever change our lives.” That’s powerful. I think we grieve so deeply because we love so deeply. I never understood why people apologize for crying. If you feel sad or have a grief outburst, then cry. It’s OK. It shows you’re human. If you hold in the grief you

will stay stuck and holding on to your emotions is not healthy. Life isn’t meant to be lived laterally. And grief wasn’t meant to be held onto. Expressing your grief, mourning and crying is a way to release it. I am writing about grief because my friend Brenda died a couple weeks ago.

Brenda was amazing, and still is, because I’ll always have the memory of her and the memories of time spent together, even though I’m no longer able to do things with her on this Earth. I still have her texts and I smile when I think of our late

night conversations after her kids were tucked in and how she made me a member of her family almost immediately after meeting her. Her husband, Jack, said Brenda collected friends wherever she went and that’s true. Brenda had a kind and generous heart and her family and her friends filled it.

Now, Brenda is looking upon her friends and family from heavenly skies and smiling. She knows we are grieving the loss of her presence in our lives even though she still resides in our hearts. Brenda’s organs were donated and I think

she would have liked that, because even though she didn’t go on living in this lifetime, she’ll be helping others live their lives. Brenda was feisty, creative, incredibly funny and smart. She loved her children and husband with the passion of someone whose well runs deep. They were her world. And now their world is missing a piece and I am sure it feels off its axis.

Grieving is what you feel on the inside, sorrow for something that happened, and mourning is how you grieve. Mourning

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GUEST COLUMN By Dick Ruzzin

An outstanding presentation in recognition of military

If you didn’t attend the Memorial Day service at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, you missed an outstanding presentation, certainly the most significant in our community of any that takes place on a yearly basis. It was an emotional recognition of our military and the sacrifices they have made, sometimes even giving their lives.

The event was simple, elegant and beautifully organized. Speeches were few and short, each memorable with great appreciation for our country and those who have stepped forward to assure our future as a free people. Each person from Grosse Pointe who has died in the service of our country had their name read to all attending. The military was represented, always so impressive when they speak, giving

all who attended wonderful examples of those who died to protect our freedoms with their intellect and their hands, on the ground.

Most who attended wore red, white and blue in some form. One woman was wearing worn dog tags on a beaded chain, a heart-rendering statement on a sunny morning in the safety of Grosse Pointe.

There was a fly-over by two Warthogs from Selfridge, showing the risk and vulnerability they face protecting our ground troops. Flown by a young person who has pledged to defend our Constitution, they flew in low and slow, gently tipping their wings in honor of those who have given their all.

There were about the same number of people attending as I have seen over the last several years. In

all honesty, there were just not enough of them. Not enough people came out to celebrate this wonderful expression of appreciation for the freedom defended by our military, too often to the death. Most sad of all, not enough young people. It is a shame more people of all kinds do not attend. Next year, try to make it as there is plenty of room. If you are even vaguely American you will find great value and inspiration in that short period of time when the realization that “freedom is not free” is almost touchable.

Ruzzin is a resident of Grosse Pointe Park, a member of the Senior Men’s Club of Grosse Pointe and chairman of its Special Interest Car Club.

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City of Grosse Pointe

216 suspensions

A 33-year-old Detroit man was caught last week defying more than 200 suspensions of his driver's license.

"(Michigan) Secretary of State (records) indicate he had 216 suspensions," reported a City patrolman.

A criminal database also revealed 32 traffic warrants, according to police.

An officer caught him driving an unregistered, white 2002 Mazda 626 on northbound Neff near Waterloo at 1:26 p.m. Monday, May 22.

The vehicle's license plate expired in June 2015, according to the officer.

School scammers

Police caught two Detroit men outside the entrance to Trader Joe's in the Village shortly before 2 p.m. Sunday, May 21, duping donors into giving them money to visit Howard University in Washington, D.C.

City of Grosse Pointe police said the men, ages 25 and 27, carried a combined \$254.

"(They had) folders with university information and signature deeds of contributors," reported Sgt. Michael Almeranti, the city's former K-9 handler.

They claimed Trader Joe's gave them permission.

"At this time, (Officer Greg) Burks reported Trader Joe's had not given them permission and also questioned the validity of the charity," Almeranti reported.

"(Burks) asked them why they were telling people they went to Clintondale High School if they were (in their mid-20s)."

The 27-year-old allegedly claimed they attended an alternative school, according to police.

Officers arrested both men for obtaining money under false pretenses.

The 25-year-old is making a habit of it.

"(He) admitted the solicitation was a scam and (is) the same reason he had been arrested in Northville (Tuesday, May 9)," said Almeranti.

"(The 27-year-old) is on probation for home invasion (in) Detroit," Almeranti added.

A 54-year-old Farms man, watching the side-

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walk investigation, said he gave the suspects \$10.

"Both (suspects) admitted they knew the solicitation was fake," Almeranti reported.

"They stated they had made up most of the signatures on the sheets and learned about the scam at the mall a couple months earlier."

— Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

On drugs

A man driving a white 2000 Mercedes E erratically in the area of Mack and Moross turned out to be on drugs, according to an arresting officer.

"There was a very strong odor of marijuana coming from the interior of the vehicle," said the officer, pulling over the man, 65, of Detroit, on northbound Moross just past Mack. "He admitted he smokes it recreationally."

The man stumbled and staggered through failed sobriety tests prior to being arrested for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs.

Officers also arrested a 27-year-old female passenger from Detroit for possessing 13 grams of marijuana.

Chase

A patrolman shifted into a high-tech gear during a Memorial Day

weekend pursuit of a fleeing driver.

When speeds became unsafe on sidestreets near Mack, the officer backed off and is reviewing his cruiser's dashcam video to trace the license plate of the vehicle.

Its driver disobeyed orders to pull over for a traffic infraction on Mack near the intersection of East Warren at about 1:30 a.m. Sunday, May 28.

Pursuit extended down Touraine to eastbound Chalfonte and northbound Cloverly.

2nd DD with a twist

A divorced Farms man, 44, was cited for drunken driving Friday evening, May 26, and for bringing his daughter, 9, and son, 5, along for the ride.

Police said the children were backseat passengers when the man disregarded two suspensions of his operator's license, rear-ended a vehicle stopped for a red light on eastbound Mack at Kerby, physically assaulted the other motorist, fled the scene, had a high blood alcohol

content and open container of beer in his car.

A patrolman serving backup on the alleged incident arrested the suspect outside his house in the 400 block of McKinley shortly after 7 p.m.

"He admitted rear-ending the vehicle on Mack," reported the patrolman.

"He stated he brushed off the other car's bumper. He even admitted shoving the other driver. He admitted drinking (beer) at a friend's house starting near 5 p.m."

The man registered a .20 percent blood alcohol level at 8:18 p.m., according to police. The level is 2 1/2 times the maximum to legally operate a motor vehicle in Michigan.

His record includes a December 2015 drunken driving conviction in the Farms, police said, plus suspensions of his driver's license April 10 and May 17 this year.

The other motorist, a 37-year-old man from Grosse Pointe Park, indicated to police he saw the crash coming.

"The (other) driver was on his cell phone, possibly texting, when he failed to stop," said an officer at the wreck site, referring to the victim's

account. "(The suspect) got out of his car irate and started shouting at him. An unknown witness walking by got between the two parties to break up the pushing."

Police logged the suspect's side of the story.

"He insisted both parties were pushing each other," said the officer.

Police released the children to their mother, also of the Farms.

"They live with their mother," said the arresting officer. "Inside the vehicle, on the passenger-side floor, (I) found three empty Coors Light bottles and a puddle where one spilled."

Kayak missing

A tan, \$6,673 Hobie Pro Angler kayak is missing from the Harbor Hill peninsula.

Its owner last saw it at 7 a.m. Wednesday, May 24.

Girls being girls

It's uncertain if an alleged lunchroom fight among 16-year-old girls at Grosse Pointe South High School will reach the prosecution stage.

"The school would like

to pursue the incident in-house," reported Officer Traci Reitzloff, summoned to campus at 9:46 a.m. Friday, May 26, by an assistant principal.

"(The) mother of (the) victim is considering pursuing charges."

Reitzloff reportedly reviewed the incident occurring earlier that morning involving two Harper Woods residents of the same last name and listed residence, a 17-year-old female witness from Grosse Pointe Park and another Park resident categorized as the victim, according to police and school officials.

"Students were in the cafeteria when the fight happened," Reitzloff reported. "Video shows the two suspects and one witness approach the victim, who was seated at a table with other students. Video shows three females verbally confront (the) victim. When the victim got out of her seat, she was physically confronted by (one of the Harper Woods girls)."

"(The) suspect is seen making contact to the victim's face with her fist. (The) victim fell to the ground and the struggle continued."

Evidence indicates some sort of vendetta.

"The three overheard

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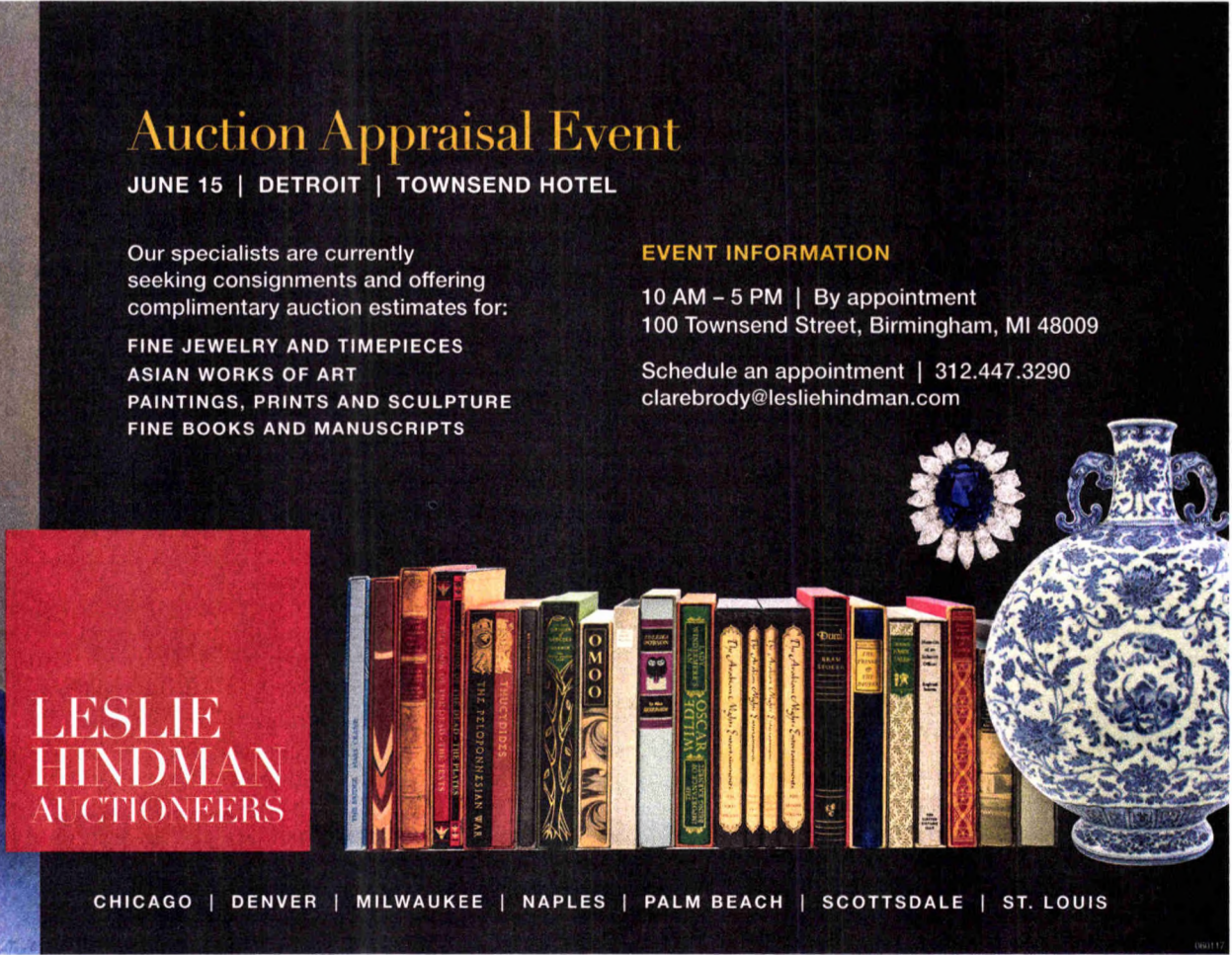


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is an outward sign of grief that can help us heal when we express it and that is why it is important to talk about those we loved and lost, those who have gone before us. There is not a right or wrong way to grieve or mourn. Everyone does it differently and in their own time — some publicly and some behind closed doors. The important thing is that you feel the feeling even if it is difficult because it hurts.

When I found out my friend had died my whole body felt tired and sad. I couldn't wrap my head around the fact she was gone. It was sudden, even though she was in the hospital, but she was recovering and we were hopeful. So it was a shock, one you come out of like a foggy mist. Things will eventually come into focus again and those who loved her, love her still, will move on. It is how life is supposed to work.

Even though she has left our lives here on

Earth, she will never leave our hearts. Until we meet again, my friend, we will always be connected by our heartstrings. May your journey home be a peaceful one. In the words of artist and author Flavia Weedn, "Some people come into our lives and leave footprints on our hearts and we are never the same." Thank you, Brenda, for walking into mine and changing a part of me because you were here.

Landuyt is the Grosse Pointe News staff photographer.

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"It is our goal to have zero incidents, zero inconvenience to the community. We review each incident and we are doing all we can to make sure it doesn't happen again."

Woods resident Amy Hicks said she is starting to take these breaks personally. She lives on Allard and was evacuated during the first

break April 27. Her two daughters attend North and were in school during the lockdowns May 9 and 30.

"You would think they would try to be a little more careful," Hicks said. "This is the third time in a month. Are they looking at who is doing the work?"

Melissa Puppas also has a sophomore at North.

"I had a text from my son, 'another gas leak' and I knew he'd be on

lockdown again," she said.

The work is part of DTE's Gas Renewal Program that will eventually result in DTE installing all new gas mains, service lines and new gas meters to every home in the Woods.

DTE has been ordered to replace the lines by the Michigan Public Service Commission. DTE stresses this is not a voluntary program and there is no opt-out option for homeowners.

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"I wanted to make sure that those kinds of things didn't happen to any other people, whether it was black or white or whatever it might be," he said, adding he devoted his career to trying to make sure there was justice for everyone.

Bellinger's work grew out of five years he spent as a correctional officer working with boys as young as 8 and 9 years old. His hope was to forge a different path for the young men he mentored.

Both men believe in the importance of having a plan.

"I had a plan when I was 40. I have a plan now that I'm 73," McKinnon said. "What's your blueprint?" Bellinger asked the North students. "Is your blueprint getting in trouble? Is your blueprint becoming the opposite of the

honor roll? Is your blueprint not knowing what you want to do? A blueprint is a plan for your life."

Before concluding the session, Bellinger gave the students his personal cell phone number.

"You can call me and talk to me. We can talk between us," he said.

