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Headlee override fails

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Among the 5,865 Woods residents casting votes in the Aug. 7 primary, 11 more said “no” to the Public Safety and Public Services Millage Proposal, according to posted results.

The count remains unofficial until the Wayne County Board of Canvassers certifies it, Woods City Clerk Lisa Hathaway explained.

“The board of canvassers has to certify the count. That’s why you see ‘unofficial’ with the posted results,” she said.

Board members are responsible for canvassing the votes cast and certifying elections for all local, countywide and district offices within Wayne County.

Certification deadline is Aug. 21. A resident may request a recount one week following certification, Hathaway said.

High humidity levels led to swollen ballots and issues with tabulator

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A group of bicyclists ride down Charlevoix in Grosse Pointe Park.

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What happened to a planned bike route?

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

The \$1 million bike lane project along Detroit’s East Jefferson spurred a lot of discussion in recent months. While some negative, most seemed to welcome the idea of its creation.

The Detroit Greenways Coalition, a grassroots

organization pushing for the conservation and promotion of green spaces — including the creation of bike lanes to connect people — notes bicycling has become more and more popular in the city.

“There are at least 68 bike clubs in Detroit, each with many members who regularly ride throughout the city,” its website reads.

It also says Slow Roll, the weekly bike ride through Detroit, is the largest in the country and the Dequindre Cut sees 1,200 people — both cyclists and pedestrians — on an average day.

Grosse Pointe is no stranger to bicyclists. Lakeshore and East Jefferson have long been popular routes for recre-

ation. The Grosse Pointe Pedalers draw close to 30 people for its weekly rides through the community.

There was even a push 2010 to 2012 to create a bike route throughout the Grosse Pointes.

In 2010, Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen secured \$70,000 from the Wayne County Parks and Recreation

Department to establish a bike route in Grosse Pointe.

Every year, according to Killeen, he has access to \$100,000 of the Wayne County parks and recreation millage to direct toward projects in his district — which includes the Grosse Pointes.

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Construction begins at Osius Park gatehouse

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Construction of a new entryway gatehouse at Osius Park will begin later this month, an approved project within a

master park plan that is a work in progress.

The gatehouse design and construction by APCOR Construction and Development were approved by city council at its May 15 meeting for a cost not to exceed \$60,000, which is being

footed by an anonymous donor.

“We’re finally getting started,” City Manager Mark Wollenweber said.

With the gatehouse project, council also approved the concept of a new entry driveway from Lakeshore.

Wollenweber said he’s recommending city council, during its Aug. 21 meeting, approve construction of the driveway by Hutch Paving for a cost not to exceed \$140,000.

The Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement

Foundation paid \$100,000 to refurbish the tennis courts. They will be dedicated during the “Serve It Up” event 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at the park. City council levied 1 mill for two years to support related proj-

ects, such as parking lot improvements.

“We’re always looking for ways to cooperate with the improvement foundation,” Wollenweber said. “They do some great work.”

He said many park enhancements are put

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‘Sextortion’ scam hits Grosse Pointe

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

A new scam resembling something out of “Black Mirror” is starting to crop up. But, like the Netflix show, police say it’s just a work of fiction.

City of Grosse Pointe Lt. Detective John Alcorn said two reports of an email scam were reported to the department recently.

In the emails received by residents, an unknown person claims to have explicit videos or photos of the victim — gleaned from gaining access to their webcams through malware — and demands money in exchange for their deletion. If the victim doesn’t pay, the criminal threatens to send the images to all their contacts.

Referred to as “sextortion,” the scam is relatively new to the area. Alcorn said in every instance he’s

heard of so far, however, the criminal never has the images and is simply attempting to fool someone into paying them.

“These are all phishing attacks,” Alcorn said. “People should never pay. They’ll ask for money through different ways. They’ll ask people to use Western Union. Sometimes they’ll ask to send cash. A popular one right now is asking for payment through Bitcoin. Don’t do any of that.

Don’t put cash on a gift card. These are all just different ways they are trying to get to the money.”

Extorters also might ask victims to put money on iTunes gift cards or Google Play cards.

To make it seem legitimate, the criminals often use victims’ real information.

“A lot of cases, criminals get a hold of legitimate usernames and passwords and they make it seem a little more legitimate when they

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Parjana driven to change water management

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

With any business startup, getting through the first years is always the biggest challenge. But for a CEO who firmly believes his product is “paradigm shifting,” that’s the easy part. The challenge is convincing people it works.

After seven years, Park resident and Parjana Distribution Inc. CEO Greg McPartlin believes his company’s Energy-passive Groundwater Recharge Product is finally turning the corner and people are realizing its potential.

