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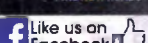
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Sail of Two Cities dedicated

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Winds of change are quietly moving along the border between Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park, so what better symbol could there be than the new sculpture in place at the roundabout at Kercheval and Wayburn appropriately titled, "Sail of Two Cities"?

Its dedication Thursday, Aug. 3, brought together representatives and residents of the two cities, sharing messages of calm waters and

smooth sailing ahead for relations between the two municipalities, in contrast to a past often described as stormy.

That the sculpture has been placed in a roundabout area on Kercheval that just a few years ago was closed off to incoming traffic from Detroit was not lost on the artists, Erik and Israel Nordin.

"We see the influence of water, which is a common thing for both cities," Israel Nordin said at the dedication, noting the sculpture embraces the theme of two cities moving forward together in har-

mony.

His brother, Erik, said their hope is for the piece to "bring good energy to this fast growing area of the Park." He described the sculpture as representing the hull of a boat, sailing calm waters powered by two sails, marked with blue crystals, representing the two cities.

The sculpture was commissioned by city Councilwoman Barbara Detwiler and her husband, Fred, an avid sailor.

"We are so pleased to have

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From left, Israel Nordin, co-creator of the sculpture; Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Bob Denner; Barb Detwiler, Grosse Pointe Park city councilwoman and donor for the sculpture; Fred Detwiler, donor for the sculpture; and Erik Nordin, co-creator of sculpture.

Picnic party

Grosse Pointe Woods hosted its annual city picnic Saturday, Aug. 5, at Lake Front Park, featuring face painting, pool games, chalk art, music, a lifeguard demonstration and lunch. Left, Evelyn Jensen and her sister, Sydney, played with small beach balls in the pool. Below, Charlotte Martin enjoys her ice cream sandwich.



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Wyatt Kaufman drew The Lorax in the chalk art area of the pool.



Sarah Westrick balances on the hand of her dad, Greg Westrick, before she jumps into the water.

Cell tower a cash cow

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Some \$81,000 is just the start of additional municipal revenue generated each year by the renewed lease of a cell tower on public property south of the Village.

The tower is on 1,400 square feet of City of Grosse Pointe land behind the municipal parking lot

between Kercheval and St. Paul south of CVS Pharmacy.

"The lease expires at the end of 2021," said Peter Dame, city manager. "We agreed to a 15 percent increase immediately upon execution of this extension of the (five-year) lease with a \$15,000 signing bonus."

When the lease expires,

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Farms-City fishing rodeo Saturday a.m.

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND CITY — Cell phones will be scarcer than fish that get away at this weekend's Grosse Pointe Farms-City Family Fishing Rodeo.

"There's too much for kids to do, they aren't distracted by cell phones," said Dick Graves, organizer of the 69th annual rodeo Saturday, Aug. 12, at Farms Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore, at the foot of Moross. "They're baiting hooks and reeling 'em in. They're creating memories for 40 years from now."

Graves, son of the

rodeo's late founder, considers the event a respite from technology.

"It's families doing things together that are not electronics-related, like in the old days," he said. "It upsets me to go to a restaurant and see two parents and their kids sitting together but ignoring each other; all on their cell phones."

Boys and girls ages 17 and younger from the Farms and City of Grosse Pointe are eligible to enter the rodeo.

"They don't have to fish if they don't want to,"

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Sushi restaurant coming to Village

September opening planned

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A sushi restaurant opens late summer or early fall in space formerly occupied most recently by Peet's Coffee, 17043 Kercheval, in the Village.

Tony Dao, owner of Noi Hu Asian restaurant, received endorsement from the City of Grosse Pointe council to hold two liquor licenses.

One allows traditional tableside sales of wine, beer and liquor for in-house consumption.

"The other is where you can sell packaged beer and wine in its original package for consumption off the premises," said John Jackson, the city's municipal planning consultant.

The carry-out license lets Dao host such things as wine and sushi tastings.

"A lot of communities take advantage of this license to put business in their downtown development authority area they feel would be helpful to the development of the downtown as a whole," said Seth Tompkins, Dao's attorney.

Additional approval is needed from the

Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Grosse Pointe Public School System officials also have a say because the restaurant is within 500 feet of Maire Elementary School boundaries.

"The test for whether you're 500 feet or more is not necessarily a straight line, it's door-to-door down the street; traveling distance," Jackson said.

"If the state issues a formal written objection, there will be a public hearing. If the school objects, the liquor commission will hold a public hearing."

Dao plans to open in September, according to Jackson.

He obtained the license under economic redevelopment provisions.

"It's a carrot to encourage reinvestment in buildings," Jackson said of the statute. "In order to be eligible for this economic redevelopment license, the applicant has to invest \$75,000 in the renovation of the space they're going to be moving into."

"In addition, there had to have been at least \$200,000 worth of public or private investment within the district."

Editing out murals

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, which is why municipal officials are reluctant to allow outdoor murals in commercial districts.

"You can't determine taste," said Councilwoman Sheila Tomkowiak of the City of Grosse Pointe. "If you approve something that looks good, somebody else comes along and wants to do a mural. Then, you can't reach an agreement and the precedent already's been set."

"Murals are not specifically regulated in the city's code," said John Jackson, the city's municipal planning consultant, in a written analysis. "Murals are often regulated in a municipality's sign ordinance."

Tomkowiak and fellow council members prefer straight-forward commercial messaging instead of marketing images couched as art.

"I completely agree 100 percent. I would love to just do signage," said David Gilbert, owner of Marais Restaurant in the Village.

Gilbert concurred despite requesting council support to paint a commercial mural on the rear, alley-side of the restaurant on Kercheval. "It's a first for us," Gilbert said.

The proposed design, of unlisted dimension, superimposes colorful examples of Michigan's natural bounty within a diagram of its two peninsulas. The restaurant's name and attributes are listed to the side.

"Murals should be highly graphic, with any

required text incorporated into the design rather than off to the side," Jackson reported.

"I'd rather see that space used in an interesting way to do a sign," Tomkowiak said. "But a mural with artwork makes my heart skip a beat because it's opening the door to a boatload of trouble."

"I lean toward something that is removable, more of a sign format rather than permanent painting," said Councilman Christopher Boettcher.

"It's as permanent as a layer of paint," said Councilman Chris Walsh.

"The mural would provide the owner the opportunity to identify the business from the alley side in a unique manner, allowing expression that would not be permitted along street

frontage," Jackson reported.

Gilbert's proposed mural crossed too far into commercialism to suit the council.

"We were afraid it might encourage others to do similar types of things," Tomkowiak said. "We want to encourage that type of artistic expression, but want to make sure it is artistic expression and the commercial message is much more subtle in nature."

"I like the idea of options," said Mayor Dale Scrace.

"I can give you a couple different looks, maybe one with just script, one with the mural and collaborate on (with city staff) to an agreement," Gilbert told the council.

"A goal of the city's master plan aims to promote the identity of the Village as a fun, attractive, vibrant place to shop," Jackson reported. "Murals may be one way to support this goal."

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Graves said.

Everything's free.

Every youngster gets a prize, which Graves said are valued at least \$30.

Attendees must present their respective city's park pass at the Pier Park gate for entry.

The schedule is:

- ◆ 8 to 9 p.m., registration and free doughnuts, juice and coffee,

- ◆ 9 to 10 a.m., fishing in Lake St. Clair;

- ◆ 10 a.m., free hot dog lunch with potato chips, pop and lemonade and

- ◆ 10:30 a.m., anglers from both cities receive trophies for catching the first, biggest and largest game fish. Then come free gifts and adult raffle prizes.

Attendance last year exceeded 1,250.

The rodeo has grown through sponsorships.

"It could never be done without sponsors," said Graves.

This year's sponsors are:

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the city is paid at least another 16 percent increase for every five years it's renewed. That's eight terms, a total of 40 years.

"This is a very lucra-

tive cell tower lease," Dame said. "Most cities get about \$30,000 a year."

City attorney John Fildew is credited with negotiating original terms with the primary constructor and two more cellular companies sharing the tower.

"We get three full pay-

ments from three different cell tower companies," Dame said. "It currently adds to \$81,000. After we execute this, we plan to go to the other two (cell tower companies) and say, OK we want you to match it."

"I was reading in the media that demand for data passing through the airwaves seems to increase, increase and increase," said Charles Kennedy III, city attorney. "I don't see a different use for the property, so why not commit to increase our revenue with this opportunity."

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Music on the Lawn

Grosse Pointe Woods hosted Music on the Lawn Friday, July 28, featuring the music of Bugs Bedow and The Good Stuff Band. Left, Madie Donaldson snuggled with her mom, Shana, when the retreating sun led to a cool July evening. Below, Peter, Padraic and Martha Barrett play "Oh, Snap" with Michael Guerreso, right.

One suspect, two witnesses, three excuses

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND SHORES — A nearly two-month-old case of indecent exposure in Grosse Pointe Farms is at the prosecution stage because a witness identified the suspect allegedly doing it again last month in the Shores.

The suspect, 44-year-old laborer Jamie Frank Bevard of Canton, lives during the work-week at his employer's house in Grosse Pointe Park, according to police.

"(The employer) stated (the suspect) has been in trouble in the past and gave him a job and use of (a) vehicle to help him out," reported Shores Detective Lt. Scott Rohr.

Bevard is a registered sex offender with three convictions for sexually-related charges, Rohr added in his initial incident report.

Bevard was arraigned Wednesday, Aug. 2, in a joint session of Farms and Shores municipal courts, according to police and a court administrator.

He faces two main charges of aggravated indecent exposure, but also habitual offender

second offense, indecent exposure by a sexually delinquent person and committing a felony with a motor vehicle, according to Rohr.

Judge Matthew Rumora set separate, \$25,000 cash-only bonds for both jurisdictions.

A probable cause conference was scheduled after this week's Grosse Pointe News deadline.

In the Farms case, a woman accused a man of exposing himself Monday, June 19, in a vehicle parked near the intersection of Grosse Pointe Boulevard and Moran in the Farms.

Nearly one month later, he gave police a range of excuses for being mistakenly accused of the same thing Tuesday afternoon, July 17, at the foot of Clairview in the Shores.

In the latter incident, a 35-year-old female jogger from Grosse Pointe Woods called 911 about a man masturbating behind the wheel of a brown pickup truck parked curbside.

"(He) did indicate the woman must have mistaken his belt for" something else, Rohr reported.

"He also indicated he

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Right, Lynn and Jerry Wiszowaty dance to the music. Below right, Mia Tedesco dances on-stage after the singer, Michael Brock, invited people up to dance.



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RENEE LANDUYT

New lawyer in tool theft case

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Lt. Scott Rohr has the closest thing to a boatload of evidence against a man accused of stealing an estimated \$100,000 worth of tools from construction sites and contractors' vehicles throughout the tri-county area.

Scores of tools, power and otherwise, are in a 2,700-square-foot, 40-foot-long shipping container-turned evidence locker stored temporarily behind Grosse Pointe Shores city hall.

"The case is strong," said Rohr, head of the Shores detective section.

"We've probably satisfied 15 departments throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties regarding returning stolen property with proper documentation," said Chief John Schulte.

Officers inventorying the haul, recovered during searches in late May of the suspect's home and storage unit, value it upwards of \$100,000.

"We want to charge him with the criminal enterprising statute because he worked in concert with someone else for an extended period of time," Schulte said.

Rohr said, "There's plenty of evidence supporting this case: the amount of evidence, the

locations where it was recovered, other circumstantial evidence that ties to the activity — several elements the specifics of which I can't share because the case is ongoing."

A pretrial conference in Shores Municipal Court Wednesday, July 26, for the suspect, 31-year-old Martin Michael-Alan Fegley, of St. Clair Shores, was adjourned one month so his new attorney, Jonathan Jones, can study the evidence and plan a defense.

"I need discovery," Jones told Judge Matthew Rumora.

Fegley, free on \$20,000 following his arrest by Shores police in May, attended the hearing but didn't say much.

"You're just retained on this?" Rumora asked Jones.

"That's right, your honor," he answered.

Rumora continued Fegley's bond and reset the hearing for noon Wednesday, Aug. 23.

Last May, a witness at a construction site in the 900 block of Lakeshore alerted Shores police to a suspected tool thief.

Search warrants and two dump trucks of recovered evidence later, the matter entered court.

Fegley was arraigned 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.

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

"The lawyer he had before, a good friend of mine, felt I'd be a better representative for him, so we made the change," Jones said.

Help wanted: Crossing guards

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— Kathy Ryan

Correction

In the July 20 Grosse Pointe News, information accompanying the Pure Grosse Pointe photo of an antique telephone booth should have read the booth was purchased by Justine Miller for her husband as an anniversary gift in the late 1980s from Red Baron Antiques in Atlanta, Ga. It was installed near the original carriage house/garage, where it remained until the home's current owners moved it closer to Lakeshore.

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- ◆ All Pointe's Family Outdoor Movie, Grosse Pointe South High School football field, 9 p.m.

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- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Committee of the Whole meeting, 7 p.m. city hall, 20025 Mack.
- ◆ Woods City Council special meeting, 8 p.m. city hall, 20025 Mack.

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Artist awarded Kresge fellowship

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The third time's the charm for Jeanne Bieri. The Grosse Pointe Farms resident recently was selected as a 2017 Kresge Artist Fellow, one of 18 from a pool of 1,200 candidates, she said. It was her third year applying for the prestigious fellowship.

The former bank teller and educator said she didn't take her first art class until she was in her 30s. Her first drawing class came soon after and was a momentous occasion.

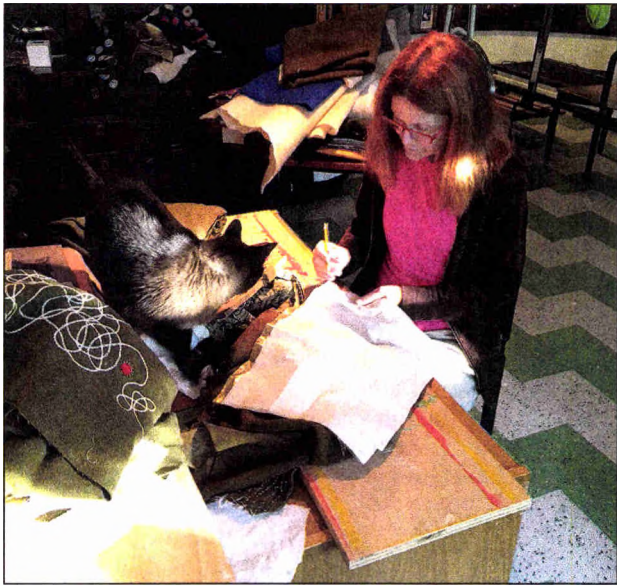
"I had an epiphany," she said. "I was really captivated by the whole thing."

Drawing led to painting, which led to sewing, which led to combining all of her talents in various media.

While Bieri currently is the featured artist at the Detroit Artists Market — its \$100 Bucks Show runs through Aug. 26 — for her paintings, the Kresge fellowship was for her work in fiber.

The fellowship carries with it a \$25,000 gift — no strings attached.

But Bieri not only likes her strings attached, she likes them chain stitched



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JEANNE BIERI

Bieri works at home with help from Dave, her cat.

among layers of recycled army blankets.

"Everything I do is hand-sewn with army suture cotton," she said. "It's part of a series I'm doing using army blankets."

Inspired several years ago by a display of ecclesiastical garments that involved chain stitching, Bieri uses the stitching as a tribute to religious practice, she said. "Each stitch is a meditation and prayer. I thought what a lovely thing to put together."

She's collected army blankets for years — an admitted compulsion —

initially to mend them. She sees them as a connection to her father, a World War II pilot. The blankets and quilts then became part of her artistic repertoire.

"Quilts are so wonderful," she said. "Each piece has a definitive story, not unlike army blankets. I'm always looking for things that are used, things that have history."

She uses fiber to create scrolls — 14-foot colorful pieces for which she won an award from the Krefl Arts Program at Concordia University Ann Arbor.

The Ewald branch of

the Grosse Pointe Public Library boasts one of Bieri's fiber works, a piece titled "Cursive Spirit," installed in 2007.

"It's about growth and things reaching upward," she said. "The library is a great place where you pass information along. This is a piece I'm really proud of."

Along with fiber, Bieri works in acrylics, painting pieces based on photos she's collected — the basis for her show at the Detroit Artists Market. She finds photos — often of people and people with animals — in garage sales among other places.

"These should be recorded. My painting is a way for me to record them and keep them safe," she said. "To make sure we keep things is important. I'm not a nostalgic, sappy person, but I do think things need to be respected and saved."