McKinnon closed his talk at South by reflecting on a teacher's lasting impact.

"There will be people who will come to you sometime and say, thank you for impacting my life," he said.

McKinnon and Bellinger may never know what lives they've impacted. But as role models and mentors, they embody what educator and speaker Rita Pierson meant when she said, "Every child deserves a champion: an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists they become the best they can possibly be."

Brush is a Grosse Pointe News staff writer.

ALWAYS:

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Colorado before departing from Boston for service in the European Theater as part of the 89th Chemical Mortar Battalion of the 9th Army. He arrived in Germany as the war was ending.

"The German soldiers and residents began surrendering," Roselle recalled. "We knew the war was coming to an end."

But his service was not. Roselle returned to the states and was given a 30-day furlough before he was supposed to ship out to the Pacific where the war with Japan continued.

"But the atom bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and Japan surrendered," Roselle said. He remained in the Army until 1946, saying it gave him a "good start in life."

Roselle went on to a

life of public service, serving as deputy mayor to Detroit Mayor Jerome Cavanaugh.

Roselle's speech and service were acknowledged with a standing ovation.

Service members were asked to stand, first by the conflict during which they served and later when their military anthems were played by Mel Stander's Gentlemen of Swing, with veterans of World War II standing with their young counterparts from Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Rev. Matthew Swiatek from Crosspointe Christian Church gave the invocation, asking for blessings for the nation. The Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Michigan No. 931 Color Guard from Anchor Bay High School served as flag bearers, with Cub Scouts from Mason Elementary School and Girl Scouts from Ferry Elementary School,

Parcells and Brownell Middle Schools and Grosse Pointe North High School participating.

Members of North's Pointe Chorale performed and North senior William Fishwick sang the national anthem.

As is tradition, Mason Ferry, a member of the Woods Historical Commission that sponsors the event, fired off his signal cannons and Ralph Miller played taps.

The ceremony ended with veterans, many in their uniforms, gathering at the Circle of Honor for the traditional picture.

Following the ceremony, Novitke thanked both the veterans and those who came to honor them.

"This is such a great day, seeing young and old coming together like this," he said. "Coming together like this is truly paying a national debt to those who served and thanking their loved ones."



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today are not a result of teachers' pay, but are due to a number of factors including declining enrollment throughout the district and state. Teachers deserve fair compensation. More than 75 percent of the teaching staff have master's degrees in their given subject.

Grosse Pointe teachers were rated No. 1 in the state by niche.com in 2017. Also, healthcare costs have not risen every year. This year is the first increase in healthcare premiums to the district in four years and teachers will be paying 20 percent of the increase. Lastly, to say teachers only work 180 days is absurd. Ask any teacher what they are doing Saturdays,

Sundays and in the evenings and they will tell you they are grading papers and planning lessons. In the summer they are taking graduate courses and professional development. The budget deficit needs to be fixed, but additional cuts to teachers' salaries is not the right solution.

MIKE RENNELL
President, Grosse Pointe Education Association

Kinnaird hired at Main Street Bank

Main Street Bank recently announced Jim Kinnaird has been appointed as SBA loan officer. Kinnaird will be responsible for developing, growing and expanding the Main Street Bank commercial and business banking relationships, as well as growing the SBA portfolio.

Kinnaird has a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Michigan and a mas-

ter's degree in corporate finance from Michigan State University. He has extensive experience in the financial arena, having previously worked at Comerica Bank 31 years.

Kinnaird resides in Grosse Pointe Woods and has three children. He is a member of the University of Michigan Alumni Club, Beta Theta Pi and the Knights of Columbus.

REPORTS:

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yesterday that the victim called them 'bitches,'" Reitzloff reported. "It led to the physical altercation."

I.D., not id, theft

Two employees of a medical office on the Hill report being victims of the same identity scam.

Both told police last week someone applied for state unemployment benefits in their names.

One attempt happened Thursday, May 11; the other Monday, May 22.

Plate stolen

The owner of a white 2000 Jeep Cherokee told police the license plate was stolen while the vehicle was parked curbside in the 300 block of McMillan between 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, and 1 p.m. the next day.

A&B suspect

During a traffic stop last week on Moross north of Mack, a man with a history of assault was arrested for possessing four grams of marijuana.

A patrolman investigated the man, 21, of Detroit, at 10:26 p.m. Monday, May 22, for driving a gold 2005 Chevrolet Classic through a red light at the intersection of eastbound Mack and Moross.

"The suspect confessed there was marijuana in the center console," said the arresting officer.

Westland authorities named the man in a warrant for violating probation regarding assault and battery.

Live-in ex-love

An off-duty Warren policeman from St. Clair Shores thinks his live-in

ex-girlfriend — they continue cohabitating for undetailed financial reasons — is keeping tabs on him through cellular telephone tracking software, according to a Farms public safety officer.

How else would she know to find him and a Grosse Pointe Farms woman, 51, walking to a vehicle parked in the lot of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church at about 11 p.m. Sunday, May 21, he reportedly speculated to police while filing an assault complaint against the suspect.

She allegedly arrived unexpectedly at the wheel of a tan 1999 Pontiac Grand Prix and threatened to kill him, ruin his life and career, in that order.

"(He) states the suspect began striking him with an open and possibly closed hand across the face and head," said the Farms officer. "I observed redness to (his) neck and face where he indicated being struck."

— Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

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No new reports entered in the public crime blotter.

— Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Larceny from auto

An 18-year-old Harper Woods resident was apprehended and arrested following a report of a vehicle alarm 1:13 a.m. Wednesday, May 24. A responding officer saw the suspect running from the area. Following his apprehension, police found him to

be in possession of items taken from the vehicle.

Credit card fraud arrest

Police responded to a call from a service station on Jefferson at 5:20 p.m. Monday, May 22, regarding credit card fraud. Two Detroit residents were arrested.

Attempted theft

At 4:30 a.m. Thursday, May 25, a resident of the 800 block of Beaconsfield discovered damage to her car door. It appeared to have been caused by someone attempting to open the door with a screwdriver.

Equipment stolen

A resident of the 1400 block of Beaconsfield reported to police Saturday, May 27, several pieces of musical equipment were missing from the basement of his home.

— Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

OWI

A 33-year old St. Clair Shores resident was arrested and charged with OWI after a traffic stop at 1:23 a.m. Monday, May 22. According to police, he was observed veering between lanes on Mack near Aline. A Breathalyzer test showed

a blood alcohol count of .10.

Identity theft

On Tuesday, May 23, a couple who are residents of Allard reported to police they were victims of identity theft that appeared to date back to December 2016. Accounts in both their names were opened with a cable provider and credit cards.

— Kathy Ryan

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

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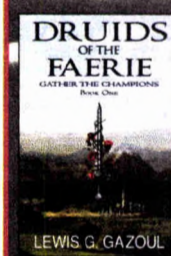
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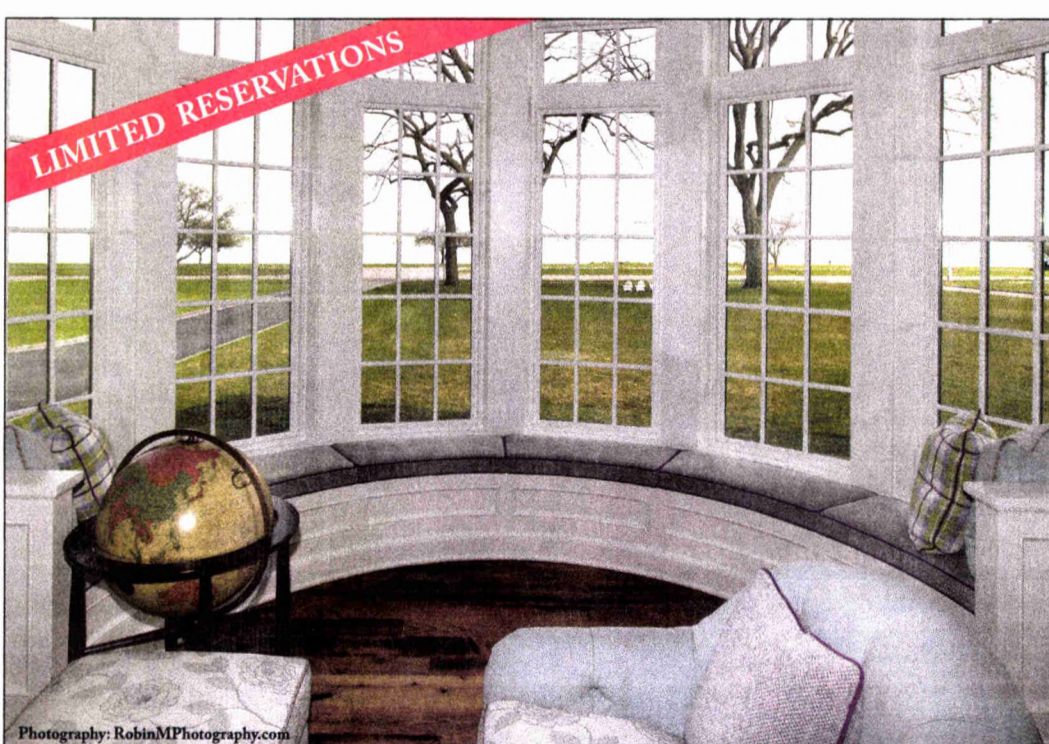
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Mutt March is June 4

Marshal a source of comfort, companionship

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Heather Bossler of Grosse Pointe Park said her visit to the Michigan Humane Society's Detroit hub led to a case of love at first sight.

She locked eyes with Logan and knew he was the one.

"They know," she said. "There's this cool moment where you're like, 'I pick you,' and they're like, 'I pick you too.' The overall satisfaction you have is really important in both your lives."

Logan entered her life at the perfect time. Three months prior she had to put down her 14-year-old canine companion Sugar.

Just three months after Logan joined her family last year, Bossler's brother passed away suddenly.

"If it wasn't for the routine of Logan," she said. "I didn't have time for self-wallowing."

The 95-pound pooch not only requires at least a 60-minute walk each day, but also needs to be brushed 20 to 30 minutes a day, she said.

"He's a lot of work, but it's a lot of fun having him."



Heather Bossler and Logan.

PHOTO COURTESY OF MHS

Logan — a collie and Alaskan malamute mix — was selected as grand marshal for the 2017 Mutt March, which takes place 8 a.m. to noon Sunday, June 4, at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

The event, sponsored by the Michigan Humane Society and presented by Sellers Subaru, raises funds for MHS and its life-saving programs and initiatives.

The cause is something close to Bossler's heart. "A lot of animals are

homeless," she said. "The euthanasia rate is so high because animals get hurt on the street. They're abused and neglected. It's best to support a shelter or the Humane Society or a rescue organization, because they save these animals."

"It's easy to go to a private breeder," she continued. "But you're not saving that animal. You're just putting money in someone's pocket. I want to raise awareness: Adopt, don't shop. You're saving animals."

As marshal, Bossler and Logan will take a couple laps around the route and greet other participants. She said she appreciates the opportunity and looks forward to sharing the morning — and her message — with others.

"Logan definitely had some situation of abuse," she said, reflecting on her early adoption days. "He was very head shy, which is indicative of being grabbed by the scruff or hit. He still doesn't like strangers touching his head."

It took some time, but now the pair are good together.

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Businesses unite to raise funds for GPAAS

Adoption component added to June 4 event

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Three businesses along Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms are about to go to the dogs — and cats — in support of the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.

Charvat the Florist, Village Locksmith and Salon Daniele will host a fundraiser noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 4, which includes a bake sale by local students, hot dogs, ice cream by Ashby's Sterling Ice Cream, as well as auction items and raffles.

Adding to the mix this year is an animal adoption at each of the businesses — cats and kittens at Charvat, big dogs at Village Locksmith and little dogs at Salon Daniele.

"This is the first time we're actually doing a full dog adoption along with the fundraiser," said Corinne Martin, executive director of GPAAS and president of its

board. "Normally we do adoptions at (Services for Older Citizens) on a Saturday. In lieu of that, we're actually having an adoption event Sunday, June 4, where we'll take over all three businesses."

The event also includes visits from Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Officer Tim Harris and his K-9, Duke, as well as Harper Woods Officer Steven Johnson and his K-9, Kaiser.

In addition, Catherine Heffner, Willie Viarnes and Mike Petkowitz offer dog-training advice at Village Locksmith. Petkowitz, in particular, offers field dog training for hunting dogs.

A training seminar with Heffner and Viarnes is one of the auction items up for grabs, as are dog leashes, collars, treats and other pet-related items.

Charvat the Florist will donate sales of single-

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Focus 313 Eyecare accepts both medical and vision insurance plans and flex spending as well. Come see Dr. Monica Johnsonbaugh for an eye examination and to experience excellent service, eye care and eyewear for the entire family! Follow them on Facebook or Instagram @focus313eyecare for trunk show information and more details on their 1 year anniversary event June 9-10th. Visit www.focus313.com to schedule an eye examination today!

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SENIOR Living

Art therapy program benefits dementia patients, caregivers

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

There are two new opportunities in the Grosse Pointes for those with dementia and their caregivers, both sponsored by Community Connect, a program of the Alzheimer's Association.

Memory Cafe meets 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Cabbage Patch Cafe, 15110 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park.

"The structure is for family members, care partners and the individual with dementia," said Anne O'Rear, Community Connect coordinator. "The goal is spending time socializing with people going through similar experiences — everyday life, what's coming up, etc. We hope to have speakers come in, too."

The meeting formed out of feedback from Alzheimer's Association's Early Stage Social Club members, who said they'd like to



Bill Carey takes a break from his artwork and Larry Stowell continues to work on his. In the background is artist Jack Summers.

meet in the community rather than the association's office. It gives participants a chance to spend time and share stories with people on a similar journey.

It's a less-structured form of support, as is the second offering — A Morning Out with GPAA, co-sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Artists

Association.

GPAA President Karen Pope contacted O'Rear about starting the group, which meets twice monthly at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

"Part of the whole thing is bringing the population out to meld into the community," Pope said. "We'd like to have

them out enjoying all the things we have.

"And kudos to the community," she continued. "We have more than 35 volunteers lined up to work. It's really so warm, to feel encompassed by a community that cares."

O'Rear said often people with dementia feel isolated, because it can be difficult sometimes to get out of the house.

"We're finding people



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Barbara O'Rear glues a circle on a tree branch while her mom, Marilyn Filipek, gives welcome advice on color.

who feel isolated, but now are ready to engage in a support group setting," she said. "This is a start. When you come, you let go and be together and we handle everything. The experience is set up for you."

A typical session begins with a tour of the art displayed at The War Memorial. GPAA exhibits rotate, so often there is something new to view.

"With this program, we're able to capture all the things this establishment has to offer — the

art, the scenery — so they can be in the moment and not focus on caregiving," O'Rear said. "The first part is looking at art and whatever conversations that spurs. Volunteer artists are available to tell what they were looking to capture."

The program continues in the art studio, where patients and caregivers alike create a project — something different each time.