Parjana is a Detroit-based company trying to revolutionize water man-

agement. Its EGRP is inspired by nature; simply, it mimics tree roots. Roots naturally allow water to travel between layers in the earth; water finds cracks to fill, expands the earth and creates underground reservoirs of water.

However, over time, the weight of cities, paving over of the earth and removal of trees compacts the earth and creates impermeable layers. Water builds up, storm water runs directly into rivers and treatment plants or pools on the surface.

The EGRP rectifies those issues, allowing water to infiltrate the ground instead of simply running off. The concept

is simple, but according to McPartlin the implications can be “paradigm shifting.”

The polyethylene, five-chambered tube with slits running down the length allows water to infiltrate the ground and can ease the effects of drought, as well as eliminate standing water diseases like cholera, dysentery and malaria. Locally, the device can stem the environmental effects of agricultural runoff and mitigate the costly treatment of stormwater, McPartlin said.

Since its inception, the company has installed the EGRP all over the world, from California to England, including on

Detroit’s Belle Isle and locally in the Grosse Pointes, said McPartlin. Its first test was in a backyard in the Park plagued by standing water after heavy rains. The yard no longer has those issues, said McPartlin.

When Stephen D’Arcy bought a property in Grosse Pointe Farms to build his house, it had the same standing water issues many people in the community face. In fact, that’s why the previous owners sold the back lot of their existing estate to D’Arcy. But now, even after heavy rains, the EGRP keeps the backyard dry and free of any standing water, D’Arcy said.

The up to 20-foot-long

devices are installed a few feet underground and never seen again.

D’Arcy was skeptical at first. But after installing the product he couldn’t be happier.

“There are no water problems on the property any longer,” he said. “We didn’t put in any drains. We are not draining any water into the storm water system or retention ponds. The water simply goes down into the aquifer. Even after a substantial rain there’s no standing water.”

The effects of the EGRP go far beyond the superficial result of reduced standing water.

“It greatly reduces the hydrostatic pressure on the subterranean walls of

the house,” D’Arcy said. “(Hydrostatic pressure) leads to a lot of water issues — sweating on the interior basement wall and other issues. So, that’s a significant added benefit that isn’t as visible as the elimination of groundwater, but it’s really important.”

D’Arcy, a retired PricewaterhouseCoopers executive, was so impressed he decided to invest in Parjana.

“I really like the product,” D’Arcy said. “Storm water is a big issue for society, much bigger than the average person, I think, realizes. Parjana is not a panacea that will replace the existing technology, but we need innovative solutions.”

Carleen Gray named CEO, GroupeSTAHL North America

Michigan-based GroupeSTAHL North America — the world’s largest manufacturer of garment decoration materials and equipment — has named Grosse Pointe Shores resident Carleen Gray chief executive officer of North America. Gray succeeds Chris Lawson, who left the company earlier this year.

Executive Chairman Ted Stahl, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident, made the announcement.

Gray has been with STAHLs’ more than 20 years, most recently serving as executive vice president of sales and marketing and chief marketing officer. She has been instrumental in recent efforts to streamline global operations and

realign divisions. During her tenure, Gray has formed partnerships with licensed brands and major sports leagues and colleges, and reshaped the apparel manufacturing sector.

“This position requires someone who can anticipate the future, understands the marketplace and continually propels the company into new business ventures and product development opportunities,” said Stahl. “Gray’s commitment and vision for the future of the company will allow her, and STAHLs’, to succeed



Carleen Gray

exponentially.”

Gray’s appointment comes as the company continues to expand its business operations across North America. In the role of CEO, Gray will be tasked with evaluating business goals and mobilizing new operations to expand on the STAHLs’ brand. Customer relations will continue to be a focus for Gray, who also will work to evolve the company in meeting the needs of the apparel market, including the fast-growing, on-demand customization segment.

Brian Summerfield takes on new role with DBA

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Serving dual roles on the Detroit Bar Association Executive Committee and Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education is nothing new to Brian Summerfield, a Grosse Pointe Park resident and partner at Kostopoulos Rodriguez PLLC in Birmingham.

While this will be his first year as president of both — he was named president of the DBA in June and began his second year as school board president in January — it’s his third on Detroit Bar’s executive committee. He served as treasurer the first year and president-elect the second. He will complete his four-year commitment next year as past-president.

“When you’re part of something like that, you want to keep helping,” he said. “When I was asked by the senior leaders to step up into the executive role, I felt I should do it. Because of the way the Detroit Bar is structured, there are a lot of people helping you out.”