Bieri works four or five hours first thing in the morning, then takes a break and is back to it in the afternoon. She said the process is time-consuming, but she doesn't care because it's her form of meditation. Practicing mindfulness, Bieri has learned to stop making judgments of right and wrong and purely thinks

about the process of creating.

Bieri has worked in studios throughout Detroit and currently works at the Pioneer Building along with 35 other working artists. She is a member of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association as well.

"What I love about the artists at Grosse Pointe Artists Association is you can come and put up a show and it's delightful to have people working together," she said. "They're so pleasant and kind to one another. The thing about artists is, so much of your working life you spend alone. When you have an artists association, you can be with other artists."

As for her fellowship — once you're a Kresge fellow, you're a fellow for life — Bieri said, "Nobody could have been more surprised."

Bieri had to submit samples of her work, statements about her work and work process, a biography and resume. It's a lot of work, she said. Every two years, nine visual artists and nine literary artists are selected.

While the prize money is nice, Bieri said the other perks of being a fel-



Jeanne Bieri

low are unmatched. Monthly seminars with well-known artists, as well as legal and financial advice are once-in-a-lifetime opportunities, she said.

Bieri, who is married to Jim and has a son, Alex, as well as two grandchildren, said she has several goals she's focused on as she moves through the art world.

"Every day keep working; apply for national fellowships; have pieces in museums and people's private collections; have a relationship with a fiber gallery; have a show in New York; be an example for other artists," she said. "To reach out to people is a big thing in the arts."

"My art practice is getting up every morning and making art," she continued. "Kresge is a wonderful highlight, but my art practice is what I was called to do."

For more information, visit jeannebieri.com.

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this sculpture on the border as a representation of the harmony we now feel and we know will continue with Detroit," Barbara Detwiler said at the dedication.

Detroit City Councilman André Spivey described the sculpture as symbolic of

the "interweaving" of the two cities.

"We want the region to know we are neighbors and we are telling our story," he said. "More is on the way and you will like what is coming."

The 20-foot sculpture, made of stainless steel and blue crystal tiles, is centered in the roundabout and Mayor Robert Denner said new plantings and lighting will be

added soon.

The roundabout evolved over the past few years from the complete closing of Kercheval at the border with a pile of snow to a one-way entry from Detroit into the Park, with a separate exit way a half block or so from the roundabout. Park city officials believe the roundabout helps slow down traffic as it enters

the popular area known as Kercheval in the Park with its many restaurants and farmers market, making the area more pedestrian-friendly.

In addition to Park officials and administration officials, former Park Mayor Greg Theokas also attended, along with Pastor Joel Wallace from Abundant Faith Cathedral, located on Kercheval in Detroit, just a few blocks from the roundabout

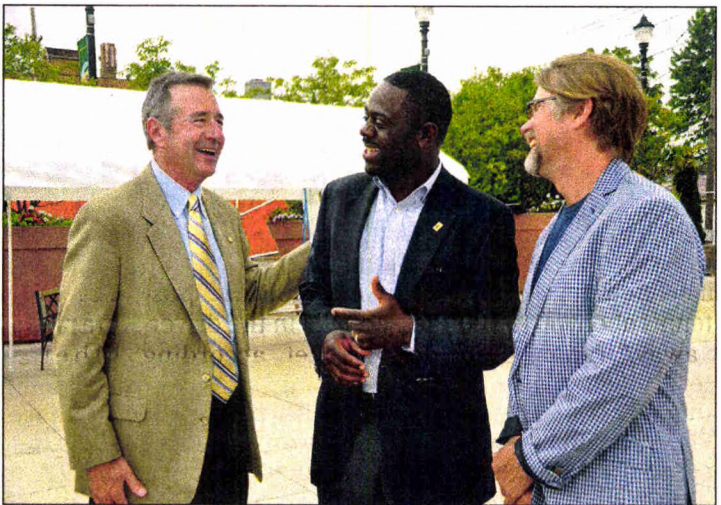


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Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Bob Denner, Detroit City Councilman André Spivey and sculpture co-creator Erik Nordin chat after the unveiling.

and members of the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation.

Plans for the sculpture were approved by the city council in February. When making the presentation to council, Israel Nordin said the concept for the project was to make it "a story people can tell."

And that story will be told, as a video of the process has been produced and will be shown as a trailer at the Park's theaters.

But in the end, as all agreed Thursday night, it is a story of two cities with smooth sailing ahead.

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Images of the bar interior and food dishes.

City of Grosse Pointe

Bikes stolen

Thieves capitalized on unattended bicycles parked in the Village Wednesday evening, Aug. 2.

An 11-year-old boy from the City of Grosse Pointe told police he parked his black BMX with red trim and rear pegs behind Starbucks, in the 17000 block of Kercheval, at 8:21 p.m. Ten minutes later it was gone.

"(He) stated he left his bicycle unsecured," said a public safety officer.

A 17-year-old Park male reported almost the same thing about his grey and green Trek mountain bike missing from racks near the front entrance to the Neighborhood Club on Waterloo at St. Clair.

"(He) stated he left his bicycle unsecured," said a public safety officer.

Club security video recorded the incident.

"At 8:18 p.m.," reported a patrolman, "I observed a light-skinned, thin-built male wearing a gray T-shirt with light-colored pants (and) black hair take a mountain bike from where (the victim) stated he left his bicycle and flee southeast through the parking lot out of view."

Another theft followed less than 24 hours later.

A City man, 39, reported his 10-year-old, \$400 Gary Fisher mountain bike stolen from Elworthy Field between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3.

"(He) stated his bike was unlocked in the tot lot at Waterloo and St. Clair while he was playing tennis about 50 to 100 feet away," reported an officer.

Gives chase

A father tried to catch a man stealing his son's 16-inch rally bicycle from the grounds of

Maire Elementary School at about 8:30 p.m. Monday, July 31.

"The father jumped on his own bike and attempted to locate the suspect, but met with negative results," reported a patrolman.

The boy had been playing on school grounds. "(He) stated an unknown man took his bike and fled eastbound on Waterloo," said the officer.

Witnesses described the suspect as tall, black and wearing a Los Angeles Lakers cap.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Pills & more

The public safety department's drug recognition expert had an easy time of it Saturday afternoon, Aug. 5.

At 12:38 p.m., a woman in a black 2007 Ford Explorer stopped beside his cruiser for a red light at the intersection of eastbound Mack and Kerby.

"I smelled a strong odor of burned marijuana," said the patrolman.

He pulled her over one block east at Moross.

"(She) handed me a marijuana cigarette that was still warm to the touch," he said.

The woman, 27, of St. Clair Shores, also possessed pills in the driver-door pocket, according to police.

"The pills require a prescription, which (she) did not have," said the officer.

Additional searching allegedly revealed more pills in the center con-

sole, bringing the total to nearly 50 doses of antidepressants, tranquilizers and Extra Strength Excedrin.

"(She said) the vehicle is not registered to her, but she is the only driver," said the officer.

Police arrested her for possession of marijuana and synthetic narcotics.

Drunken driver

A man with a fake \$100 on his person and .17 percent blood alcohol content in his veins was arrested shortly before 2:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, at the intersection of Mack and Moross, according to police.

A tow truck driver alerted a public safety officer in the area of the man driving erratically.

The suspect, a 31-year-old man from Warren, initially refused to take a Breathalyzer test, according to police, but relented about 1 1/2 hours later.

Admits it

A woman didn't resist arrest at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, for operating a motor vehicle on eastbound Mack near Labelle while under the influence of drugs.

"She admitted smoking marijuana 10 to 15 minutes prior to the traffic stop," reported the arresting officer.

The woman, 27, of Detroit, allegedly drew the officer's attention by swerving between lanes.

She also possessed a 111-gram commercial marijuana brownie labeled, "Nicely Toasted," according to the officer.

Yanks nozzle

At 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, an off-duty Farms public

safety officer informed colleagues of a motorist driving from the BP station on Mack at Moross with a gasoline nozzle attached to the fuel tank opening of a black Volkswagen ESD.

Police arrested the suspect, a 59-year-old Farms man, during a roadside investigation approximately two blocks away in the area of Roland and Maison.

"The suspect reeked of intoxicants," said the off-duty officer.

The man registered a .15 percent blood alcohol level, which is more than three times the legal maximum to operate a motor vehicle in Michigan.

A search of the Volkswagen revealed an open bottle of vodka, according to police.

Spilled soda

A physical altercation between a man and his teenage son at home in the 400 block of Madison shortly before 7 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, resulted in the father being taken to a hospital for treatment of a head laceration, according to police.

The son left the scene for a short time during which public safety officers ventilated the house of a potentially dangerous mixture of chlorine and Lysol that had been spilled while cleaning an overturned soft drink which started the whole thing, according to police.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

No noise

Two public safety officers responding to a Stonehurst resident's complaint at 9:40 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, of kids on neighboring property yelling and disturbing the peace were unable to verify the matter, but said they'd give the area extra attention.

Hacked

A Shores resident discovered late July someone hacked his PayPal account and made three withdrawals of \$75 each.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Tips taken

A white male with a beard, approximately 30 years old, was seen at 8:20 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, taking the tip jar from the counter of a restaurant in the 15000 block of Kercheval. He fled through the front door.

Kayak taken

A red and white Phoenix kayak was taken from the rack at Patterson Park sometime between noon Friday, July 28, and 9 a.m. Monday, July 31.

MDOP

A resident in the 1400 block of Maryland reported to police that sometime between 3 p.m. Sunday, July 30, and 1 p.m. Monday, July 31, someone entered his house through a window

and spray painted graffiti on a wall.

UDAA

A 2000 Dodge Neon was taken sometime overnight Wednesday, Aug. 2, from the street in the 1100 block of Wayburn.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Break in

When police responded at 6:12 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, to an alarm from a cellphone store in the 19000 block of Mack, they found the back door pried open but no one in the store. A review of security camera footage showed at least two suspects entered the store, went through the office, attempted to open the locked safe and fled by 6:13 a.m. It appeared nothing was taken from the store and police continue to investigate.

Hit and run

The owner of a Yukon parked his car in the parking bay at Mack and Huntington while having breakfast at a restaurant on Mack. When he returned to his car at 10:15 a.m., he found damage to the driver's side from the front tire to the bumper from what appears to have been a white car striking his vehicle. No note was left.

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

EXCUSES:

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plays games on his phone, thinking maybe someone mistook what he was doing with his hands."

Questioned by detectives, the man gave a third possibility, according to Rohr:

"(The suspect) volunteered he had poison ivy around the time of the complaint and speculated he may have been scratching or shaking his calamine lotion so he could apply it to his affected area, but denies the allegations."

"The Shores complainant was able to identify him," said Farms Detective Lt. Richard Rosati. "We have a positive ID on ours, too."

Within minutes of the Shores report, a City of Grosse Pointe sergeant pulled over Bevard speeding a brown 1997 Chevrolet pickup on

Jefferson near Fisher.

Although they detained him at the time, Shores

and Farms authorities

lacked evidence for arrests until this month.

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I SAY By Mary Anne Brush

Listening is a gift

With age comes wisdom. But what good is that wisdom if no one cares to listen?

In the last decade or so of her life, my mother used to complain about feeling “marginalized.” She was no longer the center of her children’s lives, her grandchildren, as much as they adored her, were so entertained by each other during family gatherings they didn’t always pay attention to her and men ceased to notice her. This last remark struck me as odd coming from a woman in her 80s. Looking back, I realize she wasn’t looking to be leered or whistled at. She just missed the days when she could turn men’s heads. After all, in addition to her wit and intelligence, it was her great legs that first attracted my father to the tall, slim brunette he would later ask to marry him.

My parents told my three children the story of that first meeting and subsequent courtship during one of their frequent visits to Michigan. Likely they wouldn’t have shared the story if my children hadn’t asked. I’m so glad they did. Many years later, it’s a treasured memory. In turn, my kids’ rapt attention was a gift to their grandparents — a tribute to a long marriage and life well lived.

The story goes like this. My father was a young professor at Yale. My mother, a teacher at the Spence School for Girls in Manhattan, was visiting New Haven with her cousin, Tom, and a group of friends to watch the boat races. Someone invited my father along. He was captivated by the rapport between my mother and Tom. “They had so much fun together,” he said. He assumed they were boyfriend and girlfriend, only discovering the true nature of their relationship at the end of the weekend before he and my mother parted ways.

My father accompanied my mother to the train station. They exchanged phone numbers, my father proposing a visit to New York. No definitive plans were made to see each other again, but my mother said when she turned from the steps while boarding, their eyes met in a silent, mutual exchange. She compared the moment to the song, “Some Enchanted Evening,” when “you may see a stranger across a crowded room.”

I’m grateful for that moment as well as many others my children enjoyed with their grandparents. By sharing their stories and memories, my parents passed along a lasting legacy. There are few family gatherings that do not include mention of one of my mother’s stories or my father’s jokes or lines from one of his poems. We even have a private family Facebook page dedicated to their memory.

Imagine if more young people reached out to the elderly. It could be a grandparent, neighbor or stranger in a nursing home. The kids would be enriched by the knowledge that comes with age and experience. Hearing tales of a childhood different from their own, but with commonalities, would teach compassion and empathy. They would be all the wiser from listening, even if just to a romantic tale of how two people’s eyes met across a crowded train station some enchanted evening.

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COURTESY OF DIANA LANGLOIS

Pure Grosse Pointe

Grosse Pointer Diana Langlois took this photo along Lakeshore, south of Vernier, over the weekend, commenting, “Summer flowers on a peaceful, quiet Saturday morning in Grosse Pointe Shores. Love this photo of our community.”

LETTERS

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

Not optimistic

While usually an optimist, I am the most pessimistic I have been in six decades about the competence and performance of American government at all levels. President Trump is

ill-prepared and erratic, governing through the chaos of “tweets.” He may not serve out his term if his implication with Russian espionage turns out to be very serious. I hope that will not be the case, because his premature departure might destabilize

the country at home and muddle our foreign relationships. I believe the president has made harmful appointments to attorney general, Environmental Protection Agency administrator and the departments of interior and education. At the state of Michigan level, I suggest Gov. Snyder during his current second term has governed ineptly, without focus and with severely bad consequences for Michiganders. Prime examples are his shameful toleration of his appointees’ negligence in the Flint water and unemployment compensation debacles. We need to elect a sav-

vier, more responsive and inspiring Michigan governor and replace most of the Legislature with people who are not anti-Detroit. Mike Duggan has done a good job as mayor of Detroit, as far as I can see, but the department which razes blighted homes has not performed safely or accountably. As to the Grosse Pointes, I feel we’re generally well led and the biggest challenge will be maintaining our world-class schools in the face of a retrograde tax regime. What do you think? Write the editor and let me know. BILL HODGMAN Grosse Pointe Park

GUEST COLUMN By Dick Resch

Designing a solution to our nation’s productivity crisis

America is mired in a productivity crisis. According to the most recent government data, American workers’ productivity the last decade has grown at less than half the annual rate it did between 2000 and 2007. Last year, our collective level of productivity edged up just 0.2 percent. Compare that to the late 1990s, when productivity jumped an average of 2.8 percent a year.

This lack of productivity growth is behind a host of economic ills, including our sluggish economy and stagnant wages.

Employers must make work a better place to be. They can start by designing and building more engaging workplaces, ones that empower people to work in ways that suit them best. Treating workers as individuals with unique work styles and needs will boost engagement — and make them more productive in the process.

The productivity crisis has real dollars-and-cents consequences. Gallup reports 16 percent of workers are actively disengaged. They’re “miserable” and “destroy what the most engaged employees build.” The tab for that behavior is outrageous — between \$483 billion and \$605 billion a year in lost productivity.

Just more than half of workers are neither engaged nor disengaged at work — “they’re just there,” as Gallup put it.

Only one-third of workers are “engaged” — invested in their organization and trusted, respected and heard by leadership.

That’s a problem, given that “engaged” and “productive” are effectively synonymous.

There are plenty of ways to turn this state of affairs around — investing in worker training and development; improving communication between bosses and the rank and file; and offering more flexible working arrangements, to name a few.

Better workplace design can facilitate all three — and more.

For example, employers who encourage their charges to get up and move around throughout the workday have seen big productivity gains.

One study of Bank of America’s call centers found giving staff the opportunity and space to interact with one another over scheduled breaks increased “cohesion” — that is, how tightly the staff felt connected to one another — by 18 percent. The level of stress reported by employees decreased 6 percent and employee turnover fell 28 percentage points, to just 12 percent.

The workers in the study collectively performed better — and in so doing saved the company some \$15 million a year.