"The nice part with art is you can't always tell who the caregivers are and who the dementia patient is," O'Rear said. "Everyone's the same. That's the fun part. Everybody has to start a conversation, like you would with anybody else."

O'Rear said her grandmother was hesitant to participate, but ended up enjoying conversation and taking home a painting she hopes to hang in her home.

"She's taken ownership of the painting and it sparks conversation," O'Rear said, adding her

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The Encore Years: Betsy Creedon

By Anne Marie Gattari
Guest Writer

At 72, Betsy Creedon is as at home in the funky offices of TechTown Detroit as any of her 20- and 30-something colleagues. Today, the former General Motors executive, dressed in jeans and working in an open-air space, works with a group of young people who, as she says, “are not hung up on a lot of things.”

Creedon is the director of entrepreneurial services, running TechTown Detroit programs in the LABS area, a technology-based incubator and accelerator. She also runs a summer boot camp for college teams with tech-based startup ideas called DTX Launch Detroit.

“It’s very different than the corporate world,” Creedon said, laughing. In fact, her conversations often are peppered with a genuine, hearty laugh that makes it easy to imagine her coaching and guiding young co-workers and techy start-up applicants to success. Yet, true to her style,

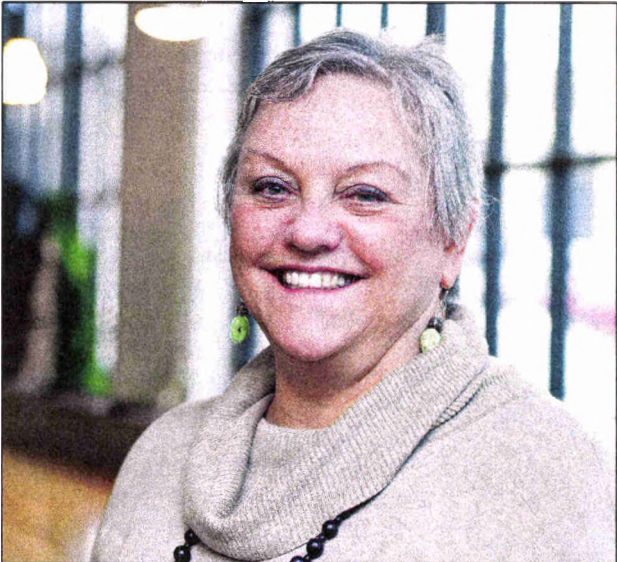


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Betsy Creedon

Creedon gives them the credit.

“They’re great,” she said of the TechTown team. “They have an energy and a commitment to the rebirth of Detroit that is real and exciting. I’m learning so much from them.”

Creedon is the oldest person at TechTown and her boss is her daughter’s age. Asked what she gets from continuing to work, she said, “I get energy, knowledge and skills from the next two

generations. I am a people person and love working in a cohort/team environment. I love connecting people and there’s lots of that here.”

Creedon studied Greek and Latin as an undergrad and celebrates a 40-plus-year career in documentary and educational filmmaking that took her around the world. Her work includes documentaries on AIDS and human trafficking as

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SOC pilots app for caregiving families *genusConnect developer speaks at SOC June 7*

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

During a community event Wednesday, June 7, Services for Older Citizens will launch *genusConnect*, an app that allows caregivers to provide better care for loved ones.

The app, developed by Grosse Pointe Park resident Joe Gleason, debuts at SOC at which time Gleason will share how the app provides caregivers the ability to coordinate, communicate and care better together.

“Every point of contact is a point of care,” Gleason said, “knowing your calls got through, knowing Mom’s OK, knowing the last time you spoke to her. Days turn into weeks so darn fast.”

genusConnect allows caregiving families to communicate through the app, letting each other know the patient’s mood, pain level, last point of contact — and even a summary of vitals the last 30 days.

“Care is so much more than doctors and medications,” Gleason said.

Gleason, who started his own software company in high school, was

inspired to build the app after his father was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease. Gleason said it was a struggle organizing appointments and conference calls with other family members.

“When someone you love is going through it, you’re like a deer in headlights,” he said. “I thought there has to be an easier way.”

“It’s normal to have emotions; you’re not alone,” he continued. “This is saying, ‘Here’s some ways to work together.’”

Gleason met with SOC Assistant Executive Director Deb Miller and

discussed piloting the app.

“With the 65-plus age group expected to double to 70 million people by 2030, family caregivers increasingly provide care for aging parents, siblings and friends, most of whom have one or more chronic conditions and who wish to remain in their own homes and communities as they age,” Miller said. “Others belong to the sandwich generation, caring for children and parents at the same time. While caregiving can be rewarding and positive,

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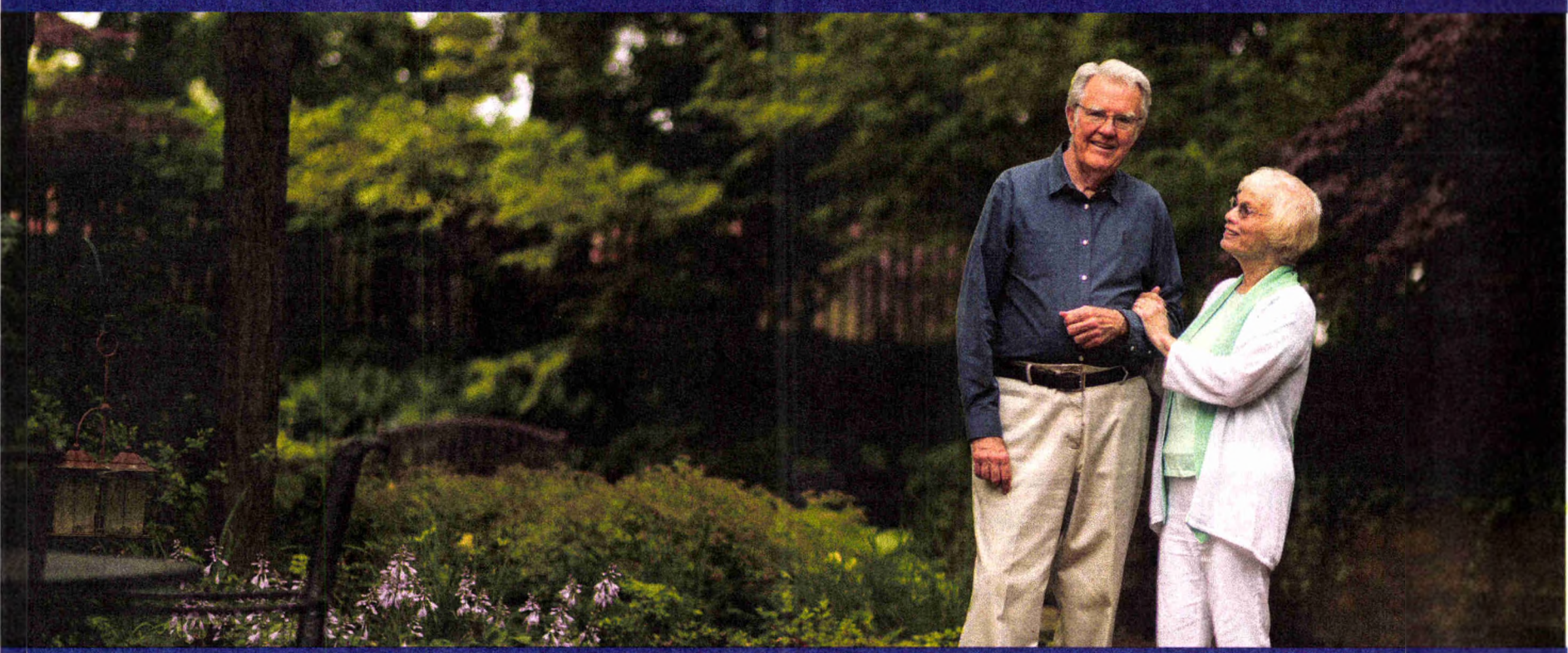
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- William and Ann



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Tinnitus and your health

Tinnitus is a condition in which you hear a constant noise, but there are no external sources giving off any sound. Tiny, delicate hairs in your inner ear move in correlation with the sound waves and when they are damaged, they leak electric impulses to the brain giving the perception of sound. While tinnitus can be caused by a number of different health conditions, a common cause is damage to the inner ear cell. Other common causes of tinnitus are earwax blockage and changes in the ear bone. There are also other less common causes of tinnitus, such as head or neck injuries. While tinnitus has no effect on your physiological state, it can create some problems when it comes to your quality of life. These problems can include stress, lack of sleep, and even depression.

Different hearing devices can be used to mask the high frequency noises such as a white noise machine. Hearing Aids can be beneficial to use if you have additional hearing problems in correlation with your tinnitus.

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well as leadership and training programs for UAW/General Motors. At age 53, when many of her peers began to think about slowing down the work pace, she led a major restructuring effort at General Motors, combining four corporate staffs into a newly organized Public Policy Center.

“My jobs have always chosen me. Circumstances come up and in some cases I seize hold,” she said. With TechTown, she came to manage a grant for five non-profits interested in encore careers of the boomer generation. When the grant ran out, TechTown asked her to stay and work for them — an offer, she said, she “could not refuse.”

It’s not surprising to anyone who knows Creedon, a City of Grosse Pointe grandmother of three, that she continues to work with the same zeal and commitment she always has. In addition

to her full-time work, Creedon sits on the board of The War Memorial and Presbyterian Villages of Michigan Foundation and is a junior warden at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

“I’ve had this funny little career that sort of bumped along,” she said.

Gattari is host of “Aging Well in America” on GPTV, a member of the Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Citizen Commission and owner of BrightStar Care of Grosse Pointe. She can be reached at (586) 279-3610.

Do you know someone who is breaking the stereotypes of aging? We are looking for individuals who are doing any number of things that previously were not associated with people 60 or older. Have a suggestion? Call or email Deb Miller at (313) 649-2104 or dmiller@socservices.org, or Jody McVeigh at (313) 343-5590 or jmcveigh@grossepointe news.com.

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grandmother said everyone was nice and she didn’t feel rushed.

A third session takes place 10 a.m. Friday, June 9. Subsequent sessions are planned the same time June 23, July

7 and July 21.

The program is modeled after one at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. It has spread and changed over time and location, but offers results all the same.

“This type of art program has really expanded across the

nation,” O’Rear said. “Just come once and try it. It’s about getting here and letting your anxiety go. You don’t have to be a professional. This is for everyone.”

“It’s valuable for the individual with dementia, but also for the caregiver. Sometimes when you’re caregiving for

somebody, you focus on doctors’ appointments, the day-to-day things. When you come here, you can slow down. It’s a completely different interaction with people.”

Not to mention, art projects allow patients to use their fine motor skills and “exercise” their brain.

“I think families are looking for things that are fun to take their family members to,” Pope

said. “It’s also meant to be an outing. We’ve done the leg work, so you feel comfortable. We really want to make it as accessible as possible to families who want to take their loved ones out and have a good time.”

Added O’Rear, “Caregivers say their patient seems bored or that they just watch TV at home. This allows them to be able to come to a place already put

together for you.”

The Alzheimer’s Association recently received a \$12,500 grant from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation to put toward Community Connect. The money will support the art therapy program, as well as other Community Connect programs.

Opportunities are available through partnerships with the Detroit Institute of Arts, Henry Ford Museum, Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Jimmy John’s Field.


“Volunteers want to see people with the disease, with the diagnosis, out in the community with them,” O’Rear said. “A lot of them get the struggle because they did it and now they want to advocate for others.”

“We’re getting around the stigma,” she continued. “The focus is not really about dementia. If it comes up, fine. Then we move past it. It’s a different kind of support.”

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Automobiles: The human side

Exhibit examines emotional side of vehicle ownership

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association's hopes to bring out the emotional side of American's love of cars and trucks with its newest exhibit.

"Cars and Trucks: A Fine Art Exhibit" opens Thursday, June 15, with a preview fundraiser, putting a new twist on its traditional exhibitions.

For one thing, juror Charles Maher will award bigger prizes than usual — \$1,000 for Best of Show, \$750 for second prize and \$500 for third.

Second, guest speaker Tia Kratter, the manager of art and film at Pixar University and art director for Disney's "Cars" movies, discusses her involvement with the movie.

"I call her the mother of Lightning McQueen," said Karen Pope, director of the GPAA. "She'll talk about how she created those personalities. And there's a tie-in because Disney's releasing 'Cars 3' the next day."

Pope said because GPAA now accepts online submissions for its shows, 25 percent of this show's entries are from out-of-state artists. It's a nice cross-section, she said.

The show, she added, allows them to share the stories of their love affair with cars and trucks.

"We'll see the human side of cars," she said. "They do mean something more to us than just transportation."

"We are sort of the center of design for automobiles," she continued. While vehicle design is technical, it also is beautiful and well done, she said, "but this has an element of what design means to us, how it captured us. This is moving forward and showing how people interact with it. It should be a nice evening."

Tickets for the preview are \$75 per person; \$250 includes two tickets and acknowledgment on materials for dementia programming throughout the year.

Proceeds benefit "A Morning Out with GPAA," a partnership program with the Alzheimer's Association's Community Connect.

"We are trying to do everything free," Pope said. "The money raised will fund supplies, training, etc., for this (Morning Out) program. We're trying to make sure it keeps going for years and years."

"We'd also like to thank the Wilson Foundation," she continued. "They're giving us money for both this program and our Promising Artists program for high school students who might be interested in pursuing art after high school. We offer exhibitions, lectures and classes. And they're teaching us about using technology in art. We're investigating using technology in art. It's an exciting time."

"Cars and Trucks: A Fine Art Exhibit" takes place Monday, June 15, to Thursday, July 20, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. It then moves to Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, Monday, July 24, to Friday, Aug. 18.

"It will fill the summer," Pope said.

The preview, she added, "will be a nice evening devoted to what we think about our cars. They really do take on a personality. We name them, we complain about them. It's a love affair — the human side of cars."

Registration for the June 15 preview is required by Friday, June 9. Visit grossepointeartcenter.org.

For more information, call (313) 881-3454.



"A Fashionable Car and a Girl," by Zongmin Dai.

"I love my car. To me, it is more than transportation, so it should be fashionable. We moved our car to France. For the two and a half years we were there, I often took my friends out, for fun and for grocery shopping trips, because they did not have driver's licenses. Apparently it is not easy for one to have a driver's license in France. My friends were sad when we left; we all sat in my car taking photos."



"Old House, New Car," by Albert Zifilippo.

"I'm uncomfortable around most people. I'm socially inept. I drive a Jeep. I paint ... sometimes. I like blue."



"Shelby GT350R," by Cristy Hyde.

"This is an oil painting of my husband driving his Shelby GT350R on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway."

Car show planned

In conjunction with the Grosse Pointe Artists Association's exhibit, "Cars and Trucks," a classic car show takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 29, at Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms.



The free show, sponsored by Sunrise Senior Living, explores the American love affair with cars and trucks. It coincides with the exhibit, which comes to SOC Thursday, July 27.

The event includes classic cars from the Veteran Motor Car Club, an ice cream sundae station, information about brain health and community resources.

Donations benefit GPAA's art therapy partnership with the Alzheimer's Association's Community Connect program.