Similarly, Summerfield receives a lot of support from the other six Board of Education members as well as GPPSS administration. He hopes to con-



COURTESY PHOTO

Brian Summerfield

tinue serving on the school board, having put his name on the November ballot for a second term.

Summerfield was appointed in April 2013 to fill out a term vacated by a previous board member and was elected to a four-year term in 2014. He served as treasurer in 2015 and 2016. As president, he sees his role largely to give every board member a voice and to be open to community input.

A 1993 graduate of the University of Michigan, Summerfield earned a law degree from the University of Minnesota and began his legal career with a seven-year stint with the U.S. Navy. He returned to Michigan in 2004 and moved to Grosse Pointe in 2007 with his family when the oldest of three daughters was entering kindergarten.

“One of the big drivers was the education of the

Grosse Pointe school system — and the beautiful community,” he said. Rachel, 16, will be a junior at Grosse Pointe South High School, Ellie, 13, an eighth-grader at Pierce Middle School and Cassie, 10, a fifth-grader at Defer Elementary School.

The focus of the DBA is networking, professional development and community service. Summerfield said he enjoys his work with the organization because it allows him to expand his network, get to know other members of the DBA — many of them litigators — in a less adversarial setting and take advantage of opportunities to serve Detroit.

While the DBA is “a working board,” the school board, in Summerfield’s view, involves oversight and community relations, not day-to-day management of the operations.

“The role of the school board is you hire the superintendent, you pass general policies and you approve a budget,” he said. “The board provides the guidance — the overall vision — with support from the administration, who are the professionals. That’s why you hired them. They give us recommendations to the overall policies, we approve the policies and they implement them all.”



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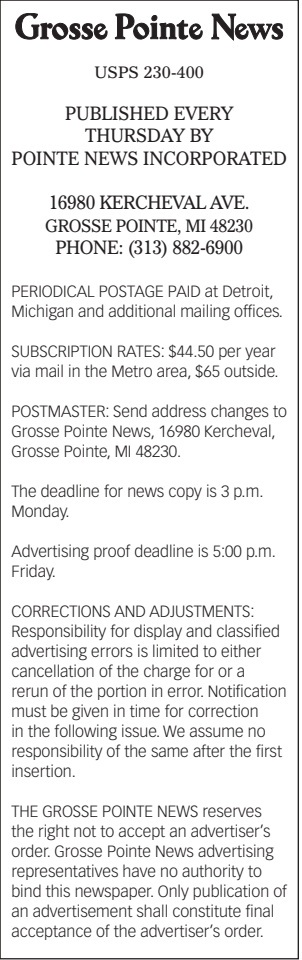


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Grosse Pointe Yacht Club grows partnership with Challenge the Wind

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES AND DETROIT — Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Sailing Director Wally Cross believes when kids have accessibility to sailing, they have accessibility to fun.

“If there’s an easy, affordable way for kids to sail, they would do it,” he said.

Detroit’s Challenge the Wind program has been working to provide sailing accessibility to kids more than 20 years, a goal shared by GPYC’s Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation since its founding in 2009.

The past few years, a partnership between the two has led a growing number of children in Detroit to discover the joy in sailing.

Harry Jones, who began working with Grayhaven Sail Club’s Challenge the Wind Program at Kean’s Marina in 2011, said it was 2012 when GPYNEF’s Jim Morrow and Ted Everingham asked to discuss the two-week youth sailing program he was running.

“We had a meeting at the Bayview Yacht Club,” Jones explained. “And I took them through a 10-year plan. It was a pretty optimistic plan for what we had at that point in time. We just moved to three boats and one other instructor. So we were still pretty small. We had been doing it for a couple years and I guess they had been watching and they said, ‘We trust that you guys know what you’re doing and we want to help you.’”

Jones said the meeting focused on the common mission of getting young



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CHALLENGE THE WIND

Challenge the Wind lead instructors Bill Lane, left, and Harry Jones, in “Opti Bay” at the program’s new location at Detroit Boat Club.

people, who would not otherwise have the opportunity, involved in the sport of sailing.

To expand its program to more students, CTW required space to grow. With the help of GPYNEF, Jones said, this season CTW moved from Kean’s Marina to the Detroit Boat Club on Belle Isle.

“We wouldn’t be doing this if it weren’t for the foundation,” Jones said. “They really embraced us, helped us. I sort of joke with my instructors that we’ve got a couple of benefactors — Kean’s Marina and Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation. But the Grosse Pointe (Youth Nautical Education) Foundation, whenever we have a problem, they’re quite willing to step in and help us solve it and part of that was getting here. Kean’s was wonderful to us, but we were getting too land-locked.”