That space for interaction can take a variety of forms — every-

thing from outdoor walking paths that enable impromptu meetings to stairwells at the center of the office that can double as stadium-seating for company-wide meetings.

These are the sorts of environments wherein millennials spent their college years working. And they’re what this youngest generation of workers expects in the workplace. Employers have little choice but to accommodate their desire for “collegiate design.” After all, millennials now are the single-largest cohort within the U.S. labor force.

Unfortunately, employers haven’t been doing so. Only 16 percent say their workplaces comport to the preferences of this newer crop of workers. It’s no wonder 89 percent of new hires say they feel “lost in transition” in the workplace. That feeling manifests itself in higher turnover — and lower productivity.

Making American workers even slightly more productive could pay billions of dollars in economic dividends. Those dollars would redound throughout the economy in the form of higher wages, greater profits, additional tax revenue and more upward mobility for workers.

Will employers make the workplace great again? Billions of dollars are riding on it.

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Procession, dedication honor fallen heroes

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

A project started more than a year ago is nearly to fruition, thanks to the combined efforts of local probation officer Katherine Sarvis-Adamski, former Harper Woods Fire Chief Sean P. Gunnery and AMVETS Post 57 Commander Ray T. Lacey Jr.

The team moved one step closer to its project — creating a permanent home for a chunk of I-beam pulled from the wreckage of Ground Zero following terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in 2001 — with the relocation of Artifact I-0061c to the AMVETS Post 57 in Harper Woods.

More than 70 motorcyclists from the AMVETS Post 29 and Post 57 Riders, arranged by Doug Rallo, president of the AMVETS Post 57 Riders, joined military vehicles and public safety vehicles from Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods in escorting a truck carrying the artifact from Warren through Detroit to its new home



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Kathy Sarvis-Adamski and AMVETS Post 57 Commander Ray Lacey Jr., stand by the 911 memorial.

at I-94 and Allard.

The transport was handled by Sabistone Building Supply in Warren, where the memorial was housed during winter. The Warren and Harper Woods police departments handled traffic during the procession.

"I thought it needed to have a final resting area," said Sarvis-Adamski. "It's a piece of history that people are starting to forget. This history is what is most important to me. Ask a kid on the street what 911 is and

they don't know. But it's a part of history just like a world war. This will be maintaining history and how we should be proud to be Americans. Let's not forget."

Each rider was given a patch, designed by Sarvis-Adamski and donated by her mother, Paula Sarvis, and husband, Michael Adamski. A plaque soon will be added to the memorial, as will a storyboard, created by Signs by Tomorrow.

Sarvis-Adamski said the Aug. 5 procession culminates with a dedication

ceremony at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, at the AMVETS hall, 19730 Harper.

The public is welcome to the ceremony, which includes an invocation by suffragan Bishop D.L. Bradley, pastor of Bethlehem Temple Apostolic Faith Church, Clinton Township, as well as a few words from Gunnery, who was instrumental in the project.

Sarvis-Adamski's 13-year-old niece, Rhoby Rausch, will sing the national anthem and "God Bless America" and bagpipers from the Metro Detroit Police and Fire Pipes and Drums will perform.

The evening's keynote speaker, John Tyler Iacovetta, was in fifth grade and 9 years old attending PS 20 grade school in Queens when the towers fell. Iacovetta, who enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 2009, will share his story with attendees.

The installation and accompanying ceremony are not only meant to remember those lost and saved during the attacks, but those who serve the country every day, Sarvis-

On a clear Tuesday morning, September 11, 2001 at 8:45 am, a series of four attacks occurred, coordinated by nineteen Al-Qaeda Islamic Terrorists.

Four passenger airplanes, carrying innocent and unaware passengers, departing from Northeastern United States and bound for California, were hijacked.

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Miles away, American Airlines Flight #77 with five hijackers aboard, crashed into the Pentagon. United Airlines Flight #93, presumably heading for a target in Washington, DC, instead crashed into a field in Shanksville, PA, because of the heroics and sacrifices of American Patriot Citizens.

This memorial is to honor those lives lost and saved on September 11, 2001. Paying tribute to the First Responders who sacrificed their lives for love of Country and Freedom.

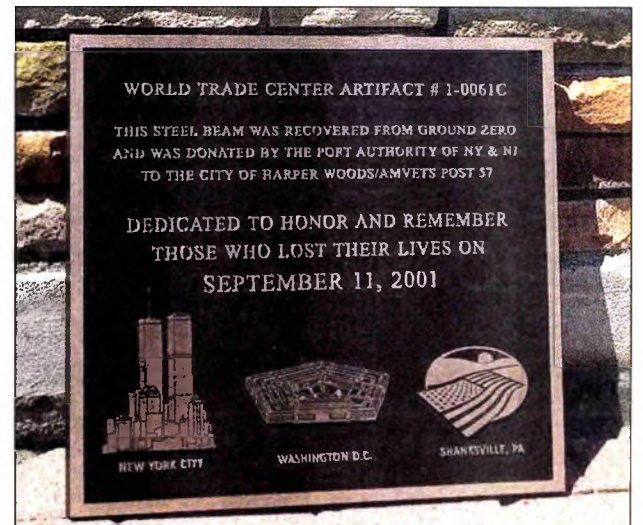
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This storyboard will be installed near the monument.



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This plaque will be secured on the monument at a future date.

Adamski said.

"It's important for us to carry on a part of history so people don't forget about the perils that first

responders and the military go through all the time," she said. "We need to thank those who keep us safe."

Artisans wanted for Nov. 4 market

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The fourth annual Artisans' Market, hosted by the Friends of the Harper Woods Library, takes place 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. Several vendors already are lined up for the fundraiser, but few tables still are open for interested vendors.

"We really want to showcase local artists," said Mary Kingston, Friends president. "We've had artists from all over

— Harper Woods, Grosse Pointe, St. Clair Shores, Clinton Township, Detroit. We want to get local artists' names out there and we want to get people into the library.

"This is a feel-good way to give local artists some publicity," she continued. "This is one of the most fun things we do."

Past markets have featured metal sculptures, wooden Christmas decorations, jewelry, scarves, purses, quilts and sweets. This year, Kingston said some of the featured

products include jewelry, photography and paintings. A silversmith also will be in attendance.

The Harper Woods Library underwent renovations in 2005 and was the first public library to earn a LEED Green Building Award, "so it's fitting that we're showcasing local artists who make things by themselves from scratch," Kingston said. "A few of our artists use recycled items for their art."

Space is limited to 20 vendors and 17 spots already have been filled, but Kingston said any interested artisan should still submit their name

and information in case there's a cancellation or two.

"And we'll keep them in mind for next year," she said.

Cost to use a 2-by-6-foot table is \$20.

"Artists pay \$20 for a table and whatever they sell, that's theirs to keep," Kingston said. "The money we collect goes to the Friends of the Library for different programs ... We speak with the library director to see who needs what."

The market is set up in the library's lower level conference room and lobby. During the event, the library's Heritage

Room — "It's like a mini museum with things from Harper Woods history," Kingston said — will be open to visitors as well.

"The Artisans' Market has been a lot of fun," Kingston said. "We get a

steady crowd, but we want an even bigger crowd to come."

For more information or to become a vendor at the market, call Kingston at (313) 881-7797 or Kathleen Carlson at (313) 343-0297.

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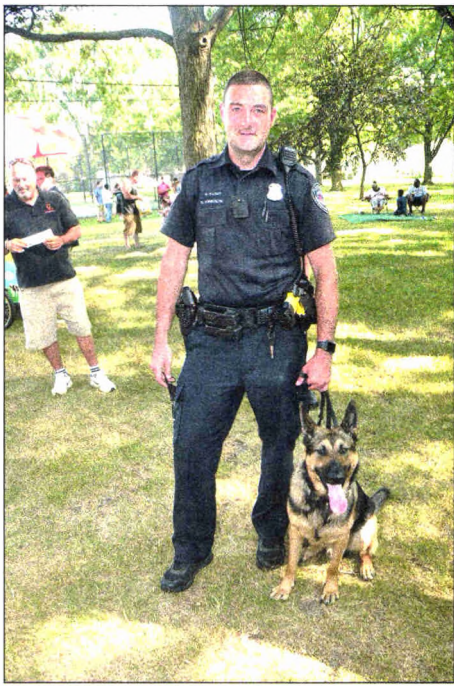
8A | HARPER WOODS



Night Out for neighbors

Harper Woods hosted a National Night Out event at Johnston Park Tuesday, Aug. 1, featuring a U.S. Customs and Border Patrol helicopter, musical entertainment, bounce houses, raffles, food and safety and health tips. Above, Harper Woods Fire Department Lt. Kevin Kochan, FD Capt. David Mehl and Eddie Tujaka of the Harper Woods Public Safety Department talk to kids about fire safety and what to do in case of a house fire. Right, Harper Woods K9 Officer Stephen Johnson and Kaiser also were on hand.

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Schnikka Prince and Karen Prince listen as Brian Robinson, supplemental air crew for U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, tells them about the AS350 helicopter.

Harper Woods planning commissioners show support

By Michael Cowan
Special Writer

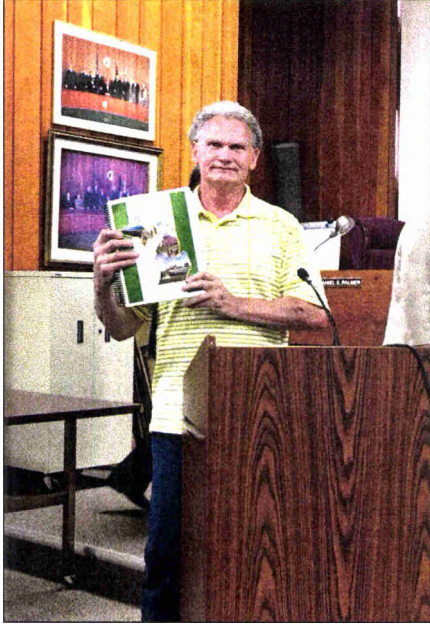
When members of the Harper Woods Planning Commission sought to sharpen their skills for supporting and guiding their city, they entered the Michigan State University Extension Citizen Planner Program.

Their aim in taking part in the program was to gain skills that would help in their role as city planners and managers. But when one member of the commission was unable to attend, they made sure he had the materials and information the course offered. They also made sure to let him know how much his work over the years has been appreciated.

Neil Patterson, now in his 48th year on the Harper Woods Planning Commission, was recognized for his dedication to the group at a recent planning commission meeting. Patterson, who currently is vice chairman of the commission, did not attend the planner program so he could tend to his late wife in her last months. The rest of the commission obtained class materials for Patterson and gave him those materials at the commission's regular meeting.

But they also did more. At the meeting, they noted Patterson's more than four decades of service to the city of Harper Woods.

The soft-spoken Patterson said of the ceremony, "I felt good. I was happy to have the materi-



Harper Woods Planning Commission Chairman Greg Vargo presents a Citizens Planner Program manual on behalf of the planning commission to Neil Patterson for nearly 48 years of support and encouragement.

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als. It was a great thing for the planning commission (to offer the materials)."

Greg Vargo, chairman of the Planning Commission, has known Patterson more than two decades.

"First, Neil is a modest, humble and giving individual," Vargo said. "(He is) a man whose heart surpasses his stature. Neil is low key and unassuming. He's both a friend and colleague. Neil has been a perfect fit as a Harper Woods planning commissioner for more than 40 years. He's never been out for the limelight. He has welcomed many new commissioners and unfortunately has bid farewell to a few as well. He's outlasted the test of time and blends well with the new millennial commissioners presently at the table. His unfettering support at the commission meetings tends to solicit responses from

the younger members. I could not ask for a better vice chairman at my side."

The Michigan Citizen Planner Program, according to its literature, "provides time-tested educational programs on important local issues that are proven to be comprehensive without being overwhelming. The program is offered locally to provide a convenient way for busy volunteer community leaders to obtain the latest technical knowledge and information they need to perform their duties more effectively and responsibly."

Citizen Planner Coordinator Janean Danca said, "I think the decision to honor Neil Patterson for his commitment and service is testimony to a community that is close and well directed. Citizen Planner was pleased to be able to contribute to his recognition."

LIBRARY:

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mark it on their reading record. After every 100 books, the child shows a librarian the reading record to get a prize and move their name marker up on the progress wall.

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For more information, visit the library, call (313) 343-2575 or visit harperwoodslibrary.org.

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Visit the Michigan Activity Pass website — plymouthrockets.com/map2016 — and follow the instructions. The website has a link to a tutorial — or ask a librarian for help.

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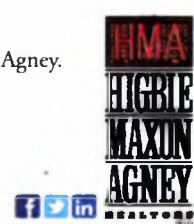
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Behind the scenes and to the future GPT ready for next adventure

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

This is the second article in a two-part series about Grosse Pointe Theatre.

This fall, Grosse Pointe Theatre embarks on its 70th season — and its first in more than five decades in a new venue.

Due to upcoming changes at The War Memorial's Fries Auditorium — where GPT has performed since 1962 — the theater group looks forward to being hosted at various venues this season as it searches for a permanent theater home.

The group is up to the challenge.

"When you love what you do, you find a way to do it and do it well," said Patricia Ellis, GPT member since 1982. "It's all about collaboration and problem solving. We get such tremendous support from community, support from sponsors, companies that want to do something to benefit people we reach through what we do. We have an appreciation of everybody who supports us going forward."

View from backstage

There's more to a main-stage performance than what meets the eye. Not only do the actors onstage rehearse countless hours to entertain audiences, but theater members who perform behind the scenes are just as integral.

From set design and construction, sewing costumes and building props to lighting, sound and choreography, there are jobs for every skill set.

"There's 100 people here on a Saturday morning," said Theresa Selvaggio, immediate past president of the GPT board of directors. "It's impressive."

Added group historian and



PHOTOS BY PATRICIA A. ELLIS

Clockwise from top left, Grosse Pointe Theater member Jim Arnold often is seen volunteering in the scene shop building sets for stage productions; Elaine Dozois Smith lends her expertise creating costumes for Grosse Pointe Theatre, including the gown worn by Belle in "Disney's Beauty and the Beast"; Grosse Pointe Theatre members, from left, Jason Oyler, Paula DiSante, Jacqueline DiSante, Peter DiSante and Ed O'Sullivan, volunteer their time on stage and in the scene shop for several productions; Kathy Conlon, set designer and scenic artist, works with historic stencil designs to create the set for Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "Hello Dolly!" Mike Clyne is seen painting in the background.

board member Dale Pegg, "That funnels to the stage. For us, it's a chance to give back to the community. For them, it's an evening out within a few miles of home."

William Giovan, a theater member since 1954, said no matter the talent, GPT has a place for all.

"The group accommodates

different levels of participation," he said. "Some people are here all day every day and others come for a while, are active and then recede."

Giovan said even though he's the longest-standing member of GPT, his biggest dedication is to law. The Wayne County judge said he often has taken time off from theater because of work.

"But I always felt when I came back, no matter what, I had a certain residue of friends here," he said. "That's something that lasts, something that's always there."

"Anyone who wants to be part, regardless of what their talents are, even if they don't think they have any, we welcome them," Ellis said.

"If you want to audition, they'll do workshops before you audition," Selvaggio said. "They want to invest in you. You have talent you haven't discovered, but the people here will find it. There's something here for everyone."

Selvaggio said the group is

excited about its next generation of leaders, including Kevin Fitzhenry.

"He's our social media expert, director, actor, board member," she said. "We feel good about that. We want this to go on and on. We need to nurture our future leaders."

"When I first joined, it was specifically to play Charlie Brown in 'You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown,'" said Fitzhenry, who has been with GPT nine years. "I stuck around because of who I met. They're nice, polite. I made friends the first day. I stayed for the next show and the next show. It's fun and it's hard work, but it's great to be a part of an organization that's been around 70 years. There are no strangers here. It's one big family. It's great that feeling I get when I walk in the door. To be a part of that process is a wonderful thing."

That's the ticket

Along with the family-like

ambiance of its membership,

the key to GPT's success is its fan base.

"The key element to our existence is the season ticket clientele," Fisk said. "My mother was one of the original season-ticket holders. She had her tickets with two or three friends They'd sit in the same spot on the same night, year in, year out. When my mother passed away, my aunt called me up and said, 'What are you going to do with the tickets?'"

Ellis has her aunt and uncle's season tickets.

"You don't want to lose them," she said. "They're a hot-ticket item."

As GPT moves into its seventh decade, it is embracing the change coming with it, though it's counting on continued support from its patrons.