For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

GPAAS:

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stem roses to GPAAS.

"We did it last year and it was fun," said co-owner David Charvat. "We know a lot of people at GPAAS and we're close with Corinne. Their mission is one we can support. Animals rely on us to survive and that's why we do it."

"It should be fun," Martin said. "A lot of local people just walk up."

"We really appreciate the businesses putting themselves out to do this, especially on a Sunday — their only day off," she continued.

Participation was a natural for Cindy

Petkowitz, who regularly helps Martin and GPAAS.

"I thought it would be nice to see if we could get more money for the K-9 dogs in Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe. We'd like to make it more of a community event that's held more than once a year."

Charvat the Florist is located at 18590 Mack; Village Locksmith at 18554 Mack and Salon Daniele at 18546 Mack, all in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"We hope a lot of people show up and show support," Charvat said. "We hope there's a good turnout, some pets get adopted and we raise a few bucks for them."

For more information, call (313) 884-1551.

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"We're a family," Bossler said.

Registration for Mutt March is \$25 and includes a personal fundraising page, the chance to form or join a team and raise funds online. Incentives are offered to participants and the first 800 canines in attendance receive an event bandana.

"Every single person who attends the Mutt March is making a difference for the animals at MHS," said MHS

President and CEO Matthew Pepper. "The chance to enjoy such a wonderful place with your friends, family and animals while supporting animal adoption, rescue and veterinary care is not to be missed."

MHS places more than 9,000 animals with families. It is the longest-serving animal welfare organization in the state.

"I appreciate the opportunity," Bossler said. "We'll be there having a great time together."

To register, visit michiganhumane.org/mutt

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many family caregivers experience significant physical, psychological and financial stressors in association with their caregiving role. In small doses, these jobs are manageable. But having to juggle competing caregiving demands with the demands of your own life on an ongoing basis can be quite a challenge. And coordinating the various roles of caregiving with other family members just adds layers of stress and difficulty.

The app not only puts caregivers on the same page with up-to-date information, it also translates for physicians, too. The app pulls together all patient data — insurance, do-not-resuscitate order, emergency contacts, health summary, notes from caregivers — for the

physician.

Physicians can bill Medicare by reviewing the report, Gleason said. "For Medicare, it's a great savings. It's a way to identify a crisis before it becomes a problem. For families, it's peace of mind. We're freeing up people from the mundane so we can get back to the humane of care."

The app benefits caregivers as well, offering support for each other.

"It can let them know others are noticing," Gleason said. "It's not a pat on the back they're looking for, but the strength of social networks. That tiny feedback can pull a family together rather than tear it apart."

"This has the ability to be the Facebook of care," he continued. "It's a gift and a curse to be in a position of care. I truly believe with each care experience there are a

couple of gorgeous care gems that come out of it. That one gem is like a gift you can give to others."

Added Miller, "genus will provide family caregivers with the capability to coordinate, communicate and care better — together. It will also provide family caregivers connection to the ser-

vices they need to support them in their roles. Joe's new app will give us yet another tool to help families care for their loved ones."

Gleason will discuss the app and help participants download and start using it. The presentation starts 7 p.m. For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

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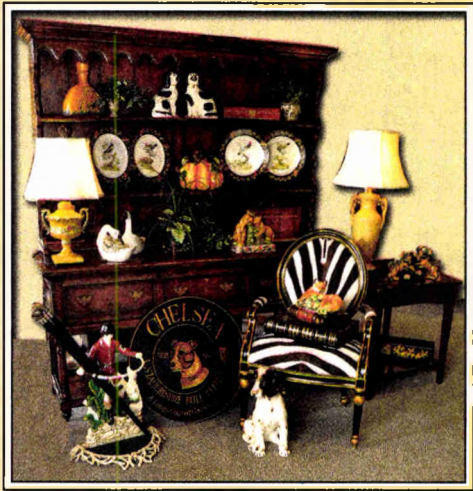
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Christ Church
The Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival returns to Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, for a performance featuring the church choir, along with Calidore String Quartet and Trio de Novo. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. for this performance at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, June 11. Tickets are \$40; \$10 for ages 35 and younger. Visit greatlakeschambermusic.org or call (248) 559-2097.

Solanus Casey Center hosts fellowship dinner
Benefit is only Capuchin fundraiser this year

The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, hosts its Nourishing the Soul Pasta Fellowship Dinner at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 24, with Mass at the St. Bonaventure Monastery Chapel, adjacent to the Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit. Mass is followed by dinner in the center's dining room, catered by Capuchin Soup Kitchen Catering.

Tickets are \$40 per person and available online or by calling (313) 579-2100, Ext. 153.

The evening also includes a "fishbowl" auction and raffle. Raffle tickets are \$10 each. Ticketholders need not be present to win. The grand prize is \$2,500 cash, second prize is \$1,500 and third prize is \$500.

"We strive to be a place of pilgrimage, healing, reconciliation and peace here at the Solanus Casey Center," Capuchin Friar David Preuss, Solanus Center director, said. "The Capuchins in Detroit are well known for providing nourishment for the body. The Solanus Casey Center complements that wonderful work by providing 'nourishment for the soul.'"

The dinner is the center's only 2017 fundraiser.

Proceeds benefit the Solanus Casey Center, a spiritual center, opened in 2002 to lead visitors on a spiritual journey. Tens of thousands come to the center each year for prayer, to nurture their spirits and visit Solanus' tomb.

The center is part of the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph, headquartered in Detroit, which serves Capuchin ministries worldwide. For more information, visit solanuscenter.org.

Sundaes on Sunday
Music Sunday includes ice cream social benefit

This spring's annual Music Sunday at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church takes place June 4, and features the addition of an ice cream social benefiting the Samaritas foster care program.

Music worship begins at 10 a.m. at the church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. The community is invited to hear three sacred canticles of Craig Courtney and "Let All the World Sing in Every Corner" by Ralph Vaughn Williams, featuring the Good News Singers, as well as a piano duet, brass quintet and other instruments.

The social, immediately following the service, is sponsored by the Board of Social Action. Ice cream is provided by Ashby's Sterling Ice Cream of Grosse Pointe for a free will offering, which benefits the foster care program.

Call (313) 884-5040.

Documentary features Capuchin friar
Film highlights the struggles for fresh water in Panama

Capuchin Friar Wally "Padre Pablo" Kasuboski's water and dam project has been documented in the feature-length film, "From Mass to the Mountain." The documentary was produced and directed by Kurt Sensenbrenner and Colin Sytsma.

The documentary features Kasuboski, who has been doing mission work in the Panamanian rainforests almost 30 years. It offers an in-the-trenches account of the friar's efforts to save the rainforests and solve the drought and contaminated water issues that have plagued the area of eastern Panama. Kasuboski, with the help of countless volunteers and residents, has constructed the largest rural water system in Central America. The water system will protect watersheds and conserve the rainforest.

The documentary will be screened 2 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at the AMC Star Southfield 20, 25333 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield.

The filmmakers and Kasuboski will be in attendance to answer questions directly after the screening.

Tickets are \$10 each and available until June 9 at thecapuchins.org/panama. If not sold out, tickets also will be available at the door.

For more information, call (313) 579-2100 or email masstothemountain@thecapuchins.org.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Megan Gunnell LMSW
Warning signs of suicide and how to show support

Q: I've been hearing more and more about suicide recently, both in our community and nationwide. Is there a trend in the spring? What are the warning signs I should be looking out for and what can we do as a community?

A: A recent publication on health.com stated: "According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide rates spike in the spring and to a lesser extent in the fall — not around the holidays as everyone suspects. And suicides in general have increased 24 percent between 1999 and 2014, according to a CDC report last year.

The uptick begins in early April and late May. Why? Seasonal brightness may have some-

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thing to do with it. In a 2016 op-ed in The Washington Post, Harvard professor Matthew Nock cited a study published in JAMA Psychiatry that found as hours of sunlight increased, so did the risk of suicide. "The authors speculate that sunlight could boost energy and motivation, thus giving people who are depressed the ability to take action and make a suicide attempt," he wrote.

It's also a very hard time for those significantly depressed to be

surrounded by a world that is waking up and coming alive. The polarity of what's around them and how they feel inside is vastly different, sometimes making the person feel even less connected or more isolated from the experience of the world around them.

We need to do a better job of talking about mental health, reducing stigma and recognizing warning signs and symptoms.

Risk factors are described in three categories — talk, behavior and mood. If a person exhibits one or more of these warning signs they could be at risk and may

need more support.

Talk: Being a burden to others; feeling trapped; experiencing unbearable pain; having no reason to live; talk about killing themselves.

Behavior: Increased substance use; searching for a way to kill themselves, such as searching online for materials or means; acting recklessly; withdrawing from activities; isolating from family and friends; sleeping too much or too little; visiting or calling people to say goodbye; giving away prized possessions; aggression.

Mood: Depression; loss of interest; rage; irritability; humiliation; anxiety.

Be vigilant to warning signs in your family members and friends. If

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Marguerite June Aita

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St. Clair Shores resident Marguerite "Peggy" June Aita, 89, passed away Saturday, April 29, 2017.

She was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., to George and Lydia Thurkettle, both born in England.

She married Ernest Aita in 1946, her beloved husband until his death in 2007. She was a devoted mother to her three sons, Gary (Gloria), Jeffrey (Carol) and Kevin (Gilda) and loving grandmother of seven and great-grandmother of 11.

Living in metro Detroit for the greater part of her adult life, Peggy worked more than 25 years at Jacobson's Department Store in the City of Grosse Pointe. She loved to cook for her family — one of her specialties was lima bean soup. Her granddaughters did not enjoy this specialty so Peggy made sure her freezer was stocked with her granddaughters' favorite TV dinners on lima-bean-soup night. An accomplished painter, she passed her artistic abilities to her sons.

Peggy is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law; granddaughters, Tamara Meyer (John), Amanda Moll (Daniel), Katie Houpt (John) and Michelina and Allison Aita; grandsons, Justin and John Aita and great-grandchildren, Holly, Johnny and Jimmy Meyer, Silas, Phinehas and Amos Moll, AJ, Joseph, Paxton and Elliana Houpt and Cooper Aita. Peggy also is survived by her foster brother, Gene Curry.

She was predeceased

by her husband, parents and brother, Frank.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, July 1, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church East, 4444 Radnor, Detroit. Peggy was a longtime member of the church.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.



Veronica Mary Dwaihy

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Veronica Mary Dwaihy, 34, of Grosse Pointe, passed away Friday, May 19, 2017.

She was the beloved granddaughter of Rachel Dwaihy (the late Dr. Paul); loving daughter of John F.X. and Karen Dwaihy; sister of John Dwaihy, Genevieve Tusa (Michael), Paul Dwaihy (Christina) and Joseph Dwaihy (Sara Dykstra) and aunt of Peter Hopkins, Gabrielle Dwaihy and Paul Dwaihy III. Veronica also is survived by many loving uncles, aunts, cousins and close friends. She was predeceased by her best friend and faithful companion, her dog, Tasha.

Veronica graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School with high honors in 2000. She then attended the University of Michigan, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biopsychology and cognitive science in 2004. Veronica spent her last several years in Seattle, where she loved the outdoors. She was a loyal friend and gentle spirit. She was passionate about animals of all kinds. Her greatest joy was spending time with her dog, Tasha.

Veronica will be dearly missed by those who

knew and loved her.

A gathering begins 9:30 a.m. Friday, June 2, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, followed by a memorial Mass at 10 a.m.

Donations may be made to The Michigan Humane Society at michiganhumane.org.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.



Louis A. Fisher Jr.

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Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Louis A. Fisher Jr., 80, died Friday, May 5, 2017, in La Quinta, Calif., after an extended illness.

Born in Detroit in 1936, he was the second son of Louis and Virginia Nesbitt Fisher and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Fisher and Mr. and Mrs. William J. Nesbitt, all of Detroit.

Louis graduated from Portsmouth Priory School in Rhode Island in 1954, where he lettered in football and also played hockey and softball. He attended Georgetown University and graduated in 1958 from the University of Detroit with a Bachelor of Science degree.

He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps the same year and served honorably until his discharge from active duty in 1961. He then served in the Marine Corps Reserve until 1965.

Louis moved to San Diego in the late 1970s and subsequently met and married Beverly Frie. They had one daughter, Monica, who is deceased. After regularly visiting the Palm Desert,

Calif., area, the Fishers moved to nearby La Quinta, where Louis enjoyed golf and polo and sponsored a team for several years. Summers were spent fly-fishing and camping in Hailey, Idaho.

Louis is survived by his wife, Beverly; sisters, Claire Fisher Lauinger (Philip) and Anne Fisher Dingeman (James); sister-in-law, Andrea Bachle Fisher and numerous nephews and nieces.

In addition to his daughter, Louis was predeceased by his brother, William A. Fisher II.

Burial took place at the San Luis Rey de Francia Mission near Oceanside, Calif.



Nancy Kalb

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Nancy Kalb, nee Bell, 93, passed away Saturday, April 8, 2017, in East Lansing.

Nancy was born in McKeesport, Pa., attended Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh and worked as an assistant to senior corporate executives over many years in Michigan and Connecticut. Nancy was a dedicated mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and wife, as well as an avid golfer, gardener and bridge player. She was a longtime active member of Christ Church Tashua, Trumbull, Conn.

Nancy was predeceased by her husband, Robert James Brownscombe in 1963; her husband of 44 years, William P. Kalb, in 2011; and William's son, Edward in 2008.

She is survived by her children, William E. Brownscombe (Judy) and Martha Lee Brownscombe (Jay Rosen); William's four children, Kathryn R. Kalb, Barbara B. Kalb, William P. Kalb (Mary Lou) and Mary Louisa Palmisano (James); grandchildren, Brett

Brownscombe (Emily), Tyler Brownscombe, Darby Collins (Brett), Julia Rosen (Joshua Holmes), Evan Rosen and Bradley K. Russell (Lauren) and great-grandchildren, Brynn Collins, Griffin Collins and Elena Grace Russell.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, July 8, at Christ Church Tashua, 5170 Madison Ave., Trumbull, Conn.

Share a memory at greastlansing.com.



Mary Krueger-Fromm

Mary Mercia Krueger-Fromm

Grosse Pointe resident Mary Mercia Krueger-Fromm, 81, died Thursday, May 25, 2017.

She was born Oct. 25, 1935, in Des Moines, Iowa, to Millicent and Richard Macheak and graduated in 1957 from the University of South Dakota. She was a math and reading teacher and then was a partner/owner of a paralegal school.

Mary enjoyed gardening, birds, reading, playing tennis, sailing, skiing, golfing, swimming and cooking. She also enjoyed playing cards and was a Life Bridge Master. She was a member of the Country Club of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Readers, former board member of the Grosse Pointe Public Library and a former president of the Grosse Pointe South Mothers' Club.

Mary is survived by her daughters, Julia Anne and Rebecca Elizabeth; sons, Robert James and John Fredrick; grandchildren, Anne Elizabeth, Catherine Marie, David James, Jessica Ruth, Sarah Ann, James Fredrick, Christina Marie, Leia Florence, Andrew John, John Daniel, Michael Mario and Kylie Marie and great-grandson, Robert Dylan.