Jones dubs the calm, secluded waterway in front of Detroit Boat Club “Opti Bay.”

“It’s enclosed on three sides so it’s an extremely safe place to let pre-

teens have at it, figure it out,” Jones said, adding the program operates with about 20 boats in the bay, including a safety boat and seven instructors.

“We had them sailing on their own in three days,” Jones said. “That just confirmed that this is just such a nice place to do the instruction.”

“It’s just a nice corner for sailors,” said Cross, who expects junior sailors from Grosse Pointe Yacht Club will visit Detroit Boat Club and sail its harbor with CTW junior sailors.

“We provide a lot of the assets,” added Cross, “but Harry Jones got Home Depot to provide wood for the dock and we got a group of guys together to help put it together. We also got a company to provide an outboard motor for their safety boat.”

In 2018, the GPYNEF donated a \$4,000 grant to CTW, as well as three floating platforms, a Tartan 10 sailboat and four additional Optimist dinghies. The foundation had previously donated four Optimist dinghies in 2017 and two

420 sailboats in 2016.

Foundation volunteers also assisted the CTW team in the logistics of settling into their new location on Belle Isle.

July 18, during the first week of the three-week CTW program, seven advanced CTW junior sailors attended a race clinic taught by Cross at the GPYC clubhouse before heading into the bay in 420s for five races teaming up with GPYC junior sailors.

“First Wally gave them a little chalk talk, how the race starts, the rules of the water,” Jones explained. “Then we got them out on the water with the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club junior sailors helming the boat and our kids as crew. We did three races that way, then flipped and did the last two races with the CTW kids steering the boat at the helm.”

“We’re 100 percent behind Challenge the Wind and what Harry Jones is doing,” said Cross. “(The CTW junior sailors) are just sponges. Their eyes are wide open.”

Lauren Cochran, 17,



Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Sailing Director Wally Cross gives racing instruction to Challenge the Wind junior sailors prior to teaming with GPYC junior sailors in five races.

from Berkley, who’s been sailing with CTW since she was 12, attended the race clinic.

“We had a blast,” she said. “We learned some new things, like roll tacking. ... We had a lot of fun up there and I hope to do some more races with them.”

Selena Cade, 16, from Pontiac, who’s been sailing with CTW since age 13, added, “We got to know some other people and do five races. We got really comfortable with sailing out on the water and racing out on the water. ... It was pretty interesting and a lot of fun to go out and race.”

Cochran and Cade are among the advanced

sailors in the CTW program and help Jones and his instruction team with teaching the newer students. They said they enjoyed “the pressure of racing,” in that it supports mastering how to sail well.

Jones and Cross said they expect to create more opportunity for the Grosse Pointe and Detroit junior sailors to practice their sailing skills together.

For more information about the Challenge The Wind youth sailing program visit challengethewind.org. To get involved with Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation, visit gpynef.org.

The Week Ahead

THURSDAY, AUG. 16

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores movie night, dusk at Osius Park, 800 Lakeshore.

MONDAY, AUG. 20

◆ City of Grosse Pointe Council meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers, 17147 Maumee.
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

TUESDAY, AUG. 21

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at the municipal building, 795 Lakeshore.

Northeast Guidance Center CEO named Notable Woman in Health Care

Sherry McRill of Grosse Pointe Park recently was featured in Crain’s special June edition, “Notable Women in Health Care.” McRill, president and CEO of the Northeast Guidance Center in Detroit, holds a Master of Arts degree in counseling psychology from Oakland University and is a Michigan limited licensed psychologist with exemplary behavioral health and administrative experience in the public and private sectors.

McRill joined the NEGC team in 1989, was named vice president in 1993 and became president and CEO in 2014. Along with a committed staff, she has grown the NEGC, which employs about 150 medical professionals and support staff who provide primary and behavioral healthcare to those in need. She continues to position the agency as one of Wayne County’s behavioral health providers by

adopting the integrated healthcare model for children and adults who seek NEGC services.

Under her leadership the organization’s outreach now includes partnerships such as Community Outreach for Psychiatric Emergencies and Senior Reach, which provides care and resources for seniors. NEGC behavioral health specialists are a part of a Detroit Public Schools school-based behavioral initiative and Southwest Housing Solutions, which provides affordable homes for low-income residents in the Mack-Ashland area of Detroit. Under McRill’s leadership, NEGC works collaboratively with Connor Corridor partners to improve the lives of community residents on Detroit’s east side.

McRill is committed to the community in which she lives. She sits on the board of directors for Jefferson East

Inc., The Salvation Army Conner Creek and Kevin’s Song, and is past president of the

Junior League of Detroit and The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods.