"We're grateful for the community's support," Selvaggio said. "At 69, we have just broken a ticket sales record for shows in a time period. We

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Costumers, from left, Fiona Parker, Cindy Pytel, Ginger Hupp and Mary Ann Bury, created the costumes, hats and accessories for Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "Hello Dolly!"

Happy Half Birthday



Suzanne Antonelli, CFP®
Wealth Advisor

When you ask a toddler how old he is, he responds with a resounding 3½! When we are little those half years seem so important. In retirement planning, half birthdays, at least two, are vitally important.

The first hallmark half

birthday to celebrate is the 59½ milestone; at this age you may withdraw from your IRA without a penalty. Distributions are taxed as ordinary income, but they are not subject to the 10% tax penalty for early withdrawal.

The second half birthday celebration is at 70½, generally the United States Treasury is celebrating for you. At 70½ you are required to take minimum distributions from your retirement accounts based on your life expectancy (different rules apply if your spouse is 10 years younger). These required distributions are referred to as your RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) or your MRD (Minimum Required Distribution).

When working with clients, developing a long-term cash flow plan for them to provide for their retirement spending is the foundation of any successful financial plan. When considering your withdrawal options it pays to know the rules and to consider the long-term consequences of your choices. An example will illustrate.

George and Mary are in the 15% tax bracket and living comfortably on their pensions, social security, and periodic withdrawals from their savings. They decided to wait until they are required to take distributions and let their IRA balances grow tax deferred.

Mary and George turned

70½ this year and their combined IRA balances on December 31, 2016 were \$2.5M; their RMD is 3.65% of that balance, or \$91,250. They have just crossed into the 25% tax bracket and their withdrawal is taxed at 25% instead of 15%. In 2018, they will be in the 28% tax bracket (their balances will continue to grow, and as they get older their life expectancy is less and their RMD percentage is higher). It is only a matter of time until they cross over to the 33% or higher federal income tax bracket. Could this have been avoided? Quite possibly. George and Mary could have been converting their IRAs to Roth IRAs for the last 11 years, certainly topping off the 15% tax

bracket, and depending on other factors the 25% tax bracket. The amount they convert to a Roth IRA is taxed as ordinary income, but it grows tax-free, withdrawals are tax-free and not subject to RMDs.

George and Mary cannot go back in time and change their decision. They can mitigate their taxes by using their RMD to make direct gifts to charity if they have a cause they would like to support. There may also be an opportunity in the next year if there are significant changes in the tax laws. Regardless, it is imperative to know the rules and the long-term consequences of your choices in retirement planning. Consult your advisor for the tax

implications of your decisions.

All questions or comments are welcome.

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

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Grosse Pointe Theatre auditions for '1940's Radio Hour'

Grosse Pointe Theatre hosts open auditions for the December production of "The 1940's Radio Hour," 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, and Sunday, Aug. 20, at the theater's rehearsal studio, 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe.

With a book by Walton Jones, based on an idea by Walton Jones and Carol Lees, with music by various composers, "The 1940's Radio Hour" is set during Christmas 1942. The world was at war and everyone pulled together for the cause. Everyone looked out for each other and knew how to make their lives more enjoyable through the magic of radio. The performance takes its audience inside the studio where the cast and crew of "Mutual Manhattan Variety



Cavalcade" are getting ready for a live broadcast to the folks at home and troops overseas. It's an evening of music, commercial ditties and rich memories of the era.

Directed by Marty Bufalini, "The 1940's Radio Hour" is presented through special arrangement with Samuel French Inc.

Call the ticket office at (313) 881-4004 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday for script availability. For more information, visit gpt.org.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Tai Chi

Tai Chi is offered this August at Grosse Pointe Shores Osius Park at 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 6:15 p.m. Tuesdays. Advanced classes are offered as half-hour add-ons after Monday morning and Tuesday evening classes. Thursday morning is a beginner balance class. Register at the GPS pool office, 800 Lakeshore. Cost is \$50 for six weeks for residents, \$55 for non-residents. Contact instructor Jennifer Silverston at jennifer.silverston.com.

Community Connect

The Alzheimer's Association's Community Connect program offers its Memory Cafe at the Cabbage Patch Cafe, 15110 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park. People living in all stages of dementia and their care partners are invited to spend time together, sharing stories while enjoying a meal. The next meeting is 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 10. Advanced registration is required. Call (800) 272-3900.

BNI

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, Aug. 11, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe

Artists Association presents the following programs:

◆ "A Morning Out with GPAA," 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The elderly and people with dementia, with their care partners, are invited to discuss art appreciation with GPAA members and create their own artwork to take home. Programs also are scheduled Aug. 25, Sept. 8 and 22 and Oct. 6 and 20. Registration is required.

◆ GPAA invites students of GPAA teachers along with independent artists to exhibit in "Art Makers at The War Memorial," Tuesday, Aug. 29, to Friday, Sept. 29. Deadline for entries is Wednesday, Aug. 16. A reception is planned 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10.

◆ "Pastel Passions," a solo show by Scott Brown, is displayed through Thursday, Aug. 17, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ The documentary "12th and Clairmount" will be viewed at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Registration is required. Call (800) 272-3900.

East English

The East English Village Association hosts its annual neighborhood-wide garage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, and Sunday, Aug. 13. EEV, consisting of 2,200 homes and businesses, is located on the far east side of Detroit between Harper and Mack and Whittier/Outer Drive and Cadieux. Shoppers can stop by 4240 Kensington to pick up a map of participating households. Contact Kathy Roddie at (313) 882-1646 or residential@eastenglishvilage.org.

Reunions

Grosse Pointe South High School's class of 1992 hosts its 25th reunion, "Let's Go Into the Mystic," 7:30 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at 2556 Michigan Ave., Detroit. Cost is \$75 per person and includes small bites, music and cocktails by Two James Spirits. Casual chic attire is requested. Registration is required by Saturday, Aug. 12, by emailing ash.leygrice@gmail.com.

Grosse Pointe North High School's class of 1972 hosts its 45th reunion 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park Community Center. Visit gpn1972reunion.myevent.com for details.

Grosse Pointe North High School's class of 1977 celebrates its 40-year reunion 7 to 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at Country Club of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cost is \$75 and includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, a DJ and cash bar. Dress is business casual; no denim. Email Gene LoVasco at glovasco@lovascogroup.com.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 14, at the Mary Ellen Stemple University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielak at (313) 884-4201.

Libraries

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

◆ 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, Blues in the Stacks, with The Paul Carey Group. The event includes food by Village Food Market and an open bar. Proceeds support library programming. Ewald branch, 15175

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

◆ 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21, view the solar eclipse. Registration includes solar viewer glasses, a glow-in-the-dark wristband, children's activities and more.

◆ 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, "Seed Saving Workshop" with Ben Cohen of Small House Farm.

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

◆ 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, the movie "Trolls" is shown.

◆ 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21, view the solar eclipse. Registration includes solar viewer glasses, a glow-in-the-dark wristband, children's activities and more.

Rotary

Melanie Taylor is the featured speaker for the next Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Taylor was selected as the scholarship winner at the 60th annual Distinguished Young Woman of Michigan 2018 program. Guests are welcome to attend the meeting, which costs \$10 and includes the speaker and appetizers; a cash bar is available as well. No reservations are needed. Visit grossepointerotary.org or call John Mozena at (313) 530-6120.

SOC

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

◆ 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, learn about knee replacement surgery with Robert Ference M.D., and Yvonne Lacrosse, physical therapy assistant. Free knee assessments are included. Reservations are required.

◆ 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, "Keeping You Fit at Home: Exercises to Increase Walking Speed," with physical therapist Keith Finley. Reservations are required for this free program.

◆ 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, "In the Good Old Summertime" ice cream social. Registration is needed for this free event.

◆ 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, the movie "Brooklyn" is shown. Cost is \$2 and registration is required.

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PROUDLY SERVING THE POINTES AND SURROUNDING AREAS

Art program offers outlet to seniors, people with dementia

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Nearly 40 volunteers with the Grosse Pointe Artists Association are ready to lend a hand — and maybe an artful eye — to help combat loneliness and generate creativity among Grosse Pointe's older population.

"A Morning Out with GPAA" offers twice monthly art appreciation discussions followed by art projects for the elderly — including those with dementia — and their caregivers.

GPAA President Karen Pope said the program kicked off a couple months ago, but is growing to reach an expanded audience.

"There's a real need for this," Pope said. "I think it will be even more suc-

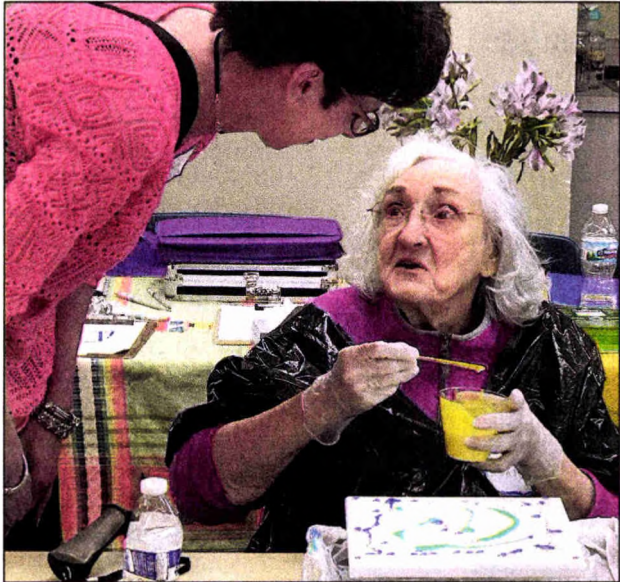


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A volunteer assists a senior with her art work.

cessful by opening it up to other people. I think this really is a morning out. It's a change of scenery. And the volunteers are so devoted to this — they're always thinking

of new projects to do, new art to share."

The program takes place 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every other Friday at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe

Farms. Upcoming dates are Aug. 11 and 25, Sept. 8 and 22, and Oct. 6 and 20.

"This is a wonderful spot to have it," Pope said. "One morning we looked at paintings of gardens, then had a discussion on the veranda and then went down to the garden to see it. Everyone was so happy."

Pope said registration is a must to ensure an adequate amount of supplies. Seniors and those with dementia must be accompanied by a caregiver.

"For the elderly in the community, they have to come with a caregiver," she said. "We do have a lot of support, so it means a respite for caregivers as well."

If someone wants to participate but can't get to The War Memorial,

Pope said to give GPAA a call.

"This is in response. We listened to the community," she said. "We have an overwhelming amount of artists who love to work with people. The attention is incredible. Every person gets so much attention."

"When you have an older person in your life, you look for things for them to do," she continued. "This activity is designed so it's accessible to older people. There's a ramp. We move at a slower pace. It's geared toward older guests and makes it easier to bring them. We really want to make them as comfortable as possible."

Pope said the program encourages interaction between families and their loved ones, too, giving

them an opportunity to reconnect.

"We want to be as comprehensive as possible," she said. "We want to really get out there and offer people a morning out that can be really fun. It's something to look forward to, something to talk about after they've been here. And it's rewarding to have people so thankful for the opportunity."

The program is free of charge thanks to the sponsorship of the Ralph C. Wilson Funds of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, Dulmage Trust, Alice Kales Hartwick Foundation, Beaumont, Nursing Unlimited and Fifth Third Bank.

For more information or to register, call (313) 881-3454 or visit grossepointeartcenter.org.

Ford House hosts Pollinator Palooza

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Edsel and Eleanor Ford House will be abuzz with activity Saturday, Aug. 19, when it hosts its first Pollinator Palooza 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Guests have the chance to mix and mingle with live butterflies, peek into a living beehive, learn about gardening for hummingbirds and check out live bats during the event, which also includes crafts.

"We added beehives to the property a few years ago because it's nice for the environment, we have the space and the ability to manage them," said Gretchen Abrams, education programs coordinator at Ford House. "All the things we're doing on the property are environmentally friendly."

For its beehives, Ford House reached out to Green Toe Gardens owners Joan Mandell and Rich Wieske, who maintain around 100 hives in the metro area, most within Detroit.

"We have trained dozens of citizen beekeepers and we do regular workshops and presentations at K-12 schools," Mandell said. "Three years ago, staff at Ford House invited us to help them develop a honeybee apiary. We set up and take care of two beehives on the island and two in the meadow. What

could be better than working with bees in the woods on Bird Island?"

Green Toe Gardens will be onsite during Pollinator Palooza, "bringing fun activities to help people learn simple things that they can do," Mandell said.

"We will have a live honeybee observation hive, a beekeeper fashion show and a wildflower seeds art project. The simple act of being outside and observing the habits of little insects is a beautiful thing."

Additionally, Rosann Kovalcik, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited, Grosse Pointe Woods, plans to discuss hummingbirds.

"We've been doing bird walks for 20-plus years with Rosann," Abrams said, adding the hummingbird talk includes how people can encourage them in their yards and information about their role in pollination.

Clinton River Watershed representatives will discuss how people can positively impact the monarch butterfly population by taking better care of home gardens by using friendlier chemicals, Abrams said.

The Organization for Bat Conservation will be onsite with live bats to discuss the role bats play in pollination and an interpreter will lead guests through a butterfly house

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Michelle Harr and Amy McIntyre

Help may be needed to transfer new skills

Q: My son does well when he is with his speech therapist, but doesn't seem able to manage his communication disability in social situations. How can I help him?

A: This can be frustrating, but hang in there. Children first need to master goals in an individual setting and then begin to transfer these skills into other environments. Often children need some assistance in transferring these skills into social situations, as well as a number of opportunities to practice these skills in their activities of daily living. The speech-language pathologist and parent(s) both can work on helping children practice the skills learned during individual therapy in several ways:

1. The SLP can use the immediate area outside the therapy room, such as a waiting room or main office, for a child to practice making eye contact and taking conversational turns with other children, parents or office staff.

2. The SLP can work directly with the parent to outline and demonstrate specific strategies a child has learned within individual therapy so the parent can help the child practice use of these strategies in other environments. For example, a

parent can set up a structured situation where a child has to practice making eye contact with one person while speaking to him or her. Once the child has practiced this successfully several times another person can be added, making it a group situation where conversational turn taking and eye contact are practiced. This way the child can build on small successful interchanges and avoid feeling overwhelmed.

3. Social pragmatic therapy groups are a great way for children to practice social skills with their peers under the direction of an SLP. Parents can inquire if a group of peers working on similar goals is available for their child.

It is important to reiterate that children need time and a number of opportunities to practice specific strategies out-

side of traditional therapy before they become habitual.

Working together, SLPs, parents and children can really help improve functional social skills.

Michelle Harr M.A., CCC-SLP and Amy McIntyre M.A., CCC-SLP together have more than 35 years experience in the field of speech pathology. They are local speech-language pathologists and partners in opening SPARC Speech and Language Services. Harr and McIntyre provide individual therapy and social communication skills groups for chil-

dren age 18 months through young adults. They may be reached via email at amymcintyre@sparcgp.com or michelleharr@sparcgp.com. Visit the SPARC website at sparcgp.com.

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sold out January, which is unheard of. We're grateful. That's why we meet and greet after a show — not to hear how great we are, but to say thank you, we need you. We're grateful for their support and we're depending on them to continue to support us."

Added Giovan, "That's particularly important now that we're turning a big corner. We're wondering how loyal our fans are going to be."

Looking ahead

For the first time in decades, GPT won't perform at Fries Auditorium this coming season, rather it will host perfor-

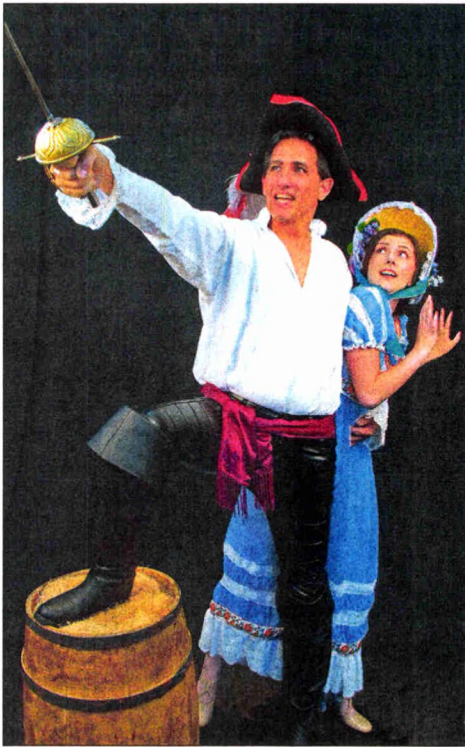
mances at various locations.