She also is survived by her sisters, Katherine, Carol and Janet.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Robert Krueger and second husband, Joseph Fromm.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated 11 a.m. at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton Street, Grosse Pointe Park. Visitation begins at 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Interment will be at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Lake Shore Presbyterian Church, 27801 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081 or Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

David P. Van Note

David P. Van Note peacefully passed away Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at his home in East Lansing.

He was born Aug. 22, 1930, to Charles P. and Teresa N. (nee McGraw) Van Note. He was predeceased by his daughter, Victoria A. Marver; brother, Stephen D. Van Note and sister, Sandra T. Unrue.

Mr. Van Note was the devoted husband of 57 years of Valerie A. (nee Lewis) Van Note and father of Matthew P. Van Note (Kate), Christopher L. Van Note, Elizabeth A. Labick and father-in-law of Rodney Marver. He was a loving grandfather and is survived by Katherine A. "Kat" Labick, Kimberly E. Labick, David P. Van Note II, Madeline A. Van Note, Camryn A. Marver and Max Marver.

Mr. Van Note was a graduate of St. Mary's High School in Lansing, Michigan State University and University of Michigan Law School. He spent 10 years as assistant attorney general under Frank Kelly before relocating his family to Grosse Pointe and working until his retirement as vice president and general counsel for Michigan Consolidated Gas in Detroit.

A funeral Mass was celebrated May 27 at St. Casimir Church, Lansing.

Donations may be made to St. Casimir Parish Community, 815 Sparrow Ave., Lansing MI 48910.

Share a memory at greastlansing.com.

Organizations selected for Wilson Foundation grants

The Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan announced 33 organizations in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Washtenaw, St. Clair and Livingston counties received grants from endowment funds created to carry on the legacy of giving of Ralph C. Wilson Jr.

The Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation established the endowment funds to provide support to areas important to Wilson during his lifetime: caregiving, design and access, Grosse Pointe community assets and youth sports. Endowment funds are designed to grow over time and provide funding for charitable causes according to the client's wishes, forever.

"We are delighted to see the diversity of organizations receiving grants

from the Wilson Legacy Funds this year," said Mariam C. Noland, president of the Community Foundation. "Spanning across all the seven counties of southeast Michigan, the grantee's projects will provide unique opportunities to the region's residents, as well as create positive impacts in their respective communities."

The following grants were awarded to local organizations from the Wilson Foundation funds administered by the Community Foundation through an open, competitive application process:

◆ Alzheimer's Association — Greater Michigan Chapter — \$12,500 for arts and culture programming for caregivers of people with dementia and those for

whom they provide care.

◆ The Lake House: A Gathering Place for Those Touched by Cancer — \$25,000 for the expansion of programs for people who have been touched by cancer.

◆ Grosse Pointe Artists Association — \$21,000 for the Art After School program for high school students and for arts programming for persons with dementia and their caregivers.

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League — \$22,500 for softball and baseball programming and field renovations at Ghesquiere Park.

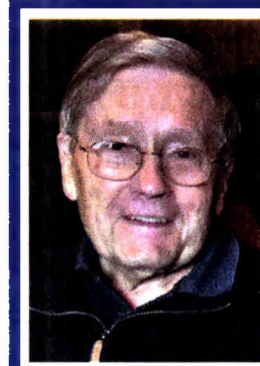
◆ Michigan Collaborative for Mindfulness in Education — \$13,475 for mindfulness training for Grosse Pointe middle school students and their teachers

and for the evaluation of its impact.

◆ Services for Older Citizens — \$25,000 for the chore service and

home safety program for seniors.

For updates on the next granting cycle, visit cfsem.org/WilsonFunds.



JAMES M. SMITH

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A memorial service for James M. Smith will take place 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 17, at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan.

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Neighborhood Club kids are two-time national champs

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Sue Sullivan's class of 4- and 5-year-olds at the Neighborhood Club is two for two when it comes to winning national awards.

For the second consecutive year — their second entering the contest — the youngsters won a national award for their patriotic banner based on Yosemite National Park.

The theme of the annual contest, sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, this year celebrated the 100th anniversary of America's national parks.

"We studied a book with all the national parks in it and talked about them all week," Sullivan said. "The kids decided what was the prettiest picture of Yosemite" and recreated it as a collage with help from art teacher Lori Corden. The scenic terrain even



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Teachers Lori Corden, Sue Sullivan and Molly Howard; DAR representatives Jane Turnbull and Peggy Scully with students who created the award-winning banner.

includes a retro Airstream. "It's a fun unit," Sullivan said. "America is the kids' favorite theme. They worked on it all week. The kids really were a part of it, were really

involved. They're such good listeners and they follow directions. They do a good job." They also love to sing and recorded themselves singing, "This Land is Your Land,"

which was incorporated into the banner. Push a button on the banner, hear their song.

During an awards ceremony May 24, students were given prizes by DAR representatives — Peggy Scully, immediate past chapter regent, and Jane Turnbull, Junior American Citizen Committee chairwoman.

They were given ice cream, too.

To win the national award, Scully explained, the students' banner was selected first as the chapter winner, then the state winner, then the regional winner, besting entries from Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan.

"There are 52 chapters in Michigan, but there's no way of knowing" how many entries were judged, Scully said.

"This is all part of DAR's mission," she continued. "We are one of the largest non-political, nonprofit, women's

organizations in the world. We are dedicated to promoting education, historical preservation and patriotism. This is one way we believe we can bring an understanding of patriotism to children even at this age. When we educate young people, we believe they grow up to respect those things."

Added Turnbull, "This helps raise awareness of the Constitution and American values and gets children involved in U.S. history."

Stu Alderman, executive director of the Neighborhood Club, said he's thrilled with the work the students have done.

"It's an extreme honor for our preschool class to win this national award for a second year in a row," he said. "The teachers have done an outstanding job with the students throughout the year and the kids did a great job of making the banner."

AREA ACTIVITIES

Grannie Nannies

Grannie Nannies, for grandmothers who babysit their grandchildren, meets 1:30 p.m. Friday, June 2, at Big Boy Restaurant, 20710 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 882-9600.

PFLAG

Parents and Friends of

Lesbians and Gays meets 1:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 4, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. For information, email pflaggp@gmail.com.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mentally Ill Eastside

meets 7 p.m. Monday, June 5, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

Kids on the Go

Kids on the Go hosts its second annual golf outing Monday, June 5, at The Orchards Golf Club, 62900 Campground, Washington. Cost is \$125 per golfer and includes 18 holes, breakfast, lunch, dinner, contests, prizes, a

silent auction and more. Register online at golfoutingpro.com/event/kidsonthego-1.

Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce presents Business After Hours 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, at The League Shop, 16847 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

The chamber also presents a presentation of its Retail/Restaurant Community Study presentation 8 to 9:30 a.m. Thursday, June 15, at The Whiskey Six, 646 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe. Call (313) 881-4722.

Tuesday Musicale

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Detroit presents the TMD Chamber Orchestra featuring Naomi Yamaguchi, 13-year-old award-winning pianist, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are \$21 for adults, free for students age 25 and younger when registered at the door. For tickets, visit warmemorial.org/arts or call (313) 881-7882.

Barnes & Noble

Barnes & Noble, 19221 Mack, Detroit, hosts a book-signing event with Grosse Pointe author Lewis Gazoul 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 6. Gazoul will sign copies of his newly released book, "Pilgrimage of the Faerie,"

the third in a series.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts blood drives 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, Lakeshore YMCA, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, and 1 to 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. To register, visit redcrossblood.org.

Lake House

The Lake House, 23500 Pare, St. Clair Shores, offers Celebrate Survivorship 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, with Carmen Kennedy. Registration is required. For more information, call (586) 777-7761.

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someone, say something. Reach out and let them know you care, they matter and getting help is important. As a commu-

nity we also can show support and awareness in many ways, one of which is by supporting the upcoming "Out of the Darkness" walk to fight suicide. Walks are organized by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and are happening across the country to bring mental health and suicide "out of the darkness."

Our local walk happens 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, June 4, at the Grosse Pointe South stadium field and plaza. All are welcome. To register or donate, visit afsp.org/grossepointe.

Gunnell LMSW, MT-BC, is a psychotherapist in private practice in Grosse Pointe who specializes in women's issues and couples therapy. She supports personal transformative work through a practice grounded in mindfulness as well as integrative medicine and the healing arts. She also offers traditional talk therapy with a focus on cognitive behavioral therapy and self-care. She may be reached at (248) 635 5285 or visit meganngunnell.com. Gunnell is a member of the Family Center's Association of Professionals. For more resources on loss and grief support, visit familycenterweb.org.

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Two times the fun

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

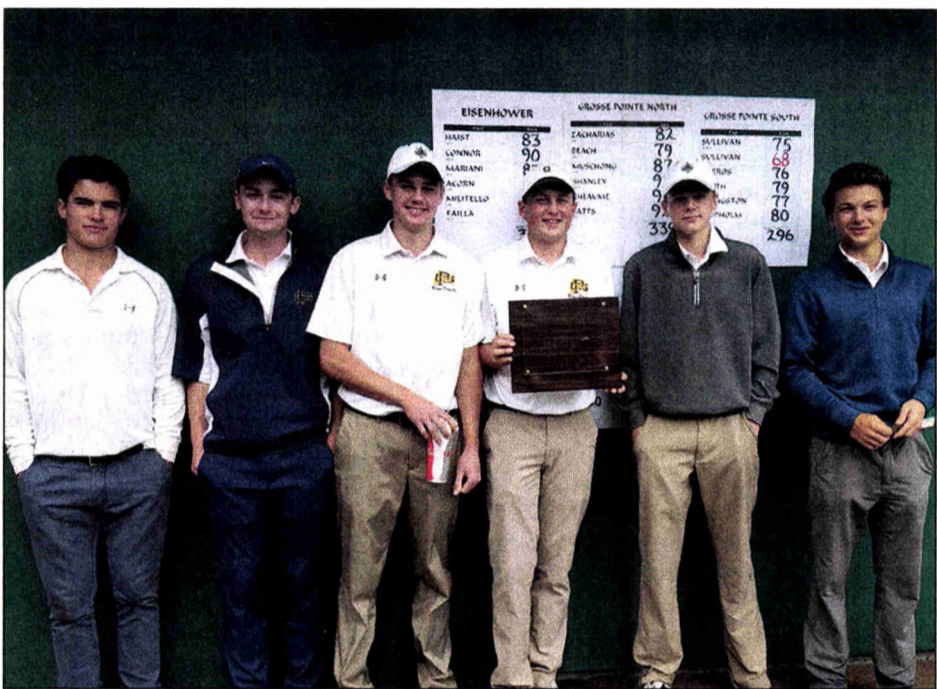
The University Liggett boys' golf team improved to 9-0 and won a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference regular season championship last week, beating Livingston Christian and Oakland Christian.

"This was clearly our best match of the season and hopefully we are peaking at the right time," head coach Dan Sullivan said.

Liggett shot a 154, followed by Livingston Christian at 175 and Oakland Christian did not record a team score.

For the Knights, Colin Degnore shot a personal-best 35 and Mason Campau posted 38.

Matt Monsour also had a personal best, record-



South's tournament champions pictured above are Oliver Livingston, David Scupholm, Patrick Sullivan, Coalter Smith, Tommy Sullivan and Evan Theros in East Lansing.

ing a 39 and Mac Carron had 42 to round out the scoring.

Grosse Pointe South also took care of business in its matches, winning a Macomb Area Conference Red Division Tournament title with a 296.

Utica Eisenhower edged out Grosse Pointe North 337 to 339, while Utica Ford was fourth at 347 and Romeo was fifth at 350.

For the Blue Devils,

Tommy Sullivan led the way with a 68, followed by Patrick Sullivan 75, Evan Theros 76, Oliver Livingston 77, Coalter Smith 79 and David Scupholm 80.

For the Norsemen, Matt Beach shot 79, followed by Ben Zacharias 82, Luke Muschong 87, Justin Rheame 91, Alex Batts 92 and Jimmy Shanley 92.

North and South compete in a Division 1 regional tournament

after this edition goes to print. Results will be in the June 8 edition.

The tournament is at Dearborn Country Club.

Teams competing against North and South are Berkley, Brother Rice, Seaholm, Dearborn, Edsel Ford, Fordson, Dearborn Heights Crestwood, Detroit Cass Tech, East Detroit, Royal Oak, Lakeview, Warren Mott, Warren Cousino and Warren DeLaSalle.



SCHOOL	CONFERENCE RECORD	OVERALL
1. *Liggett	12-0	28-3
2. Oakland Christian	8-4	18-8
3. Greenhills	7-5	12-9
4. Lutheran Northwest	3-4	4-5
5. Plymouth Christian	4-7	7-12
6. Franklin Road Christian	3-9	3-11
7. Parkway Christian	1-5	1-7

Standings as of Monday, May 29, 2017, *-division champ

Perfection

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' baseball team put an exclamation mark on its departure from the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference last week, winning an outright conference title with a doubleheader sweep of Oakland Christian.

The Knights, moving to the Catholic League next season, won 10-0 and 10-0 to finish 12-0 in the MIAC.

Anthony George put the offense on his back, going 2-for-2 with four RBIs in game one and 3-for-4 with four RBIs in the second game.

Will Morrison was dominant on the mound in the opener, giving up only three hits and strik-

ing out 10, and in the nightcap it was Tyler Daar giving up only one hit with five strikeouts.

Last weekend, Liggett played Homer at Comerica Park and won 7-0 as Alec Azar was stellar on the mound, giving up only two hits and striking out seven.

"This was one of the best experiences I've experienced as a high school baseball coach," head coach Dan Cimini said. "Playing a top-10 team in Division 3 and winning at Comerica Park was awesome."

Last weekend, Liggett split a doubleheader with Warren DeLaSalle, winning 5-1 and losing 5-0 to see its record stand at 28-3 overall.

"We feel we are playing solid baseball at the right time," Cimini said.



Rivals draw, 1-1

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North hosted city rival University Liggett in their annual Cancer Awareness game last week.

Despite the drizzle, fans still packed the stands to watch these rivals battle. Last year North won 3-2 and this game ended in a 1-1 tie.

"We needed this type of game to get ready for the state playoffs," Liggett head coach David Dwaihy said. "North is very talented and this was a great game."

The Norsemen struck first when Meghan

Gallagher scored at the 16-minute mark of the first half.

North head coach Olivia Dallaire watched her team put a constant supply of shots on Liggett's goaltender, Kara Francis. If it wasn't for some solid goalkeeping, the Norsemen could have extended the lead to two or three goals.

The Knights tied it early in the second half on a goal by Kelly Solak.

The Knights' offense came to life in the second half and matched the Norsemen's output.

Both teams hit crossbars and posts in the final 15 minutes, but in the end, neither squad

could tally the winning goal.

North finished its season in second place in the MAC White at 7-3 and 12-4-2 overall.

Liggett ended the regular season 10-6-1.

South results

Grosse Pointe South finished its league schedule last week, losing 2-0 to Utica Ford.

Earlier in the week, the Blue Devils lost 2-1 to Sterling Heights Stevenson as Katie Bird had the lone goal.

South finished 0-7-1 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and is 1-13-3 heading into the state playoffs.



North's Greta DeLoach, right, gathers a loose ball with Liggett's Kate Birgbauer defending during their annual Cancer Awareness game.

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Baseball

All tied up

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South boys' baseball teams hosted their annual Grosse Pointe Invitational last week-end and tied for second place.

Northville won the trophy with a 2-1 mark, while North and South each finished 1-1-1 thanks to their 9-9 tie in the final game of the triple-header.

According to tournament rules, each game is six innings and one extra inning is played if it is tied after regulation play. If the game is still tied after seven innings, it is ruled a tie.

The Blue Devils jumped out to a 7-1 lead

after two innings, fell behind after the Norsemen scored seven runs in the third, but tied it at 8 with a single run in their half of the third inning.

Each team added a run and after seven innings it was a 9-9 standoff.

For the Blue Devils, Brad Thompson was 3-for-4 with one RBI and Rob Martinez was 2-for-2 with two RBIs. Michael Lanzon was 2-for-3 with two RBIs and others who drove in a run were David Toth, Jacob Hinkle, Joe Veneri and Alex Martinez.

For the Norsemen, Pete Ciaravino, Alex Vandoorne, Steve Levick, Chad Lorkowski, Wesley Peters and Tyler Hill had run-scoring

GPN vs. GPS

SCHOOL	CONFERENCE RECORD	OVERALL
1. *Grosse Pointe North	12-3	27-9-1
2. Romeo	8-7	17-12
3. L'Anse Creuse	7-8	19-15
4. Ford	7-8	17-15
5. Cousino	6-9	17-14
6. L'Anse Creuse North	5-10	11-22

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MAC White

SCHOOL	CONFERENCE RECORD	OVERALL
1. *Stevenson	13-2	26-9
2. Eisenhower	11-4	29-7
3. Dakota	9-6	20-12
4. Grosse Pointe South	6-9	17-19-1
5. Chippewa Valley	4-11	12-21
6. Anchor Bay	2-13	7-19

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hits.

In other invitational games, North beat Plymouth 6-0 behind Lorkowski's 15-strike-out performance and

lost 10-5 to Northville, while South lost 2-1 to Plymouth and beat Northville 2-0 behind Cam Shook's stellar pitching performance.

Track & Field

GPS Blue Devils

Red champs

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls' and boys' track and field teams had solid showings in last week's Macomb Area Conference Red Division league meet.

The girls finished second with 141 points and the boys placed fourth with 65 points.

Macomb Dakota won both meets with the girls earning 174 points and the boys 146.3.

For the girls, Devon Krasner is the conference champion in the 800- and 1,600-meter runs, turning in times of 2:28.22 and 5:25.28, while Sarah Bellovich was the champ in the 400-meter dash, recording a season-best time of 1:03.16.

Reanna Raymond had two runner-up finishes, taking second in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs with times of 5:25.85 and 12:18, and Elizabeth Calcaterra also ran to two second-place finishes. She was

second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.98 and second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.49.

The girls also won the 3,200-meter relay as Bellovich, Kaleigh McCarron, Raymond and Krasner had a time of 10:01.

In the 1,600-relay, Bellovich, Natalia Szura, Gen Boyle and Lily Mackrell won with a season-best time of 4:18, while Calcaterra, Audrey Boles, Helen Dodge and Bobbi Barrett won the sprint relays.

The boys were led by Alex Szura, who was the champ in the 400-meter dash, turning in a time of 51.04.

They also had several runner-up finishes, including Matthew Calcaterra in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 42.64.

Patrick Nauert was second in the discus with a mark of 156-feet, 9-inches, and Ed Kotula was second in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15.87.

Softball

Conference champions

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

This time it wasn't close as University Liggett girls' softball team battled rival Lutheran Northwest for the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference crown.

The Knights won the first battle at Northwest, 2-1, in an intense, closely played game. If Northwest won this game, they would tie for the division lead with one game left.

Liggett used a combi-

nation of dominant pitching from senior Emma St. John and a powerful offensive display to mercy Northwest 12-1.

St. John gave up three hits, walked one and struck out 14, plus was 3-for-3 at the plate with two triples, a hit by pitch, four runs scored and four RBIs.

The Knights scored all the runs they needed in the bottom of the first inning when senior Emily Miserendino led off with a single and advanced to second on an error by the left

LIGGETT Knights

MIAC

SCHOOL	CONFERENCE RECORD	OVERALL
1. *Liggett	9-0	17-4
2. Lutheran Northwest	8-2	17-5
3. Oakland Christian	4-6	7-7
4. Inter-City Baptist	3-6	4-8
5. Parkway Christian	3-6	4-8
6. Southfield Christian	2-7	10-6

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fielder.

With one out, St. John singled home Miserendino and then scored on freshman Evie Bournias's two-out single.

The Knights added three more runs in the third to lead 5-0 and it was an 8-1 game after they tacked on three more runs the following inning.

Junior Maddie Hamilton put the game away with a three-run homer in the sixth inning to officially make it a mercy and give the Knights a second straight outright MIAC championship.

The Knights, 9-0 in the MIAC, finished with 13 hits, including three from Hamilton and two from Bournias.

LIGGETT Knights

Brusilow wins

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett senior Nick Brusilow was crowned conference champion in two events in last week's Michigan Independent Athletic Conference league meet at Lutheran Northwest.

Brusilow won the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 16.07 and the 300-meter hurdles at 41.23.

Other boys in the top three in their events were Brian Wang, third in the 110-hurdles with a time of 18.19 and the 3,200-meter relay team of Andrew Loner, Michael Ellis, Ian Shogren and Tristan Shogren placed third with a time of 8:57.42.

The Knights also had a third-place finish in the 1,600-meter relay as

Ellis, Loner, Ashton Pongratz and Ian Shogren posted a time of 3:46.14.

As a team, the boys finished in the middle of the pack.

The girls also finished in the middle of the pack, but they had several top-three finishers.

Annelies Ondersma was second in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs with times of 5:47.45 and 12:40.45, plus she was part of the second-place 3,200-meter relay team, along with Sadie Ancona, Ava Henness and Alexandra Diggs, which turned in a time of 10:46.03.

Maddie Baltimore also had a solid league meet, taking runner-up in the shot put and discus with throws of 30-feet, 7-inches, and 85-feet, 10-inches.

Ladies fall

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North girls' softball team completed its Macomb Area Conference Blue Division slate last week, hosting champion L'Anse Creuse.

The Norsemen had the Lancers beat, but a seven-run inning led to a five-run eighth inning in a 7-2 defeat.

North scored in the bottom of the first inning on a lead off double by Natalie Weitecha and a single by Erin Kane. Rebecca Alway drove in the run with a sacrifice

fly.

The Lancers tied it in the top of the sixth inning with an unearned run, but the Norsemen regained the lead 2-1 later that inning on a run-scoring single by Kayla Kettler.

The visitors used a homer to tie it in the top of the seventh and used a combination of hits and walks to put five runs on the board in the top of the eighth to win the game.

North finished 6-4 in the division.

South results

The Grosse Pointe

North South

MAC Blue

SCHOOL	CONFERENCE RECORD	OVERALL
1. *L'Anse Creuse	9-1	23-9
2. Grosse Pointe North	6-4	11-14
3. Marine City	6-4	9-13
4. Fraser	5-5	14-16
5. Port Huron Northern	3-7	8-13
6. Grosse Pointe South	1-9	10-17

Standings as of Monday, May 29, 2017, *-division champ

South girls' softball team dropped a pair of 8-3 games last week to drop to 10-17 overall.

First came a non-league contest against Sterling Heights Stevenson and the second was the Blue Devils' final Macomb Area Conference Blue Division contest of the season at home against Marine City.

The offensive highlight was a three-run double by Grace Foster in the

bottom of the third inning which made it a 5-3 game.

Mackenzie Ford had two hits, while Chloe Lobert walked twice and Foster drove in all three runs for the second straight game.

Grosse Pointe South finished 1-9 in the MAC Blue Division.

North and South are in line to battle in a Division 1 district championship game 2 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at South.

GPN Norsemen

Gold medalists

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North had three conference championships in last week's Macomb Area Conference Red Division league meet.

Dan Leone won the pole vault, clearing 15-feet, 4-inches, while William Hofmann won the 3,200-meter run with a time of 10:01.42 and Zoe Madden was first in the long jump with a mark of 16-feet, 2-inches.

In the team standings, the boys finished second with 74 points, behind Macomb Dakota with 146, and the girls were fourth with 62 points, behind Dakota, 140; Grosse Pointe South, 116; and Utica Eisenhower, 63.

In the girls' meet, Madden had a third-place finish in the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.31, and Julia McLellan was third in the 3,200-meter run at 12:20.64.

Meredith Kraus and Abby Kanakry finished third in the high jump, each clearing 5-feet even, and they placed in the top three in each of the four relay events.

For the boys, Nate Truss was second in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:00.66 and Phil Robie took third in the high jump with a mark of 5-feet, 9-inches.

The boys also placed in the top three in three relays.

The track season ends this weekend with the state finals Saturday, June 3.

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Lacrosse

Lopsided

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North boys' lacrosse team made it a clean sweep of city rival Grosse Pointe South last week, winning 15-2 in a Division 2 regional semifinal game.

North also won 16-6 and 7-5 during the regular season.

The game, played at South, was tight early as the Norsemen led 1-0 after the first quarter on a goal by Brendan Bergeron.

The Norsemen pulled away in the second quarter, outscoring the Blue Devils 4-1 as Marco McMann, Marko Tomovski, Connor Albrecht and Max Payton scored.

Head coach Don Wolford and his Blue Devils got on the board when William Buhl tallied as the home team fell behind 5-1 at the half.

The Norsemen, under head coach Mark Seppala, used a big third quarter in the first meeting of the season to turn a close game into a rout and they did it this time, too.

The Norsemen used goals by McMann, Bergeron, Tomovski and Marc Filippelli to outscore the Blue Devils 5-1 and extend the lead to 10-2 heading into the final quarter.

John Schulte scored for South.

The visitors put another five goals on the board in the fourth quarter to put an exclamation mark on the victory and move into the regional championship game.

It is the fourth straight win for North over South.

Bergeron and McMann each had four goals to lead North, while Payton and Tomovski had two goals apiece.

Nathan Robinson was

GPN vs. GPS



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North's Brendan Bergeron, right, is blanketed by South defenders during the first half of the Norsemen's playoff win over their rival.

in net and had several saves to help the Norsemen.

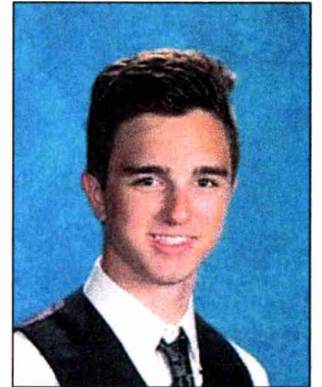
In the regional first round, Grosse Pointe South beat St. Clair 16-3

to finish its season 4-13 overall, while Grosse Pointe North defeated Madison Heights Bishop Foley 18-2 as it improves to 14-3.

Player of note

Who: Nick Brusilow
School: Liggett
Grade: Senior
Sport: Track
Coach: Lindsey Bachman
Coach quote: "Nick is an excellent example who what consistent training, hard work, and high expectations can produce. Nick has been one of our top middle distance runners and hurdlers since he joined our program his freshman year, but it wasn't until his sophomore year that things really began to click and we saw his commitment to training, competitive drive, and sense of focus take form."

Stats: Brusilow is the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference champion in the 110-high hurdles and 300-hurdles this season



Nick Brusilow

and regional champion in the 800-run.

He set a new school record of 41.23 in the 300-hurdles and is ranked No. 3 in Division 4.

His personal-best times are 16.07 in the 110-high hurdles, 41.23 in the 300-hurdles, 53.4 in the 1,600-relay, 2:00 in the 3,200-relay, 2:04.66 in the 800-run and 4:45 in the 1,600-run.

Sailing

GPS Blue Devils



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Tough loss

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' lacrosse team finished 1-1 in the state playoffs last week.

Head coach Mike Costanzo and his Knights beat L'Anse Creuse 13-8 in a Division

2 regional quarterfinal game.

They held a slim 9-7 lead after three quarters, but used a 4-1 fourth period to pull away and earn a spot in the semifinals.

Danny Bowen led the team with five goals and Caden Lewandowski

LIGGETT Knights

had four.

With a couple of days to practice and prepare for No. 1 seed Warren DeLaSalle, Costanzo knew his team had to be on its "A" game to win.

"It's going to be tough, but we can play with them," Costanzo said. "We have skilled players who have to step up if we

want to win."

The game, played at Grosse Pointe South, was dominated by defense and drizzle.

It was tight throughout, but in the end Liggett lost 9-6.

The Knights finished 9-6 overall. They lose nine seniors to graduation.

Ousted in regionals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Each of the local girls' lacrosse teams ended its season with a loss in the regional round of the state playoffs.

Grosse Pointe South dropped a 17-10 home game to Bloomfield Hills in the Division 1 playoffs.

The Blue Devils fell behind 5-0 in the first five minutes of the game and never recovered.

They couldn't win a face-off and didn't get possession until the deficit hit five goals.

It was 14-4 at the half and the home team won the second half 6-3.

Senior Margaret Reilly led the Blue Devils with six goals, followed by senior Carson Dennis with three and sophomore Margaux Schaller with one.

South, under head coach Alycsa Valentine, finished 4-15 overall.

South

North results

Grosse Pointe North also ended its season in a regional first-round game, falling 16-3 to West Bloomfield.

Head coach Lauren Nixon and her Norsemen couldn't escape an early deficit in their playoff game. With the loss, the team finished 2-13-1.

Despite the losing season, Nixon returns several starters, including one of the leading scorers in the second half of the season, Kate Bessert.

Liggett results

University Liggett lost 17-6 to Rochester on its

North

Liggett

home turf in a Division 2 pre-regional game May 19.

Playing her final high school game, senior Katie Fruehauf scored five goals to lead the Knights, which finished the season 4-7-1 under first-year head coach Jennifer Larson.

The girls' Final Four in Division 1 and Division 2 take place Wednesday, June 7, and the state championship games are scheduled for Saturday, June 10, at Brighton High School.