Fisk said GPT is fortunate to have the support of the Grosse Pointe Public School System and University Liggett School in the months ahead.

"They worked really hard for us to have little 3 1/2-week blocks," Fisk said. "They recognize our value to the community and have been generous in their enthusiasm to help us."

GPT has gone to great lengths to make the transition as seamless as possible for ticket buyers.

"Season ticket holders are used to sitting in the same seats, same nights," Fisk said. "We've put a tremendous amount of time to try to get tickets on the same night, in as



Grosse Pointe Theatre's 70th season kicks off with "Pirates of Penzance" Sept. 17.

PHOTO BY DALE PEGG

close to the same place as we can, but the layouts of three theaters are different than The War Memorial. We're appreciative of those staying and sensitive that this is going to be different.

"We're offering complimentary valet service for four shows where parking is more of a challenge," he continued. "We're not at all concerned with the ability of our group to make it work. It'll be a challenge,

but we'll be fine. I just want our patrons to have a delightful experience."

The group has added a fourth musical to its repertoire this coming season as well.

"This may be a huge rebirth," Giovan said. "As much as we appreciated the opportunity to perform at The War Memorial, it was not built as a theater stage We've all got our fingers crossed if and when a new theater comes about we'll finally have something that's an all-accommodating theater with the technical requirements."

"We're not raising the ticket price," Selvaggio said. "We will not have patrons pay the price for this disruption. We'll find a way. We just want their loyalty and support."

"We continue to look forward," she added. "What can we do to get better? What can we do to make our patrons happy? What can we do to make our organization stronger? What can we do to make our scholarship program better? We're coming off one of the best years ever. Strength is good. That's because of our patrons. We feel their support."

Tickets went on sale Monday, Aug. 7.

"For the price of a ticket at the Fisher, you can probably buy two season tickets to Grosse Pointe Theatre, Fisk said. "This is an exciting time for Grosse Pointe Theatre," Fitzhenry added. "We've always had tremendous support and tremendous people working at this. The way to rectify this is important to us, but also to the community. No one's dreading this. Having to move is not a big deal to me. Everybody's excited about it. There's energy and enthusiasm. We're excited to get to work on this."

For more information, visit gpt.org.

Correction: In part one of this series, published Aug. 3, the correct spelling of the name of a founding member of Grosse Pointe Theatre is Phyllis Reeve.

Act Two

Grosse Pointe Theatre offers more than its main-stage performances.

The group has a long history of giving back to the community, including performing community outreach and engagement, donating funds to charity and adopting families during the holidays. It also offers educational classes, including acting, playwriting, set design and set construction, as well as special programs for youth and the community.

Youth on Stage

Its Youth on Stage program, started in the late 1990s by Jef and Kathy Fisk, provides theater arts opportunities to interested children and teens.

"It was initially an educational program with little performance," Jef Fisk said. "It involved children learning theater and arts. It was successful."

"A couple years later I decided to hand it off and it shifted toward children's theater," he continued. "Each semester they put on a production. It's a popular program. The kids have a blast."

Ages 8 to 14 are invited to learn tricks of the trade from GPT members, who hope to impart more than just acting chops.

"It teaches the life skills of theater," GPT immediate past president Theresa Selvaggio said, "discipline, collaboration, trust, how to be on time, how to listen — the lessons learned for all of us."

This season, Youth on Stage performs "A Christmas Carol" in November and "High School Musical Jr." in April at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack.

Purdon Studio Theatre

Through GPT's non-traditional Purdon Studio Theatre, also known as black-box theater, a small cast performs in an intimate setting that offers performers and audiences the opportunity to connect in a way that's different from larger stage productions. Purdon Studio Theatre, which expands GPT's performance repertoire, was created at the bequest of the late Carol and Jac Purdon, who were longtime theater members. This season, Purdon Studio Theatre performs "Other Desert Cities" in February, also at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church.

Scholarships

GPT offers a scholarship program, presenting awards each spring to graduating high school seniors who compete for scholarships to fund a portion of tuition to performing arts schools and camps or a college of their choice.

The program, which began more than 40 years ago, raises funds through concession sales and donations from members and patrons.

Since 2006, approximately 136 students have auditioned and applied for scholarships, and 71 scholarships totaling more than \$60,800 have been awarded.

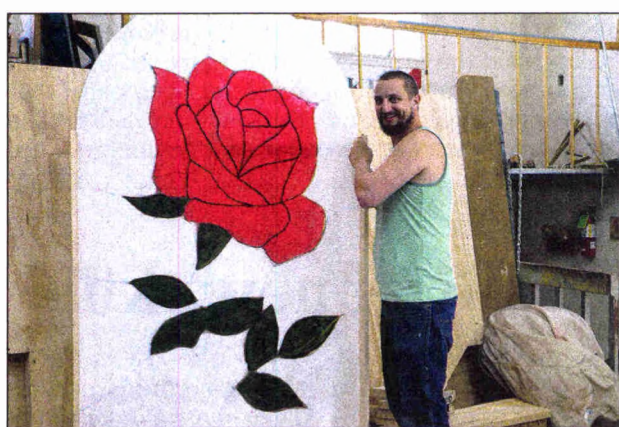
Past winners include Andrew Keenan-Bolger, who has received Broadway and national theater acclaim.

Antonio Cipriano, a University Liggett School student and GPT scholarship winner, recently won a Sutton Foster Ovation Award and was a finalist for a Jimmy Award for his work.

"There's so much talent in this community," Fisk said.

For more information, call (313) 881-4004 or visit gpt.org.

—Jody McVeigh



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Top, Justin Hawley, technical director and set designer for Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "Disney's Beauty and the Beast," dedicates countless hours getting the set ready for the main stage. Left, several Grosse Pointe Theatre members pitched in to move equipment from The War Memorial auditorium to get ready for their new performance space.



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PALOOZA:

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and discuss plants from which butterflies get nectar and what they use as host plants.

Grosse Pointe Farms author Elizabeth Weigandt will sell copies of her book, "Queen Bee," and talk about how bees have

inspired her, Abrams said.

The event rounds out with hands-on activities for adults and children, including making bee hotels, painting rocks and making seed bombs.

"We have a great little pocket of science going on here," Abrams said. "It's a fun few hours to spend."

"It's important to educate the

public about the things we do here that are setting standards for environmental stewardship," she continued. "Plus, we have the opportunity to educate. Why not use that opportunity to bring people to this beautiful place? The more aware we are, we can create more people who will make small changes to help protect them."

Added Mandell, "Our goal is to involve as many people and community organizations as possible in efforts to promote health for all pollinators, including honeybees. Planting diverse flowers and trees, limiting or eradicating pesticides and getting involved with pro-pollinator civic initiatives means good health for bees and good health

for our families. What bees need is what people need."

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PASTOR’S CORNER By Roger Skully

The 10 Commandments continued

Let's look at a short one, at least word wise. The eighth commandment is just two words in the Hebrew. Do not steal. Then how does this become a capital offense? Transgression of any of the 10 is considered a capital offense. The commandment itself refers to kidnapping and selling the kidnapped as a slave. Hence, stealing a life, makes it an offense punishable by death.

Then, the rabbinic commentaries proceed to less serious thefts. If one takes something that is not his, even if it is of little value, it is theft and must be replaced. The rabbis comment that even if it is a joke and the item is meant to be replaced, it is theft and one must ask the victim for forgiveness.

It is forbidden to buy goods that have been stolen. This is a serious sin as it encourages thieves. If no one buys what they steal, perhaps they will give up this practice. If an article is purchased from a known thief, the owner may take it back without repaying the buyer. The buyer's recourse would be to sue the thief in a court of law to recover his loss. This is probably not such a good idea, as it requires admitting to the transgression in a legal setting. The owner need not take a thief to court to retrieve his loss. He need merely retrieve it immediately.

Honest weights and measures are required in dealing with all people. Otherwise it is a violation. Cheating in any way is considered theft.

Improper handling of notes of debt also are part of this category. One may not keep a note that has been paid or unlawfully transfer such documents in a fraudulent manner to a third party. Does this sound like our mortgage bundling issue of 2008?

Wages should be promptly paid in the agreed amount. Included with this commandment also are the following: Creating a false impression; urging a friend to be a guest when he is not really wanted; pressing a gift on one who does not wish it; using a false measure when selling; diluting wine with water — or a current equivalent, i.e. selling adulterated foods; using false words to sell a product — or the implication in our time that something which is harmful is not. Fast food might qualify here since the customer is receiving somewhat different nutrition than often advertised to be healthy.

Judaism has appropriate blessings to cover most activities. This even includes the proper functioning of one's body in daily life. If you do not say and acknowledge thanks, then it is as if you had stolen from God. We are thus reminded to be thankful and appreciative for his bounty to us. Do not steal from, but thank and bless the giver of all life. That concludes an honest transaction and appropriate appreciation.

Skully is the cantor at the Isaac Agree Downtown Synagogue.

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Paul

- ◆ Support the 8th grade class trip to Gettysburg with a purchase 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, at Vineyard Vines in the Somerset Collection, 2801 West Big Beaver Road, Troy. Customers receive 10 percent off their purchases and Vineyard Vines donates 10 percent to St. Paul to support the trip.
- ◆ Vacation Bible School is 9 to 11:30 a.m. Monday - Friday, Aug. 14-18. Contact the religious education office at (313) 885-7022 for cost and more information.

◆ Gianna House Golf Fundraiser is Monday, Aug. 28, at Greystone Golf Club. Visit gianna house.org for more information

St. Margaret

St. Margaret of Scotland Church, 21201 13 Mile Road, St. Clair Shores, seeks crafters and artisans for its annual art and craft show, slated Saturday, Nov. 4. For table reservations or information, call Carol at (586) 296-2745.

Vocal music scholarships available

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church's music department recently announced a new scholarship program for high-school-age singers.

The purpose of the program is to encourage and educate high-school-age singers and welcome them to participate in the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church adult choir. Students are invited to apply each semester for awards in the amount of \$400 each. The funds will be applied to private voice lessons at their high school or the church.

A maximum of four awards are granted and paid directly to voice teachers. Each recipient is expected to participate in the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church adult choir. Allowance will be made for a specified number of excused absences to accommodate high school choral program activities and personal emergencies.

Recipients may be of any faith tradition and need not be members of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Applicants may attend any high school, public or private, but must be active participants in their school vocal music program.

Applications must be submitted by Wednesday, Sept. 13, for the fall semester. For an application form, contact Donna Hartzell at (313) 882-5330 or dhartzell@gpm church.org or visit the church website at gpm church.org.

Art historian to visit St. Paul on the Lake Church

Elizabeth Lev, an American-born art historian who lives and works in Rome, visits St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, to present "The Pope's Art: The Making of the World's First World-Class Museum," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24.

An average day for Lev includes working on her latest article or book, preparing for a speaking engagement, leading tours through the trea-

sures of Rome or using her skills as a sommelier to find the perfect wine to pair with dinner.

Lev has presented a TED talk on "The Unheard Story of the Sistine Chapel" and has appeared on many television and radio shows. She was featured in the series "Museum Secrets" for History Channel and Brad Meltzer's "Decoded" and was the host of "Catholic Canvas," a television series about the art of the Vatican museum. She also has been the keynote speaker at the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture fall conference for several years and serves as Permanent Research Fellow for the center.

During her visit to St. Paul, Lev will discuss the creation of the Vatican



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Christopher Brennan Clarke

City of Grosse Pointe resident Christopher Brennan Clarke, 46, died Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2017.

He graduated in 1989 from Grosse Pointe South High School and attended Macomb Community College. He was an avid reader and enjoyed watching movies. In his youth, he swam for the Norbs and Grosse Pointe South. His family described him as a good person who made those who knew him smile and laugh with his quick mind and sarcastic wit.

Christopher is survived by his mother, Kathleen and brother, Richard. He was predeceased by his father, Richard.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated noon Thursday, Aug. 10, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at 11:30 a.m. at the church.

Donations may be made to the Salvation Army, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield, MI 48075.

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Monsignor Peter S. Lentine

Monsignor Peter S. Lentine, 98, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2017. At the time of his death, he was the oldest serving pastor in the Archdiocese of Detroit and one of the longest serving priests in the Archdiocese's history. "Fr. Pete" served 50 years as pastor at St. Philomena Catholic Church, Detroit, during his 67-year ministry.

Monsignor Lentine was the son of Emmanuel and Josephine Lentine, who predeceased him. He also was predeceased by his siblings, Rose Crimando, William Lentine, Samuel Lentine, James Lentine M.D., Anthony Lentine, Russell Lentine, Joseph Lentine, Jenny Methric and Manuel Lentine.

He is survived by many loving nieces, nephews, friends and parishioners.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 5 at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park. Archbishop Allen Vigneron said the Mass joined by five Michigan bishops and 20 local priests.

Donations may be made to the Msgr. Peter S. Lentine Educational Endowment Fund, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 W. Chicago Blvd., Detroit, MI 48206. The fund provides tuition assistance to qualified students preparing for the priesthood at Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

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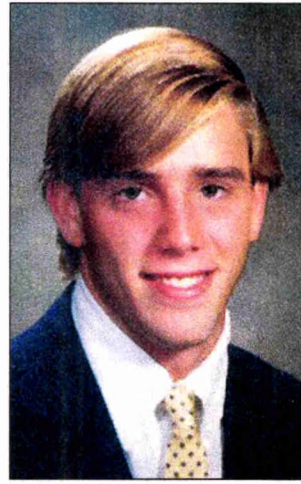
Ruth Whipple Ph.D.

Ruth Whipple Ph.D., 101, died Saturday, Aug. 5, 2017.

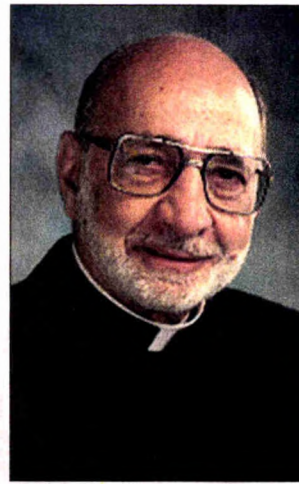
She was the former principal at Chandler Elementary School in Detroit and was instrumental in starting reading programs for Detroit schools afterschool programs. She also was a former professor at Wayne State University.

Dr. Whipple was an artist and took classes to improve her skills at watercolor, charcoal and sketching. She enjoyed crafting pottery at Pewabic Pottery.

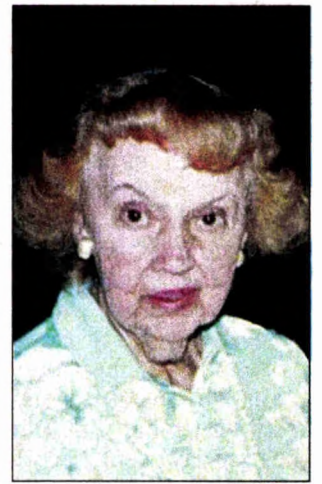
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Christopher B. Clarke



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family members.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 8 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms. Donations may be made to the Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 or the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

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James Juliano

James Juliano, a resident of Birmingham, passed away Wednesday, July 19, 2017. He was 65.

James was known by his family as a caring man who was always teaching a lesson. He was extremely bright, even being described as a human calculator who knew a lot about everything. James enjoyed his family life and loved his children fiercely.

James considered himself a true patriot, having served his country as a paratrooper in the special forces of the U.S. Army. He was stationed first in Germany before entering the Vietnam conflict. Following his military service, James became a builder and headed a commercial real estate business which extended throughout the Midwest.

He was the beloved son of Mike and Lois Juliano; cherished father of Jack, Michael, Nina, Kristina Pelligrini (Brian) and Michelle Applegate (James); loving brother of Jacqueline and Janet Juliano and special "Grandpa Jules" to Jacob, Alec, Alyse, Brianna and Nicholas.

A memorial service will take place noon Monday, Aug. 14, 2017, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. A gathering of family and friends will be held prior to the service 11 a.m. to noon.

Donations may be made to the American

Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

Lucille Marion Bidigare

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Lucille Marion Bidigare, nee Hessler, 99, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2017, surrounded by family.

Raised in Detroit, Lucille was one of nine children born to Julius and Cecelia Hessler. She was employed at J.L. Hudson Department Store, Packard Automotive Plant and Briggs Automotive Co. before working for the city of Detroit, including 12 years at City Airport. Lucille met the love of her life, James Bidigare, who owned his own construction company. They married in 1955 and soon after started their family.

Lucille was a devoted, loving parent and grandparent. She enjoyed many activities, including reading, bingo and word puzzles and was always ready for a good game of euchre. Lucille had a keen memory, no matter what the subject. She was the "go to" person for her family on many topics, including how to spell a word, which cousin lived where, who had married whom, the proper way to do something and what happened years ago.