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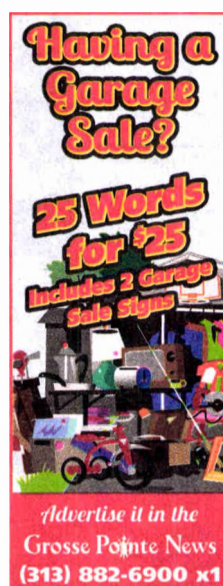
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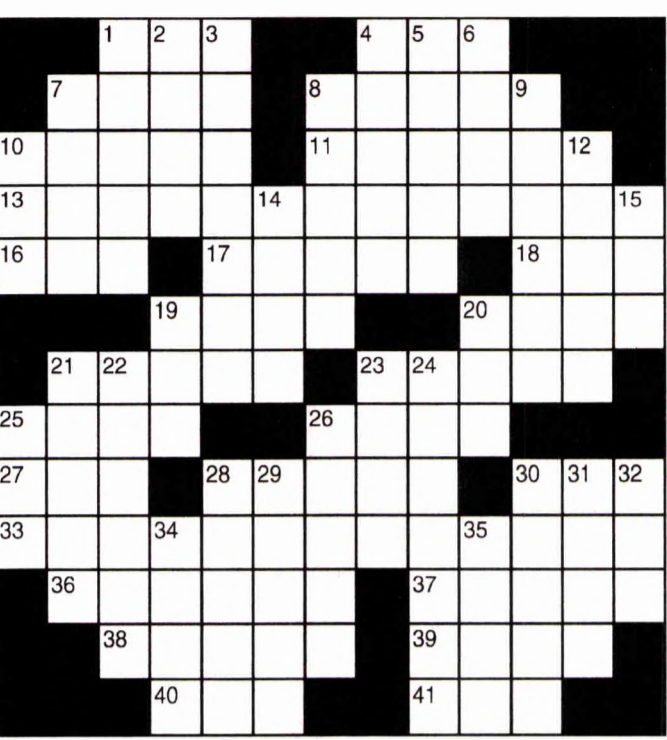
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 - 4 Recipe meas.
 - 7 Lass
 - 8 Luster
 - 10 Calcutta's land
 - 11 High, wispy cloud
 - 13 Orphan
 - 13 Annie's benefactor
 - 16 Really messy place
 - 17 Frogs' hang-outs
 - 18 Whopper
 - 19 Crooked
 - 20 Witnessed
 - 21 Representative
 - 23 Dervish
 - 25 "Two and a Half Men" role
 - 26 Oodles
 - 27 Cacophony
 - 28 Colorado tribe
 - 30 Chum
 - 33 Spider's cousin
 - 36 Certain winner
 - 37 Assessed
 - 38 Tittles
 - 39 Iowa State's home

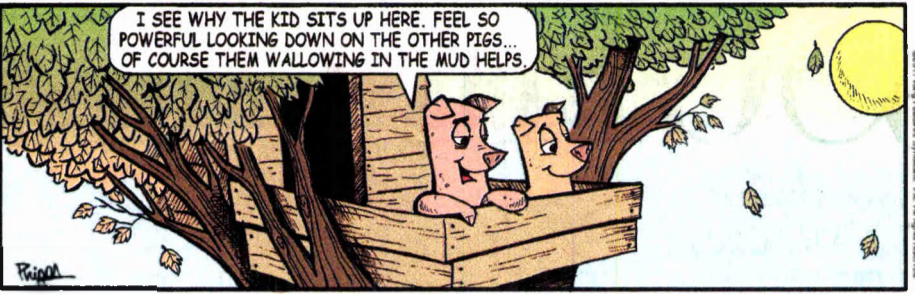


- 40 Scepter
- 41 Scratch
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- 2 Dry
- 3 Nursery item
- 4 Bronze medalist's place
- 5 Belgrade natives
- 6 Lima's land
- 7 Summertime pest
- 8 Meager
- 9 Centers
- 10 Egos' counterparts
- 12 Downhill athlete
- 14 Refuse to
- 15 D.C. fig.
- 19 Stiller or Affleck
- 20 Firmament
- 21 Rap sheet entry
- 22 Best Picture of 1982
- 23 Bambi, for one
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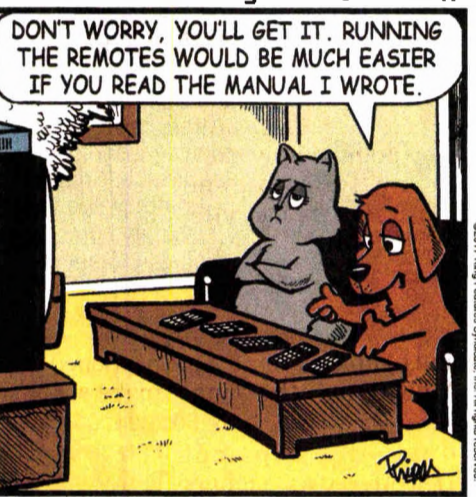


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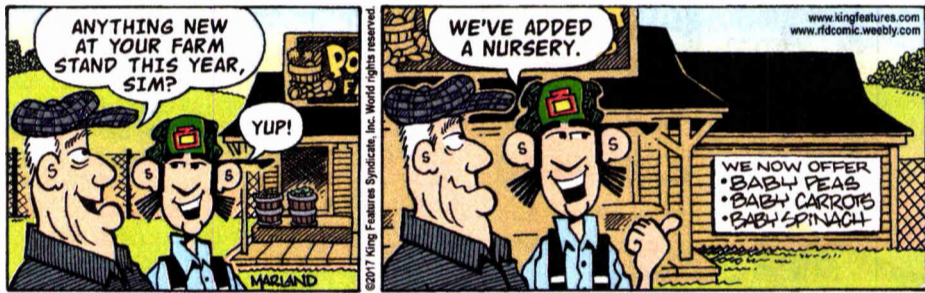
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF

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Schools, society and social justice

Former police chief and deputy mayor reflects on career in law enforcement

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

There's a pivotal moment Isaiah "Ike" McKinnon can point to that set the trajectory of his career. At age 14, he was beaten by police officers in his own neighborhood.

"They were good at this. They knew not to hit me in the face where it would show," he wrote in his book, "Stand Tall." "They pounded my chest and my stomach, and called me every vile, derogatory racial slur you can imagine. In the brief moments between blows, I felt as if the world had come to an end."

McKinnon, the final presenter in a professional development series offered to teachers and administrators by the Grosse Pointe Learning Network, spoke in Cleminson Hall at Grosse Pointe South High School May 22, about the role schools play in shaping young people in society.

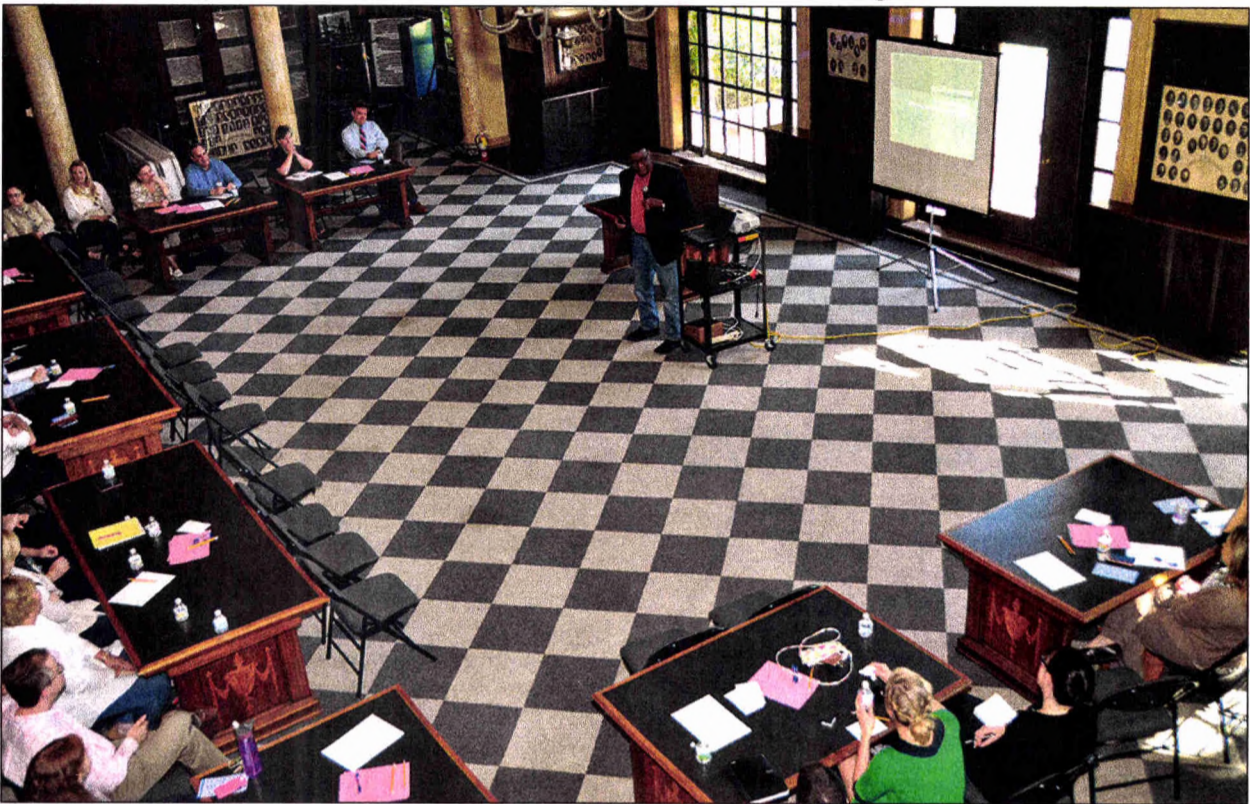
McKinnon said after he was beaten, he ran home

and "made a decision that evening that I was going to become a police officer, not like them, but a different kind of person because I wanted to make sure that those kinds of things didn't happen to any other people, whether it was black or white or whatever it might be. At 14 I made that decision. At 21 I joined the police department. Throughout my career I tried to make sure there was justice for everyone."

Years later, McKinnon said he told this story to Nelson Mandela, who urged him to continue to tell the story because it might have an impact on people's lives.

"Here's this icon of a person telling me what I need to do," McKinnon said, adding, "and that's what I do. I speak to a lot of places. And it's not punitive. I don't speak negatively. But this is what happened and we have to make sure those kinds of things don't happen to young people or anybody."

After graduating from Cass Tech High School, McKinnon served in the U.S. Air Force in Vietnam. He joined the Detroit Police Department in 1965 and was among the first group of black officers on the force. After 19 years, he left the department to work in a variety of security posi-



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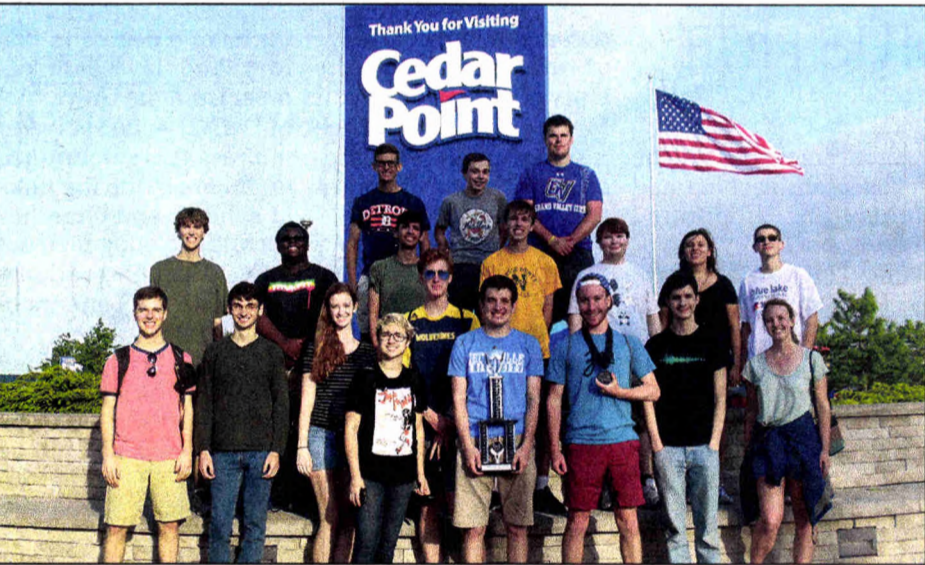
Ike McKinnon addressed teachers and administrators in Grosse Pointe South's Cleminson Hall as the final speaker in the Grosse Pointe Learning Network series.



"Think about touching one or two people and changing their life."

IKE MCKINNON
Former Detroit police chief and deputy mayor

tions as well as teach and lecture as an adjunct professor of criminal justice at the University of Detroit Mercy. In 1994, he returned to the DPD when he was appointed chief. Upon See JUSTICE, page 2D



High marks at Cedar Point

Grosse Pointe North High School's jazz band received a superior rating at the Cedar Point "Music in the Parks Festival" this past weekend. "The adjudicators were extremely impressed with the North band and awarded them one of the highest ratings of the festival, along with one of the highest ratings the North band has ever received," said David Cleveland, director of instrumental music. Special recognition goes to Adam Schreck for receiving the festival's Most Outstanding Soloist award.

Community members can hear the band perform 7 p.m. Thursday, June 8, at "Music on the Plaza" in the Village of Grosse Pointe.

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2D | SCHOOLS

The Academy makes administrative changes

The Grosse Pointe Academy announced two key appointments in its administration.

Jennifer Kendall, currently assistant head of school for early school education and admissions, will become the school's assistant head of school for early and lower school education and director of curriculum beginning with the 2017-18 school year.

Didi DeBoer, who has served most recently as a fourth-grade teacher and lead teacher for both the intermediate and lower



Jennifer Kendall



Didi DeBoer

schools at the Academy, has been named assistant head of school for grades 4-8, also effective beginning with the new school year.

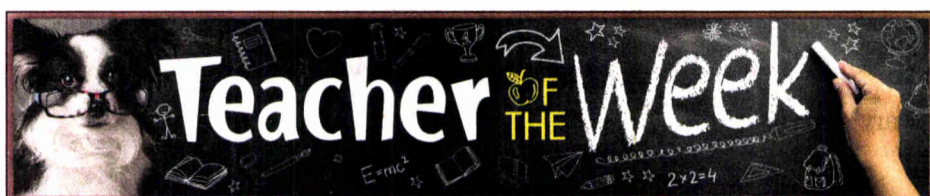
In her new position, Kendall will be responsible for managing the operations of both the early and lower schools at GPA and will focus additional efforts on the scope and sequence of the Academy's entire academic program.

Tommy Adams, GPA's head of school, said Kendall no doubt will be a great benefit to the school due to her strong experience and expertise in curriculum design and teaching models.

"Jen will continue to play an important role in the programmatic initiatives on which we are currently working," Adams said. "And I am extremely grateful for all of Jen's good work with overseeing and managing the admission process over the past several years."

Kendall first came to GPA in 2008 as principal of the early and lower school. Prior to the Academy, she served in successive roles as district technology coordinator, supervisor of instruction, director of curriculum and elementary principal in the

See ACADEMY, page 4D



Glen Williams

School: Maire and Trombly elementary schools

Years in district: 32 at Maire; 23 at Trombly

Grade/Subject: K-5 physical education; certified autistic physical education instructor

Nominated by: Sonja Franchett, Maire principal

Principal's quote:

"Mr. Williams has been teaching in the district for over 30 years. He is a Grosse Pointe grad himself. He creates amazing learning experiences for our students here at Maire and he also works at Trombly Elementary School. With Mr. Williams, PE. is fun. Students play for the hands-on learning, with scooters, parachutes, bowling and relay games. He has Star Wars games, Halloween Extravaganza, Reindeer Games and Parent Day. His Field Day has more than 40 stations and involves more than 70 parent volunteers, with a DJ, dancing and popsicles for all. Mr. Williams is retiring at the end of the school year and yet his fun legacy for physical education will live on."