Lucille is survived by her son, Jim; daughters, Cecilia (Greg Harvey), Barbara and Carol and grandchildren, Luke, Danielle, Hannah, Claire, Joel, Kevin, Eric, Michael, Matthew and Nicholas. She also is survived by her sisters, Marie Stenzel, Teresa Haas and Patricia Knoll and many other relatives and friends.

She was predeceased by her husband of 59 years, James; sister, Catherine Petrimoulx and brothers, Jack, William and Jude.

A Mass of Resurrection

was held Monday, Aug. 7, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores, followed by interment at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Roseville.

Donations may be made to St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 21620 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliot Street, Detroit, MI 48207.

Edwina Pegues

A celebration of life service for Edwina Pegues will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, 2017, at Centenary United Methodist Church, 1413 Belmont Ave., Youngstown, Ohio.

A resident of Grosse Pointe Park since 1999, Edwina died peacefully Thursday, March 23, 2017. She is survived by her children, Francine, Charles (Mickey) and Vicki Alexander; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Edwina was born Oct. 5, 1923, in Mobile, Ala., to Minnie and Edward Mason. Her mother died when she was two and Edwina went to live with her grandmother. When she was 13, Edwina's father sent her to visit her aunt in Youngstown, Ohio. There she bonded with the next door neighbors, Myrtle and Asa King. The Kings were childless and soon Edwina moved in with them as their daughter.

Edwina graduated in 1942 from Youngstown's South High School and worked briefly for McKelvey's Department store. She met Charles Fisher Pegues at Centenary United Methodist Church and they married June 22, 1946. After the death of her husband, she relocated to the Detroit area to be near her daughter, Francine.

Edwina loved reading and took many cruises around the world.



PHOTO BY CHRIS HEROD

The Motor Show Adonis tribute.

Two events planned at Historic Fort Wayne

The Historic Fort Wayne Coalition, together with the Roadents Car Club and SuspectS Motor Club, invite the public to attend the third annual Motor Show at Detroit's Historic Fort Wayne 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13.

Taking place inside the 1840s Star Fort the Sunday before the annual Woodward Dream Cruise, visitors have the opportunity to experience collector vehicles of all types from around the region. All proceeds and donations go directly to the Historic Fort Wayne Coalition and are designated for the preservation of the Fort Wayne complex.

This year marks the first time the Motor Show has expanded to include a feature car, the Adonis tribute. The original Adonis is a 1960 Ford Starliner commissioned by Bill Whetstone for customizing by Detroit's own Alexander Brothers. It toured the national show car circuit 1961 to 1963, winning several awards. The tribute was built exactly to original specifications after the original was destroyed and once again is under Whetstone's ownership. In addition to all of the collector vehicles, guests will be able to purchase

art and tour the grounds.

All types of collector and show vehicles are welcome with a \$20 donation, which includes the vehicle's passengers. General admission for the Motor Show is a \$5 donation per person. Additional information is available at facebook.com/pg/Historicfortwayne carshow.

In addition to the Motor Show, the 95th annual Detroit Firemen's Fund Field Day also is open to the public at the fort 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event features the Detroit Fire Department Clown Team, Detroit Fire Department Band, Extrication Team and Thrill Team, Detroit Fire Department Honor Guard, historic re-enactors, an opportunity to take photos with a firefighter, fire engines and the Fire Safety House, food and refreshments, Field Day T-shirts, 50/50 raffles, face painting, a rock-climbing wall, dunk tank, inflatable bouncers, a giant slide and a train.

Admission and parking is free for the day. Guided tours of the Historic Fort Wayne complex also are offered each day for \$5 for adults and free for children younger than 12. For more information, visit historicfortwaynecoalition.com.

Genesis Auto Sales hosts grand opening event

Genesis Auto Sales' grand opening in Roseville takes place Thursday, Aug. 10, through Saturday, Aug. 12, on Gratiot north of 12 Mile Road.

The entire inventory of pre-owned vehicles

are marked down for the event.

"Our No. 1 goal is to exceed your expectations and deliver an exceptional sales and finance experience," said owner Rob Gagliano.

The grand opening includes radio station giveaways, prizes, food and a bounce house.

Genesis Auto Sales is located at 29187 Gratiot, Roseville.

For more information, call (586) 493-1225.

GreekFest returns Aug. 17-20

Assumption Cultural Center's GreekFest is a four-day event for the entire family. With authentic Greek food, entertainment and culture, GreekFest is an annual event that typically draws more than 12,000 people from throughout the metro Detroit area during the four-day event.

GreekFest kicks off Thursday, Aug. 17, and runs through Sunday, Aug. 20. Festival-goers are treated to live entertainment, Greek dancing, marketplace shopping, church and iconography tours, a kids' tent and rides, Greek pastries, a Taverna, appearances by Fox TV's Charlie Langton and former Red Wings player Darren McCann and more.

The grand opening ceremony takes place at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, and features dignitaries and festival grand sponsor Jim Riehl, as well as John Riesen of Box 5 Productions, who sings the national anthems.

On the entertainment front, Onerio and Chilly 'n Dio perform, as do various dance groups, including the Hellenic Society for the Performing Arts Jr. Michigan State University mascot Sparty will be on hand Thursday evening to welcome everyone. Open dancing is provided and Assumption Dancers teach Greek dancing throughout the weekend.

The grand raffle takes place Sunday. First prize is the two-year lease of a 2017 Jeep Compass courtesy of Jim Riehl's Friendly Auto Group, plus \$1,000 for expenses from Subway. Second prize is two airline



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Around 30 people stuffed and rolled 7,000 grape leaves at Assumption Tuesday, Aug. 8, in preparation of GreekFest. From left, Evdokia Pozios, Fereniki Tsaprailis and Tula Economou roll grape leaves.

tickets to anywhere in the continental United States from Cosmopolitan Travel. Many cash prizes round out the raffle.

Other festival highlights include:

Friday, Aug. 18 — Country star Paulina Jayne returns home from Nashville for an evening performance. The Grosse Pointe South High School graduate has early childhood ties to Assumption Church. Her new single, "Country Music Everywhere," is a feel-good anthem that shows her high-energy style.

Saturday, Aug. 19 — Afternoon events include an appearance by Detroit Tigers' mascot, PAWS; a performance by Gwiazda Polish Dancers; Motown music by The Cass Ambassadors; the music of Diaspora and an encore performance by Jayne.

Sunday, Aug. 20 — Performances by the Shannon Irish Dancers and the Highland Dancers from Scotland, as well as music by Diaspora. From 4 to 6 p.m., four-time Stanley Cup champion

McCarty signs autographs. The grand raffle drawing takes place at 7:30 p.m., followed by closing ceremonies at 8 p.m.

Authentic Greek cuisine, featuring popular Hellenic menu items and homemade pastries, are available, as is a Taverna for adults age 21 years and older.

A drive-thru carryout express station allows families to grab their food and go. The drive-thru is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Call ahead at (586) 596-6326 or (586) 779-8071.

For youngsters, children's activities include rides, games, a petting zoo and pony rides, magic and puppet shows, face painting, hair braiding, tattoos and Wally's Frozen Custard. For adults, an indoor marketplace with vendors from across the United States and Greece is available.

Tours of the church and its newly completed iconography by world-renowned artist Vlas Tsotsonis are available

GreekFest Facts

Who: Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

When: Hours are 4 to 11 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17; 3 to 11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19; and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20.

Cost: Regular admission is \$2; children younger than age 12 are admitted free.

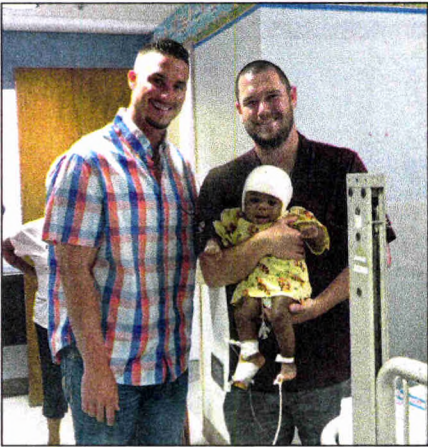
Freebies: Parking and shuttle services are available. A newly added valet service is provided for a nominal donation.

Information: Call (313) 779-6111 or visit assumptionfestival.com.

daily, along with presentations by the Revs. Michael Varlamos and Christopher Abel. "A History of Greektown," compiled by Wayne State University students, is on loan from the Hellenic Museum of Michigan.

Proceeds benefit outreach programs of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church and Cultural Center, as well as Assumption Nursery School and Toddler Center. Cass Community Social Services also will receive a portion of the proceeds.

"This has truly become a community event for the Detroit metro area," said GreekFest co-chairman Tom Thomas. "Last year 12,000 people attended this memorable event. GreekFest 2017 promises to be just as much fun as last year's."



James McCann and Alex Wilson visit a young patient at St. John Providence Children's Hospital.

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Detroit Tigers pause for visit

Pediatric patients at St. John Providence Children's Hospital, located within St. John Hospital & Medical Center, recently had two special visitors: Detroit Tigers pitcher Alex Wilson and catcher James McCann.

The duo spent a couple hours visiting young patients and their families, beginning in the pediatric activity room where they helped patients paint picture frames — several of which they autographed — and played with patients. Then they visited several patients in their rooms on the pedi-

atric unit, PICU and PASU, sharing some of their own stories of injuries and surgeries.

Both Wilson and McCann said it was a privilege to spend time with hospitalized kids. The visit was arranged by the Starlight Children's Foundation. Ashley Sultini, St. John Providence Children's Hospital child life specialist, organized the day. Starlight is a national organization whose mission is to provide seriously ill children the best in entertainment, education and one-of-a-kind experiences.



Several patients were treated to a visit by Detroit Tigers players Alex Wilson and James McCann.

Sidestreet Diner serves up Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner & Sweet Little Sheila's has Sweets for All!

Sugar and spice and everything nice, that is what cousins Sheila Taylor and Meghan Josefosky are made of. So, naturally the two go hand in hand when it comes to creating delicious dishes



and desserts for their diner and sweet shop. SideStreet Diner and Sweet Little Sheila's Cake and Pastry shop are located in Grosse Pointe Village. The delightful diner is adorned with Elvis memorabilia, iconic Detroit posters, pictures, retro clocks and many larger than life spoons and forks. The feel of the place is cozy — a "Cheers" kind of place. Sweet Little Sheila's is around the corner from the diner and decorated in Grosse Pointe pink and green.

Meghan and Sheila know many of their customers by name, as well as their kids' and even their kids' kids' names. The two combined have more than 60 years of restaurant experience. They both have been involved with this community 25 years now. They love the community and the customers they serve. They have been blessed with an awesome crew as well, who are the backbone to the cousins' success.

The SideStreet Diner is in the heart of the shopping district. They have ample parking in a lot next to them and

the parking structure right across the street. The outside patio is a terrific refuge from a long day at the office. Relax with dinner and a glass of fine wine or cold beer while watching Music on the Plaza, Thursday evenings during summer. They are on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. The diner will reveal a new website, menu and logo soon. Check out their social media sites to view different dishes and drink options. They post from the diner and sweet shop daily. They also roast their own

turkey, bake their own ham, boil their own corned beef and make eight homemade dressings and soups. "We are really cooking here," Sheila likes to say.

SideStreet Diner is located at 630 St. Clair. It's open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.



Sweet Little Sheila's is located at 17116 Kercheval. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Their shared phone number is (313) 884-6810.

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Trip to China has many high points

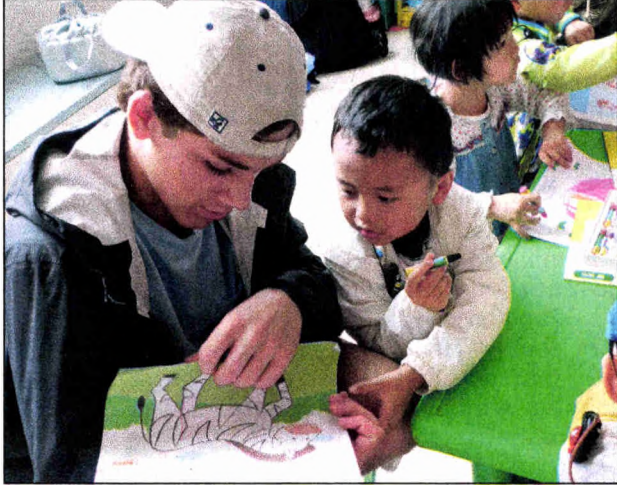
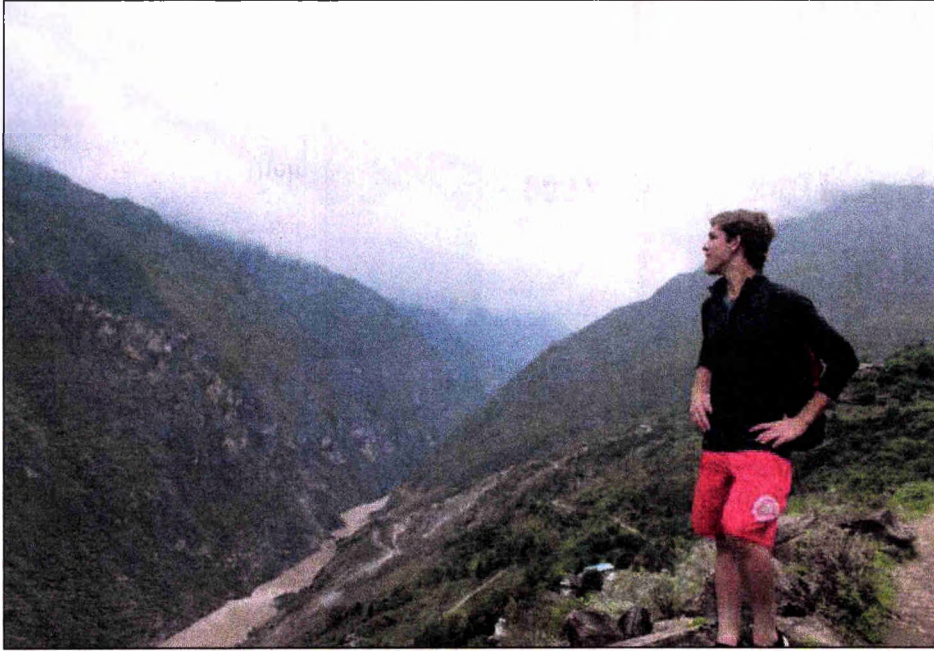
By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

A high point of Spencer Warezak's trip to China — literally — was reaching the summit of the Tiger Leaping Gorge in Lijian.

"It was unbelievable because everything around you was just mountains," said the 17-year-old. "There were maybe a few houses with farmers and shepherds, but aside from that there was nothing but nature. It was absolutely breathtaking."

The rising senior joined 17 other University Liggett School students and upper school Chinese teacher Yun Bai for the three-week trip through the Minds Abroad program. Bai offers the trip every two years. Warezak planned to attend two summers ago, but fractured his back in lacrosse practice and had to withdraw.

"He was so sad he couldn't go," said Bai. "He was worried his Chinese skills would be behind. He begged his dad to sign up for some sort of online program. Literally that's all he did in the summer, lying in bed. He couldn't move. He just studied Chinese. That kid — he's one of a kind."



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Left, Spencer Warezak takes in the view during a hike of the Tiger Leaping Gorge. Above, Warezak works with a kindergarten student at the Yunman Boai Deaf Children's Rehabilitation Center in Kunming.

It was worth the wait. The trip was packed with activities, from sightseeing to spending time with local students. A week of the trip was spent with host families. Bai said one of the reasons she preferred this trip to others was students had more freedom and opportunity to practice their language. Living with local host families also helped them engage with the culture.

"It was more of an immersion experience," she said.

For Warezak, who began studying Chinese in middle school at the Grosse Pointe Academy

and enrolled in Chinese III as a freshman at Liggett, communicating with his host family was not an issue.

"Being there for three weeks, speaking Chinese became a lot more natural," he said. "I didn't have to think about what I was going to say; I would just say it." He hopes to continue studying Chinese in college.

"He could talk to locals. He blossomed," said Bai. "He loves the language and the culture. You never hear him complain. Chinese is a tough language. It takes maybe four times more effort to put in to be fluent and

proficient than other foreign languages. I'm very proud of him."

Kunming served as home base from which the group set off for expeditions to Dali, Lijiang and Shangri La — where they visited the Tibetan Buddhist Temple — along with Beijing and Shanghai.