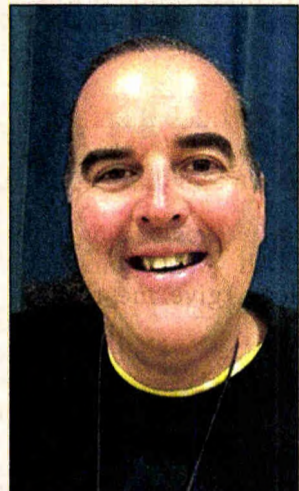
What do you enjoy most about teaching?

The really fun part about being an elementary physical education teacher is the students truly love coming into your class. Children love to move and I love to create an environment which allows them to

move. At the elementary level, each class visits my gym around 42 times a year. I have worked hard at offering a wide variety of exciting experiences during the year where students do not always feel that they are just exercising. I like to offer opportunities to explore continual movement throughout the class period. Teaching body movement and watching children develop coordination is incredibly rewarding. **Describe a teaching accomplishment you're proud of or a "teachable moment" you experienced.**

The truly amazing segment of my job is you never know who you have inspired. Last year I was invited by Khalee Simpson to attend his high school graduation at South. Khalee mentioned that he liked the way I encouraged him to succeed in physical fitness. I have also been honored to attend former students and recent graduates Robby Whaley and Brad Foster's graduation for similar encouragement. Years before I was asked to attend South's graduation by a number of my former athletes. This has been a flattering experience considering these former students still remembered me years later.

Please share a book or person that has inspired you or your teaching.



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I have been blessed with a large number of mentors during my teaching and coaching career — 20 years as a girls' basketball, volleyball and softball coach at South and North. I have had wonderful administrators and teaching colleagues as an important part of my life. The persons who have inspired me the most have been my father, Ray, and my mother, Joan. They have always been supportive of my teaching and coaching by instilling in me a tough work ethic. Dad worked for 42 years as a manager of special bids at Dodge Trucks. Mom worked at Packard Automotive before raising my brother, Neil, and me. I also am inspired by my nephew, Ean, and my niece, Lea, who are entering the education field. I am very proud of their decision to make a difference.

Favorite quote:

"If you sit still you are going to rust. Get up and move."

— Gina Moore

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his retirement in 1998, he focused on teaching and consulting. Appointed deputy mayor by Mayor Mike Duggan in 2013, McKinnon was granted a

two-and-a-half year leave of absence from the University of Detroit Mercy. He has since resumed his post as associate professor of education.

As part of his commitment to changing lives for the better, McKinnon said he tries to recruit young men of color into careers in education.

"There are more young men of color in the prison system than the education system," he said.

Recognizing the difference education made in his own life — he has a doctorate degree in higher education administration from Michigan State University, master's degree in criminal justice from Mercy College of Detroit and

bachelor's degree in history and law enforcement from the University of Detroit — he set out to impress this importance on others by giving talks at schools and churches recruiting young men not only to get into education, but to be better people, he said.

"Think about touching one or two people and changing their life," he said. "If we can continue to have this impact on young people, what more is there?"

The Grosse Pointe Learning Network was established by Grosse Pointe Public School System teachers Jodie Randazzo, Kerby Elementary School; Taylor Barczyk, Brownell Middle School; Elizabeth Lulis, Grosse Pointe South High School; and school psychologist Dona Johnson-Beach.

Joyce Fouts, executive director of the Galileo Leadership Consortium, kicked off the series in January with a presentation on ways to engage learners in inquiry-based questioning. In March, Kristin Ervin, co-founder of Michigan Collaborative for Mindfulness in Education, touched on mindfulness in schools and in April, instructional coach Kevin Ozar talked about finding joy in teaching.

Correction

In "Twins part ways for college," May 25, 2017, it should have stated Nick Brusilow is attending Carleton College while Sam Brusilow selected Washington University in St. Louis.

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Leadership program builds better men

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Second- and third-graders from Poupard Elementary School gathered in a circle in the gym around Odes Bellinger, executive director of Building Better Men.

"If you're a leader, give me two claps," Bellinger said. "If you're going to college, give me three claps."

He then directed a student to recite a pledge.

"As a young man of responsibility, I recognize that my actions will have a great impact on the lives of my community," the student began. "Therefore, today I pledge that I will attempt to fulfill this role in a manner that ultimately benefits me and my community."

"Give that young man three claps," Bellinger said.

B2M is a mentoring and leadership program for young males ages 6 to 18. Bellinger, author of "7 Steps to Promote the Success of Young African American Males" and "100 Effective Strategies for Single Mothers Raising Black Boys," started the program in 1991 under the core belief every young man can be successful, according to the B2M vision statement.

The students attended the after-school program to learn "to be a better person, a better student and a better problem solver," Bellinger said. He meets with them twice a week for five weeks for an hour and a half. The program, offered previously to fourth- and fifth-graders, is open to all students.

"The objective is for them to understand that every piece of real estate that they step their foot on adds value, starting with their community at Poupard," Bellinger said. "We want them to know this is a valuable place and if something's valuable, you treat it that way."

For the elementary school level, it's a life skills program mixed with basketball. While the basketball keeps it lively, Bellinger intends the life lessons to be long lasting.

"Who in here believes they are smarter than their parents?" he asked, adding, "Wisdom means something. That's why it's important to listen to your teachers. That's why it's important to listen to responsible adults."

'As a young man of responsibility, I recognize that my actions will have a great impact on the lives of my community.'

FROM THE B2M PROGRAM PARTICIPANT PLEDGE

Students responded to each question with a show of hands.

"How many people know some people in the school or neighborhood not making good decisions? How many of you know right from wrong?" Bellinger asked.

"There's a reason why some of the students end up on the honor roll," he continued. "You have to pay attention Pay attention to those people who are doing the right thing."

Bellinger had a similar message for the 25 students he met with during the school day at Grosse Pointe North High School. The in-school mentorship and leadership program is set up like a workshop. While Bellinger led each of the 10 sessions, he invited special guests to a few to teach life skills such as writing a resume and preparing for an interview.

"At North, we're always looking for school programs for all our students and young men in leadership is a piece that we're really working on," said Assistant Principal David Reed-Nordwall.

Ninth-grader Jason Liverpool said the program taught him "to have a mindset for our future so we don't go blindly."

Bellinger called it a "blueprint."

"At some point, gentlemen, you're going to have to realize, are you going to make your blueprint or are you going to let someone make it for you?"

"One of your first blueprints is your resume," he added.

He also talked about privilege.

"Why am I privileged to be here?" he asked.

"It gives you a chance to come in here and make an impact on our lives," said a student.

One student defined privilege as "something that you are given. Something you should be happy to give." Another said it was "something you're not entitled to, but are offered."

Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus learned about the program when Bellinger gave a presentation at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe, where Niehaus is a member. He said the district had been looking for more quality after-school programs and B2M's mission and curriculum fit this need. The program is partially funded by a Rotary grant, with students paying a portion for the after-school program at Poupard. There's no student payment for the in-school program at North.

After the program was underway, Niehaus attended a Rotary mentoring lunch at Poupard and heard directly from the students about it.

"That's all they could talk about," he said. "It's been very, very popular and it just adds a different element."

"It's a character education program," said Poupard Principal Penny Stocks. "They talk a lot about responsibility and what the student's role is in school, what the expectations are and it combines many character traits along with having fun. It's important for these students also to learn how to play together in a group and getting along when

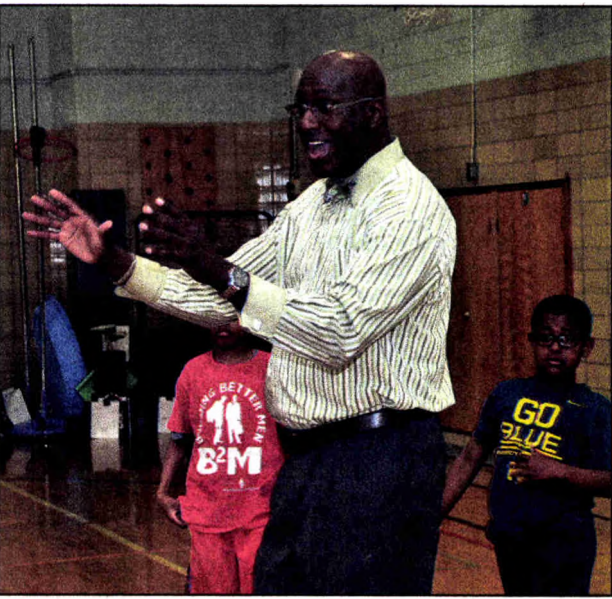
you're doing a sports activity. The camaraderie of sports and sportsmanship is a big part of that character education along with just having some fun."

At the high school level, Principal Kate Murray said B2M met North's goal of developing student leaders.

"I'm always interested in supporting the growth and leadership development of our students and I thought that this could be a fantastic opportunity," she said. "I believe that our students appreciate the connection they've built with (Bellinger) and his understanding of their journey. Hopefully we'll see the benefits of this program in the years to come as our students grow in their leadership roles."

Top, Odis Bellinger mentors Poupard students in an afterschool program. Right, Bellinger high fives De'Angelo Williams.

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Liggett recognizes distinguished alumnus

Retired Rear Adm. Stanley W. Bryant, a 1964 graduate of Grosse Pointe University School, one of University Liggett School's predecessor schools, received the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award during the school's Alumni Weekend May 19 to 20.

Bryant served in the U.S. Navy 37 years. He spent the majority of his time at sea flying tactical aircraft and commanding several large operational units. Following his career with the Navy, he spent six years working in the defense industry. He enlisted in the Naval Reserve just before graduating high school at

GPUS, continuing on to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1969.

After earning his wings as a naval flight officer, Bryant piloted an A-6, the most advanced attack airplane in the world at that time. He flew during the Vietnam conflict from the USS Enterprise, the world's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier.

Selected for high command after his squadron commanding officer tour, he attended Nuclear Power School, commanded a supply ship and was the commanding officer of the USS Theodore Roosevelt aircraft carrier. He commanded the U.S. Naval

Forces in Iceland, was a battle group commander and after he received his second star — the Army requirement of major general — he served as deputy commander to U.S. Naval Forces in Europe until he retired.

Bryant's decorated resume includes the Distinguished Service Medal, three Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Individual Air Medal, eight Strike/Flight Air Medals and 20 other personal, service and campaign awards.

Bryant's classmate, George Perrin, GPUS '64, nominated Bryant for the honor, citing his longtime friend's outstanding integrity and leadership.

“It was clear to all of his GPUS classmates that Stan would be successful at whatever he chose to do in life,” Perrin said. “However, his choice of pursuing a career of military service, and his extraordinary level of achievement, has elevated him well beyond the traditional definition of success. Our class, our school and our country are all thankful for Stan's selfless contributions.”

Alumni relations director Katie Durno said Bryant enjoyed a remarkable career characterized by a deep commitment to service and exceptional achievement.

“Stanley could not have been a better fit for our Distinguished Alumni Award,” Durno said. “His courage and commitment to protecting our country makes him a great representative of University Liggett School and an inspiration to our students and generations of alumni.”

Bryant today is an independent military and aerospace consultant and president of IDDEAS L.L.C. He also is a facilitator and guest speaker for the U.S. Naval Academy's Capstone Leadership and Ethics Program given to midshipmen in their fourth year at the acad-

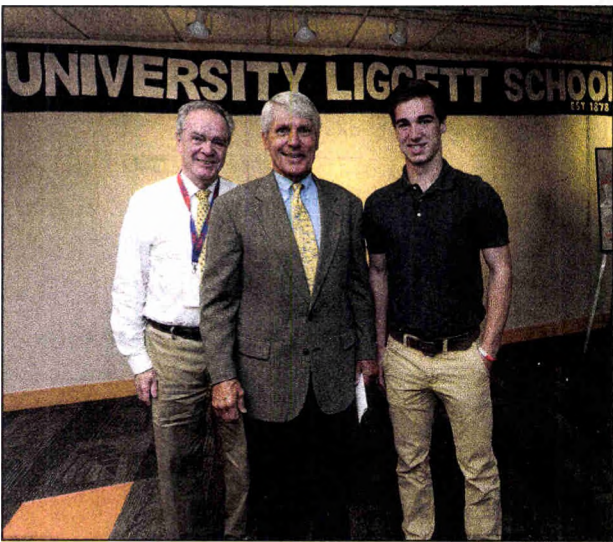


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Retired Rear Adm. Stanley W. Bryant '64 GPUS received Liggett's Distinguished Alumni Award. He is pictured with Head of School Joe Healey, left, and Liggett junior Colin McMann. McMann is interested in the Naval Academy and had the opportunity to spend time with Admiral Bryant and ask questions.

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Midland Park School District in Midland Park, N.J. She holds a Master of Education degree from Columbia University, Master of Arts degree from Caldwell College and Bachelor of Arts degree from Mount Holyoke College.

DeBoer's new responsibilities include oversight of grades 4-8 as well as the forthcoming programmatic changes proposed for the upcoming school year and beyond, including the new direction of the math curriculum.

“We know that many parents will be disappointed to see Didi leave the classroom, but we are confident that with her help and guidance we

will find a terrific fourth-grade teaching candidate to succeed her,” Adams said. “I am impressed with Didi's desire to become a strong leader and mentor as well as her commitment to want to make GPA the best it can be. I believe that her strong work ethic and earnest nature will be of great benefit to not only our students and faculty in grades 4-8, but to the entire school.”

DeBoer's major in college was math and science. She also holds a Master of Education degree. Prior to coming to GPA seven years ago, DeBoer taught in Warren and Mount Clemens and was a long-term substitute teacher in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Kendall and DeBoer assume their roles July 1.

emy. He lives in Virginia Beach, Va.

Past recipients include:

2016: Richard Baron '60 GPUS, businessman

2015: Denise Ilitch '73, businesswoman

2014: William W. Shelden Jr. '68, previous University Liggett School Board of Trustees

2013: Nita Stormes '72, Federal magistrate judge

2012: Miles O'Brien '77, broadcast news journalist

2011: Gretchen Valade '45 CDS, Carhartt board member

2010: Ralph Wilson '36 DUS, founder and former owner of the Buffalo Bills

2009: Jeffrey Eugenides '78, Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist.

Celebrating alumni

Students and alumni celebrated Liggett's Alumni Weekend May 19 to 20. Fifth-grade students met with their pen pals — alumni from the Grosse Pointe University School class of 1967, while upper school students gathered to welcome and hear from Distinguished Alumnus Stan Bryant, GPUS '64. During the school's Lunch and Learn program chronicling the school's history, seventh-graders shared with alumni their research in the archives. Finally, middle and upper school students gave tours to alumni.

From left, Clarke Durant, '67 GPUS, enjoys a moment with fifth-graders Hallie Marcero, Zharia Hunter and Bella Maska during Alumni Weekend.

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