While in Kunming, students took Chinese classes and afterward participated in community service activities. Warezak said his favorite was spending time with kindergartners at the Yunman Boai Deaf Children's Rehabilitation Center.

"We played games with them, drew pictures, tried to converse with them. Most of them were very shy," he said.

In Dali, the group went on a bike ride to explore the ancient town and surrounding local area.

"That morning's bike ride ended up turning into an 8-hour expedition," Warezak said. "Not only did we get lost, but a lot of kids started to feel fatigued by the sun. We were about three hours from the hotel and lost with hardly any phone service because we were in the middle of the countryside." Ultimately a teacher reached a bus service to pick up students

who were too tired to continue on. The rest rode the two- to three-hour trip back to the hotel.

"We were riding through the middle of these towns and we would get these weird looks from the Chinese people who had never seen Western people riding bikes through the middle of rural China," Warezak said.

Heat was an issue, although Warezak said the group adjusted after the first two days. Shanghai was the hottest.

"The first night there was 92 degrees at 11 p.m.

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Raising money for school lunches are, from left, Drew VandePutte, Anna VandePutte, Verona Relan and Lotty Gates.

Lemonade for lunches

A few years ago, Laura VandePutte wanted to impress upon her children being a part of the community means helping others.

"In turn, you may or may not get help, but that doesn't matter," she said. "You are part of the community, you contribute to the community."

Drew, 13, and Anna, 8, got the message.

"We do a project every summer," said Drew VandePutte. The first — a fresh produce stand — was inspired when the brother and sister learned teachers bought their own school supplies. They raised money for the PTO at Trombly Elementary School, where Anna is a rising fourth-grader, and Pierce Middle School, where Drew is a rising eighth-grader.

This past year, they overheard lunch ladies in

the cafeteria telling fellow students their accounts were due and limiting their options.

While the lunch ladies "are dolls," their mother said, and would never let any child go hungry, her children "couldn't fathom that, so we had a conversation about socioeconomics and they were like, 'We know what we're doing (this summer).'"

The result was Lemonade for Lunches, a lemonade stand to raise money for school lunches for children who qualify for the reduced rather than free lunch program, but whose accounts may be overdue. According to the VandePutte family research on the cost of a school lunch, \$400 pays for approximately 1,000 school lunches. They set this figure as their goal and raised \$300 at their first stand in June.

People have donated from all over and several of their friends and their parents got involved too, donating baked goods to help in the sale. Saturday, July 29, the children — with the help of a few friends — met and exceeded their goal, raising \$593.75 — or a total of 1,484 lunches to be divided between Trombly and Pierce.

They have upped their goal to \$700 and are planning a final fundraiser 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at the corner of Balfour and Jefferson in Grosse Pointe Park. To donate via PayPal, email Redfive623@yahoo.com.

"It feels pretty good knowing that we are helping someone in need," Drew VandePutte said.

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TEACHERS IN THE SUMMERTIME

These articles are part of a series on teachers spending time in the summer to enrich their knowledge for the benefit of their students.

Liggett social studies teacher gives back

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

When Adam Hellebuyck was selected as the Daughters of the American Revolution's 2017 Outstanding Teacher of American History for his work at University Liggett School, he received a \$3,000 check as part of the award. He donated the money right back to the school.

Nominated by the local Louisa St. Clair chapter for his Detroit-based U.S. history course, Hellebuyck was first selected as a chapter winner before earning the national award — the first person nominated by a Michigan chapter to do so.

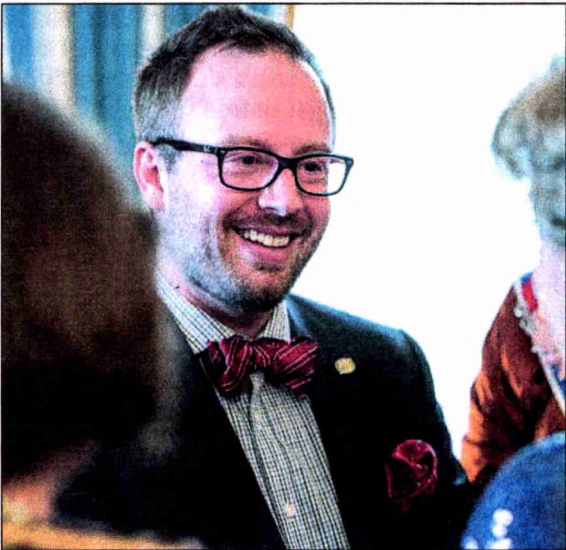
In an email, Hellebuyck wrote he donated the award to Liggett "because I firmly believe in the school's mission to revolutionize education by putting the students at the center of learning. I believe our place-based United States history course is a great example of Liggett's educational philosophy and it is certainly an honor and privilege to be able to support our continued work in this manner. We can use these funds to support the site visits we take nearly every unit to local places of historical interest, like the River Raisin National Battlefield Park or Henry Ford's Piquette Avenue Plant, which help our students understand that the places which surround us have a lot to teach us, not just about the metropolitan Detroit area, but about America itself."

Hellebuyck accepted the award at a ceremony at the DAR's Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C.,



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Adam Hellebuyck donated the award money he received as the DAR's 2017 Outstanding Teacher of American History to Liggett's annual fund.



Hellebuyck was greeted in the President General's Reception Room during the DAR awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. Above right, he is pictured with World War I expert Jay Winter at a workshop sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.



in late June. In mid-July, he headed to Kansas City for his next venture. He was one of only 35 teachers accepted nationwide to a workshop at the National World War I Museum and Memorial hosted by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. The experience fundamentally

transformed how he wants to structure his World War I history course. "I'd love to take the kids out there next summer on a three-day trip to the museum so they can see what's going on, how people organize public history that way," he said. "I'm very excited about

teaching that course and changing it in these innovative ways of scholarship and pedagogy."

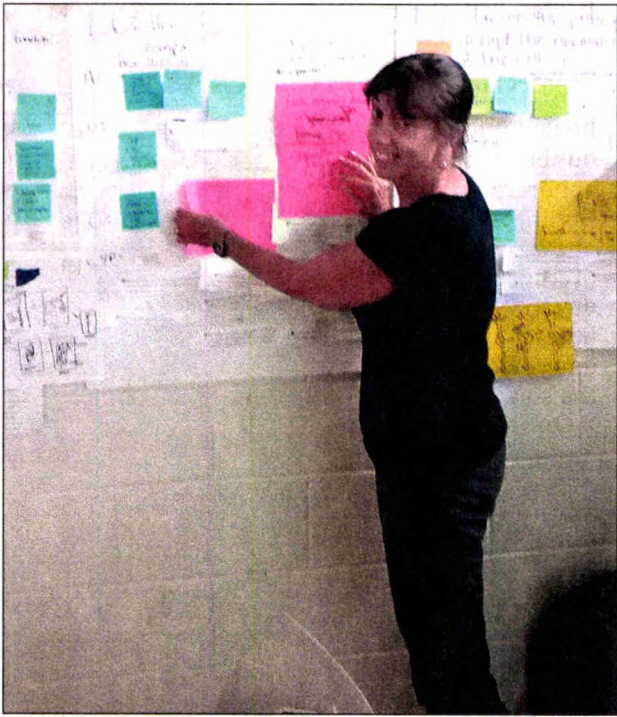
The model for the institute is to bring in an expert in the field of whatever the particular course of study is, Hellebuyck said. The premier historian for World War I, Jay Winter — a professor of history emeritus at Yale University, WWI specialist and one of the academic advisers for the museum — spent the morning with attendees.

"He created his own museum in Péronne, France (Historial de la Grande Guerre) and invited us all to come and tour that," Hellebuyck said. "He was half joking, but I'm hoping not. That would be great to do a workshop over there and tour the battle fields of the First World War — kind of an advanced course of what we did last week."

Another highlight was museum sessions in the afternoon. A photojournalist and creator of a traveling photo exhibit gave pointers on how to use photography in the classroom. Hellebuyck came away with new ideas, as well as an image signed by the artist.

In another component of the workshop, each teacher designed a lesson plan around primary sources. Hellebuyck chose the memorial building. His lesson plan incorporates a fact he learned talking with people on the history of Kansas City. Following WWI, Kansas City raised \$2.5 million in 10 days — a staggering figure in the 1920s, Hellebuyck said — to build the memorial.

Developing historical lessons around a building or place ties into his place-based Detroit class — an approach that earned him a national award.



COURTESY PHOTO

Christine Geerer participated in brainstorming at the Mi-STAR "hub" at Michigan Tech.

Local science teacher helps craft future of science in state

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Christine Geerer, a science teacher at Parcels Middle School, is among a select group of educators crafting the future of middle school science education through the Michigan Science Teaching and Assessment Reform project, or Mi-STAR.

This is Geerer's third summer working with Michigan Technological University professors, scientists and engineers to create a radically new science curriculum for grades 6 to 8 that meets new Michigan research-based science standards. The Next Generation Science Standards are designed to give local educators the flexibility to design classroom learning experiences that stimulate students' interest in science and prepare them for college, careers and citizenship.

"What we're doing is very intentionally teaching kids to think like scientists," Geerer said.

Geerer referred to the work she takes on in the summer as her "second job." Some of it is paid through a grant and some of it — such as spending three days in August training to become a professional development facilitator — she does on her own time because it benefits the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Through this work, Geerer has received training along with professional development, which she has passed along to the district in the form of free materials and even stipends for teachers who agreed to be a part of the research.

"I've used what I've learned to implement new, aligned units in my classroom and I've provided professional development, coaching, mentoring and curriculum leadership in Grosse Pointe as a result," she said. "That will continue this summer and throughout the next few years as we realign our curriculum through the K to 12 science curriculum committee."

Geerer described the new standards as "very different than traditional science teaching," requiring time and exposure to get used to them.

"The traditional science content is there — physics, biology, earth science," she said. "But always in our old stan-

'... if you can teach kids to think like scientists ... you can teach them anything at the college level.'

CHRISTINE GEERER
Science teacher
Parcels Middle School

dards there were things we called science process skills — measurement, conducting investigative experiments, processes you need to know to do science — and there were all these big idea cross-cutting concepts, such as systems, patterns, cause and effect, stability and change. These are like habits of mind or ways scientists approach problems and questions. They look for patterns and cause and effect and use a system mentality to look at ecosystems."

The Mi-STAR units focus on a 21st-century challenge — public health, feeding the world, clean water, clean energy, for example — and put it into a local context. Students "figure it out together over the course of the unit," said Geerer.

Professors and researchers targeted middle school students for the units as they believed it was an age group in which they could have the biggest impact, Geerer said.

"What I hear from every single university professor that I've worked with on this is that if you can teach kids to think like scientists ... you can teach them anything at the college level," Geerer said, adding she already has achieved significant success with the new standards in her classroom.

"The kids are really engaged. I had a really good response. It's especially good for my at-risk kids. It kind of levels the playing field for them. It doesn't rely on a lot of memorization and a lot of organization — they're engaged more from the beginning. There's a lot of talk involved, class discussion and class consensus. My at-risk kids may not be the best readers, but they problem solve as well as anyone."

"My at-risk kids are just as capable of proposing viable solutions as the gifted kids," she continued. "So it's great for all my students."

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CHINA:

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It was brutal," he said. Beijing felt hot because of the layer of smog that blanketed the city. "The heat couldn't really get out because of the atmosphere. Our first day in Beijing, we couldn't see above rooftops because of the smog. The next day it was blue skies with little clouds, but the first day you couldn't even see the sun."

On a return trip to Kunming, the group visited a local school and attended classes with other high school students.

"It was interesting to see how much different high school is in China as opposed to here in America," Warezak said. "It was interesting to see how little kids paid attention in class. It may have been because we were there. They would continually pass notes to us. One girl may have had a two-foot tower of notes on her desk People would pass notes asking basic stuff like, do you have Facebook and what's your WeChat. Usually we would exchange names."

"They wanted to get to know us, like what sports do you like to play," he continued. "A lot of them asked about the NBA. Basketball is a very big sport in China so it would make sense they'd ask about that. They'd address us as 'handsome boy' and the girls as 'beautiful girl.' That was really funny."

Other differences were large class sizes and a lack of electronics — "no computers no phones, nothing," Warezak said. "It was kind of interesting because in the U.S. all we use basically is



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From left, Alexandra Diggs, Jaron Pangborn, Spencer Warezak, Marika Vreeken and Sean Detloff in Dali.

electronics. None of them had anything."

Students wore "really weird jumpsuit uniforms," he said. "They looked like something you'd see out of an '80s workout video They had the windbreakers and the joggers."

Another school they visited was the Shaolin Kung Fu School, which was less academic and attended by the children of farmers. Classes concentrated around Kung Fu, from a class on the history of Kung Fu to reading poems about Kung Fu in English class. Students attended classes two to three hours, with the remainder of the day spent in a courtyard practicing Kung Fu. From there students attend high school or go on to become monks in the Shaolin Temple, Warezak said.

"We participated in their daily Kung Fu training and it was more rigorous than one would expect. It was a different kind of workout. It was more flexibility and stamina than strength," he said, adding this was all the more challenging while wearing khakis.

Activities in Beijing were "fairly touristy stuff," Warezak said, including visiting Tiananmen

Square and the Forbidden City. Bartering for fake Chinese manufactured items was one of his favorite activities. He said he bartered a merchant down from 1,500 to 150 yuan for a backpack.

A disappointment of the trip was being prohibited from passing the midway point to the Great Wall of China due to a heavy downpour.

"It was kind of sad we weren't able to climb the Great Wall," Warezak said. "However, we got back on the bus about two hours later and went to the market and got more stuff."

The final days were spent in Shanghai, where the Liggett students attended the 2017 Chinese Robot Show and visited the Lujiazui financial district. From the 22nd floor of the Shanghai World Financial Center — the second tallest building in China after the adjacent Shanghai Tower — they got a bird's eye view of the city. An evening cruise of the Huang Pu River, which cuts through the old and new sides of Shanghai, provided a view of both.

"Between that and the mountain climb were the two most breathtaking views of the entire trip," Warezak said.

Father-daughter duo create map

A father and daughter combined their love of art and classic mythology in a story map, bringing Virgil's "The Aeneid" to life.

Gaia Sperone, a rising fourth-grader at Maire Elementary School, prepared hand drawings and wrote the captions while working with her father, Gianluca Sperone, on the idea and content.

"The Aeneid" tells the story of Aeneas, a Trojan leader son of Venus and a mortal named Anchises, and his journey from Troy to Italy made difficult by the interference of the gods. The Sperones take readers on a journey through the 12 books of the epic tale, summarizing Aeneas's adventures while interactive maps plot his wanderings, from the Harpies of the Strophades Island and land of Cyclops to the



COURTESY PHOTO

Gaia and Gianluca Sperone

Lower World.

"Some of the places you visited during the trip are near our homeland in southern Italy," the story concludes. "We hope that you enjoyed this fantastic journey into the Latin mythology."

The story earned third-place in the culture, history and events category of the 2017 Environmental Systems Research Institute Storytelling with Maps Contest.

Gianluca Sperone, a

geospatial data analyst in the geology department at Wayne State University, received an invitation to participate in the contest. The idea to do a story map on the journey of Aeneas grew from his daughter's love of mythology.

"We weren't expecting anything," he said. "We did it just for fun, something to do together."

With more than 500 participants from around the globe and nearly 1,000 story maps, he said he was surprised when he received an email they placed third in their category.

Winners were announced July 10 and recognized at the 2017 ESRI user conference in San Diego, July 10 to 14. Go to arcg.is/2vpW5nW to access the Sperones' story map.

— Mary Anne Brush

College merit scholars named

Three students from Grosse Pointe high schools received college-sponsored National Merit Scholarship awards. Officials of each college selected their scholarship winners from among the finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program who attend their institution.

Amelia Doetsch, a graduate of University

Liggett School, received a National Merit Scholarship from Wayne State University.

Lindsey Hoshaw, a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, received a National Merit Scholarship from the University of Florida, a private, independent, international university in Coral Gables, Fla.

David Scupholm, a

graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, received a National Merit scholarship from Davidson College, a liberal arts college near Charlotte, N.C.

College-sponsored awards provide between \$500 and \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the scholarship.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Hannah Buzolits of Grosse Pointe Park graduated May 2017 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from The College of Wooster. She is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

City of Grosse Pointe resident and Grosse Pointe South High School graduate **Mara Kingscott** graduated May 2017 from The College of Wooster. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in biochemistry and molecular biology.

Grosse Pointe residents **Samuel Archinal** and **Gerald Coyle** were named to the Dean's List for the spring 2017 semester at Wittenberg University.

Several area students graduated winter 2017 from Grand Valley State University. **Samantha C. Bajis**, **Mary T. Bischoff**, **Leah P. Fischwick** and **Kiera M. Valente** earned Bachelor of Arts degrees; **Mary Jo C. Beeby** earned a Bachelor of Science degree; **Karl G. Brecht**, **Hailey K. Ferguson**, **Emily R. Satterfield** and **Anthony W. Zizio** earned Bachelor of Business Administration degrees and **Kristina E. Papas** earned a Bachelor of Music degree.

Rachel Katherine Brock earned a Master of Health Sciences degree

May 2017 from Duke University School of Medicine, where she was in the pathologists' assistant program. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University in 2015. The 2011 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School is the daughter of Steve and Sue Brock of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Zachary White graduated June 2017 from Kalamazoo College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in physics. The 2013 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School is the son of Brian and Anne White of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Adam Roach of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2017 semester at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Grosse Pointe resident **Margaret Sullivan** was named to the

Dean's List for the spring 2017 semester at Loyola University Maryland.

Will Poplawski was named to the Dean's List for the second semester of the 2016-17 academic year at College of the Holy Cross. The 2016 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School is the son of Laura and Jay Poplawski of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Jill Schumann of the City of Grosse Pointe earned a Master of Accountancy degree May 2017 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident **Bruce W. Burton** was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2017 semester at Denison University. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in history and economics May 2017.

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GPS Blue Devils

Dennis, a 2-sport star

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Carson Dennis enjoyed her four years at Grosse Pointe South High School, but that chapter is closed and it's time to start another one: college.

The three-sport standout for the Blue Devils is headed just outside of Boston to attend Wellesley College to study a pre-med program, as well as play field hockey and lacrosse.

Dennis, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident, earned a dozen athletic accolades during her four years of playing field hockey and lacrosse at South, as well as three years of ice hockey.

She made All-State Second Team in field hockey and ice hockey as a senior.

Her solid grade point average also was a product of hard work, studying after practice or games.

"I always loved wearing spirit wear, jerseys, or uniforms to school on game days," Dennis said. "It may sound like such a

small thing, but it was hard to find anything else that brought a sense of unity amongst not only the team, but the school."

Dennis not only played for her high school, but grew up competing on travel or club teams, honing her skills to where she was good enough to be a college recruit.

When it came time to start the college recruiting process, Dennis and her parents, Monica and Matt, did their homework, looking at dozens of schools.

In the end, the list was down to Wellesley College, Washington and Lee University and Williams College.

She wanted to play quality sports, but attending an even better academic institution was the No. 1 priority.

"In the end, I chose Wellesley because of how inspiring, encouraging and supportive everyone on campus was," Dennis said. "Right when I stepped on campus I could picture myself spending the next four years there. Also, it helps



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Carson Dennis, left, was one of the top players in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association.

that Wellesley is just outside of Boston."

She is looking to go pre-med with a major in biology or neuroscience. She understands the most challenging aspect will be finding a balance in time commitments to find success on the field and in the classroom.

Dennis has been working out five times a week at Detroit Thrive.

She is working on strength training, linear and lateral speed development, speed and agility.

She also has been running, playing field hockey and working on stick skills for both field hockey and lacrosse.

Her field hockey head coach at Wellesley is Julia King and the season starts with practice Aug. 18.

Games are September and October.

Her lacrosse head coach is Lauren Schoenberger and the season runs March, April and early May.

"I am ready to move on to the next chapter in my life," Dennis said. "Wellesley offers amazing courses, organizations and opportunities for all students, so I look forward to making the most of my tenure here. I also am grateful to be able to take my sports career to the next level."

Parthum honored

Grosse Pointe South alumnus and Olivet College student-athlete Alex Parthum was named to the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Academic Honor Roll for 2016-17.

Parthum, who played baseball, was one of 109 student-athletes who earned the honor.

It is the fourth time in school history Olivet succeeded the 100 plateau.

The award is administered annually by the faculty athletic representatives at each member institution in the MIAA.

Olivet's faculty representatives are Samantha Myers, assistant professor of interdisciplinary studies, and Dr. Charles Wilson, associate professor of interdisciplinary studies.

In his freshman season, Parthum played in 32 games, finishing 26-for-107 for a .243 batting average.

He had nine runs scored, six doubles, one triple, 17 RBIs and stole three bases.

Olivet finished 8-32 overall and 5-23 in the MIAA.

Gleason nets bronze medal

Grosse Pointe South student Anna Gleason has been rowing for the Detroit Boat club for just more than a year and a half.

She is grateful to her former coach, Maggie Frangel, whose skill, time and coaching expertise helped her get to Nationals.

Her rowing partner was Audrey Lyda from Pittsburgh, Pa., who crews with the Steel City Boat club.

Lyda and Gleason competed in a composite double to place third overall in the nation at the 2017 US Rowing Club Nationals held July 16 in Ohio.

Sailing

Local sailors beat adversity, win Class B

Grosse Pointe Park residents Henry and Sally Ubik's 55-foot yacht Geronimo won the Racing Class B Division of the 93rd Bell's Bayview Mackinac race in July.

The win was a remarkable achievement for the boat and the crew. Geronimo last raced in 2009 when it broke its rudder in this same race, requiring it to be towed to Alpena, where its mast was taken down and the boat was hauled out of the water and trucked back to Port Huron.

It sat rudderless for nine years, during which a few new rudders proved unsuitable, until a proper rudder was finally obtained from Foss Rudders in California only 19 days before this year's race.

Geronimo was put back into commission on a crash program by a crew under the leadership of owner Ubik and skipper Paul Lee from Farmington Hills. It took three days to put the new



PHOTO COURTESY OF BILL BRUSILOV

The crew of Geronimo at the awards ceremony are, from left, Bill Brusilow, Steve Wild, Nick Brusilow, Sam Brusilow, Paul Lee, Rhys Lee, Phillip Bagley, Henry Ubik, Adrianna Lee, Ryan Seago, Dianne Malesko and Elliot Lee. Not pictured is Andy Siudara.

rudder on the boat and get it into the water. The engine started right up, and the boat was motored to Bayview Yacht Club where the mast was recovered from a storage rack and reinstalled.

The crew of Lee's sailboat Genesis disassembled,

cleaned, lubricated, and reassembled every winch on the boat. Halyards and hydraulic seals were replaced and new sails were purchased. Getting the electronics to function proved to be a significant problem, requiring out-

side help from a professional brought in from Milwaukee.

Six days before the race, the crew finally got on the boat for the first time.

Although every sail was set and checked, the wind was too light to sail,

so the crew never had a chance to sail the boat until the actual race the following week.

On race day Geronimo quickly went to the front of the ultra-competitive Racing B Class with Lee steering and a hard-working crew, but lost the lead through the night.

When it rounded the Cove Island mark Sunday morning, it was sitting in fifth place out of the 17 boats in the class. Designed to sail downwind, it found favorable conditions in the strong following winds during the 125 miles across the top of Lake Huron for the final leg to Mackinac Island, picking off one competitor after another as it surfed down 6- to 10-foot waves at speeds occasionally exceeding 20 miles per hour.

Approaching the finish line, the crew was informed they were in second place with less than 10 miles to go. One last high-speed push sent

them across the finish line in first place.

"I have to give credit to Paul Lee and his family crew that both resurrected Geronimo and then sailed it so well," said Ubik, who won his first Mackinac race.

Lee echoed these sentiments, "This crew from Genesis has sailed together for many years, with a great amount of success. Nonetheless, I had no idea what to expect, since we had never actually sailed this boat, much less raced it, before this race."

In addition to Ubik and Lee, the crew consisted of Bill, Nick and Sam Brusilow from the City of Grosse Pointe, Elliot, Rhys and Adrianna Lee from Farmington Hills, Phillip Bagley from Farmington Hills, Steve Wild and Dianne Malesko from Ann Arbor, Ryan Seago from Stamford, Conn., and Andy Siudara from Bloomfield Hills.

— Bill Brusilow
Guest Writer

MHSAA finds decrease in playing fees

Just under half of high schools responding to an annual Michigan High School Athletic Association survey

assessed participation fees to help fund interscholastic athletics in 2016-17, making it the first school year since

2009-10 that fewer than 50 percent of respondents reported not charging student-athletes to play sports.

The survey, completed by 557 high schools, or 74 percent of the MHSAA membership, showed 49.7 percent charged par-

ticipation fees, down from 51.5 percent in 2015-16.

There were 750 senior high schools in the MHSAA membership in 2016-17. This was the 13th survey of schools since the 2003-04 school year, when members reported fees were charged by 24 percent of schools. The percentage of member schools charging fees crossed 50 percent in 2010-11 and reached a high of 56.6 percent in 2013-14.

Class A schools remained the largest group charging fees, as 70 percent of respondents did so in 2016-17 and at least 70 percent have charged for the last five years. Class B schools ticked up to 52 percent charging fees, but Class C (42 down from 49 percent) and Class D (35 down from 38 percent) both reported lower percentages of schools charging fees.

— Geoff Kimmerly,
MHSAA

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Baseball

Yanks win title

The Yankees of the Grosse Pointe Farms City Little League finished in first place during the regular season with a record of 11-4 and went on to beat the Dodgers 16-1 to win the playoff championship. To reach the finals, the Yankees needed to get by the Nationals in the semifinal game.

The Nationals took an early 1-0 lead as Cliff Grabowski hit a solo home run in the top of the first inning.

Grabowski was the Nationals' starting pitcher and set the Yankees down 1-2-3 in the bottom of the first.

In the second inning, the Nationals struck for three runs, with key hits provided by Jack Kendell, who doubled in a run, and Luke Faulkner, who singled in a run and scored himself.

Down 4-0 the Yankees got one run back in the bottom of the second. James Dailey led off with a single and scored on a hit by Nate Davey.

Grabowski led off the third inning with his second home run of the



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARK DAVEY

Team members of the champion Yankees are, front row from left, Britt Gordon, Nate Kocik, Blake Simonson, Michael Wholihan and Michael Adams; and back row from left, Manager Mark Davey, Will Jordan, Andrew Stalker, James Dailey, Quentin Dennis, Alex English, Nate Davey, Mark Nessler and Coach Josh Davey.

game to make it 5-1 and the Nationals were threatening to extend the lead but a great running catch by Michael Adams led to an inning-ending double play.

The Yankees got two runs in the bottom of the third as Quentin Dennis led-off with a double and Britt Gordon hit a triple. Nate Kocik struck out the side for the Yankees in the fourth inning and held the Nationals scoreless in the fifth.

Down 5-3, the Yankees rallied in the bottom fifth as Dennis led off with a single and Gordon then

hit a home run to tie the game.

Dailey followed with a single and with two outs Blake Simonson knocked a double to score Dailey to give the Yankees the lead, 6-5.

Kocik shut the Nationals down in the sixth inning to give the Yankees the win.

In the championship, the Yankees faced the Dodgers.

The Yankees came out hitting, scoring four runs in the first inning highlighted by another Gordon home run.

They scored five runs

in the second inning as Kocik, Andrew Stalker, Simonson and Davey all got hits.

With hits by Alex English, Michael Wholihan, Will Jordan and Mark Nessler, the Yankees added five more runs in the third inning.

Dennis, the Yankees pitcher, allowed only three hits and one run, while striking out seven, to record the win for the Yankees.

The Yankees were managed by Mark Davey and assisted by his sons, Josh Davey and Noah Davey.

Soccer



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

Kickin' It

University Liggett teacher and soccer coach David Dwaihy, above, is part owner of the semi-professional soccer squad, Detroit Football Club. His team played a scoreless tie against Midland-Odessa FC in a playoff semifinal at Hamtramck's Keyworth Stadium, but it came out on the losing end 4-2 in penalty kicks. Detroit FC won 17 matches this season. Below, fans show their support by flying the team flag.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DIRK DRIEBORG

Champs

The Grosse Pointe Red Birds 17U team recently won the Macomb Amateur Baseball Federation 18U Division title this season after capturing the 16U title last summer. Pictured above back row from left are assistant coach Tommy Carion, Jacob Bolton, David Toth, Cameron Shook, Jack Doerer, Peter Ciaravion, Nathan Wiles, Dirk Drieborg and head coach Jonathan Zalenski; and front row from left, manager Lorna Zalenski, standing, Joey Naporano, Stevie Cavera, Joey Dimambro, Jordan White, Anden Armbruster, Noah Hauswirth and assistant coach Mark Ciaravion. Not pictured are assistant coach David Zalenski and player Wes Peters.

Tennis

Players give back

On July 12, Grosse Pointe South High School junior varsity and varsity boys' tennis players participated in Metro Youth Day on Belle Isle, which is a volunteer event the entire program participates in. Head coach John Willard said it is a great way to give back to the community and for the incoming freshmen to meet other boys on the team.

In total, more than 25 boys, along with coaches John Willard and Cathy Hackenberger, volunteered in conjunction with the United States Tennis Association of Southeastern Michigan,

to introduce tennis to more than 500 Detroit children.

Metro Youth Day is the largest youth event in Michigan with the goal of bringing Detroit area youth together for a day of sports, fun and constructive activities to show youngsters the community cares and respects them.

More than 35,000 kids and 1,100 volunteers from 360 organizations were present.

This is the 10th year South boys' tennis team has been involved in Metro Youth Day by teaching tennis and encouraging kids to be involved in the sport of

tennis.

The goal is to motivate kids to pursue their dreams.

"It was a great day on Belle Isle. We all had a great experience as a team presenting tennis to those who may have never played before," said Michael Willard, a junior at Grosse Pointe South.

Kenny Prather, a sophomore at Grosse Pointe South said, "I believe our team has helped to make a positive impact on children's lives."

The Blue Devils boys' tennis team began its season with practice Wednesday, Aug. 9, at Elworthy Field.

Lacrosse

Among the state's best

The Brine National Lacrosse Championship, in its 10th year, brings together some of the best lacrosse student-athletes from different states and regions.

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Lorelli and Max Payton from Grosse Pointe North.

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34 Time waster

37 Conscripts

39 Something wicked?

42 His work inspired "Cats"

44 Beaver's structure

45 Blueprint

46 Anger

50 Female sheep

51 Ailing

52 Spy org.

53 And so on (abbr.)

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

HEY DAD, MOM WANTED ME TO TELL YOU TO BE CAREFUL ON THE ROOF.

AND TO WATCH YOUR STEP UP THERE AND NOT GET TOO MUCH SUN.

GEEZ, WHAT ELSE WAS IT SHE WANTED ME TO DO?

OH OK, THAT'S RIGHT. HOLD THE LADDER WHILE YOU CLIMB DOWN.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

THAT COMIC STRIP IS STUPID.

SORT OF LIKE THIS ONE.

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

HEY, WHAT'CHA GOT GOIN' BACK THERE, SIM?

TOP SECRET PUNKIN PROJECT.

GETTIN' HARDER TO KEEP IT A SECRET, THOUGH.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

4		5			8			
	9			1				7
2			3			9		
	7			6				8
	8			1		6		
3		2					4	
		1	8				7	
	6			7		4		
8				9				5

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.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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K I C B B F C A X V S Q O N L

D J A H R E C A X V T R P A N

L R N J O H F E D B Y X V C T

R P A R K O Y L M K I G E I D

B N D D E Z X D W U Y D P R T

S B I R N D R D O Q O L N E L

J G A G O A O I I B A O R M G

F D N S D F T M C I A Y X A W

V T S I I I X S N E E U Q R E

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Answer

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9	4	5	8	6	1	7	2	3
6	1	3	7	5	2	8	4	9
2	5	7	6	8	3	1	9	4
1	8	4	9	2	5	3	7	6
3	6	9	1	4	7	5	8	2
7	2	6	5	1	4	9	3	8
5	3	8	2	9	6	4	1	7
4	9	1	3	7	8	2	6	5

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Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

A	C	T	T	O	G	S	S	T	E	W		
P	L	Y	U	L	N	A	P	A	T	E		
S	O	P	R	E	A	M	E	L	U	L		
E	Y	E	B	R	O	W	P	E	N	C	I	L
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S	C	O	T	T	S	E	T	B	U	M		
H	A	R	E	B	E	D	B	A	S	E		
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P	E	N	C	I	L	P	U	S	H	E	R	S
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W	I	L	L	N	I	K	E	S	P	A		
N	E	E	D	G	M	A	N	Y	E	W		

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

IF YOU DONT LIKE IT I UNDERSTAND. I MADE IT WHEN WE WERE ARGUING AND I FORGOT WHAT I PUT IN IT.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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