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Missing phone

A cell phone left in the lobby of a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval was reported missing 3:20 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8. The victim left the phone in the lobby and returned a short time later to discover it missing. The employees of the business said they did not see anyone take it and the business does not have security cameras. An attempt to track the phone was unsuccessful because it was turned off.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Took too many

A 38-year-old Tennessee woman was arrested for possession of prescription drugs noon Saturday, Aug. 11, in the 400 block of Hillcrest.

A resident reported a woman unresponsive in a car parked in a driveway. The resident said he thought the woman left an hour prior, but when he went outside she was in the car passed out.

Officers woke up the woman after several attempts. She had pinpoint pupils and was confused about the time and where she was.

She said she was prescribed a number of narcotics for a medical condition, but did not admit to being on any at the time.

After observing the woman, officers determined she was under the influence of an overabundance of drugs.

Medication was found loose in her purse and, in prescription bottles, different types of pills were found mixed together.

A discrepancy in the amount of pills supposed to be left in her prescription also indicated she had taken too many.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Caught with grass

An 18-year-old Concord man and 24-year-old Harper Woods man were arrested for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, on Kerby at Kerby Lane.

Officers observed a truck driving down the alley next to the Farms police garage pulling a trailer with lawn equipment. The vehicle did not have proper commercial markings.

After pulling the vehicle over, officers noted a strong smell of marijuana which became stronger when the driver, the Harper Woods man, exited the vehicle.

The driver admitted to having marijuana in the truck and a glass pipe and marijuana were found on his person.

The Concord man also was found with a glass pipe and marijuana in his possession.

The driver also was cited for possession of prescription medication when cellophane containing Xanax was found in the truck.

Suspicious activity

A 25-year-old Detroit woman, wanted in connection for possible fraudulent activity at the Mack and Moross Shell gas station, was arrested for fraudulent insurance and open intoxicants 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, at Chalmers and I-94.

Employees at the gas station observed the woman filling up her car and using a credit card to fill other vehicles at different pumps until it was declined.

When public safety arrived, the woman was leaving and traveled northbound on Moross.

Officers caught up to her at Moross and I-94 and pulled her over at Chalmers.

Gas station employees

said it would be impossible to determine if the activity at the pumps was fraudulent until the next day when a manager came in to review transactions; however, she provided fraudulent car insurance to the officer and was arrested. An almost-empty bottle of whiskey also was found in the vehicle within reach of the driver.

Fraud

A resident reported fraudulent activity on his cell phone account 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6. The victim said his son's cell phone lost service. When he called the provider, he was informed an authorized upgrade to the device was made in State College, Pa., and service to his son's device was terminated.

He also was told the suspect needed identification and access to a four-digit PIN to make the upgrade.

The victim said he did not authorize the upgrade, did not give out any of the information and had no connection to State College.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Thefts from vehicles

Four larcenies from automobiles were reported between Monday, Aug. 6, and Friday, Aug. 10:

◆ A resident in the 1800 block of Prestwick reported 4:12 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6, a tool and approximately \$10 in change stolen from the center console of his 2009 Jeep.

Though officers found no sign of forced entry, the man said he locked the vehicle's doors.

◆ Another resident in

the 1800 block of Prestwick reported 4:31 p.m. Monday Aug. 6, items taken from his 2017 Ram pickup truck, including Oakley sunglasses, a monitor for the truck's back-up camera and change from the center console.

The man reported he left the doors unlocked.

◆ A woman reported the GPS and radio assembly stolen from her 2017 Chrysler vehicle while parked at a meter in the 19000 block of Mack noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8.

The theft damaged the vehicle's dashboard. No other damage was found.

The woman reported having locked her vehicle.

◆ A resident in the 700 block of Hawthorne reported Friday, Aug. 10, an overnight theft from his unlocked 2011 Ford F-150 parked in his driveway.

He reported missing a binder containing approximately 40 CDs and \$5 in change. No damage to the truck was reported.

Suspicious person

Residents of a home in the 600 block of North Oxford reported seeing a man fleeing their backyard approximately 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7.

They described him as black, in his mid-30s, approximately 6 feet tall, wearing a dark shirt and dark pants.

Woods units and the Farms K-9 unit checked the area while units from the Shores assisted setting a perimeter. The suspect was not found.

Driving while wrecked

Officers responding to a call of reckless driving of a white pickup truck on northbound Mack located the 2001 Chevy Silverado swerving erratically and made a traffic stop.

The 35-year-old driver from Ray Township presented bloodshot eyes and pinpoint pupils and acted nervously.

When questioned if he used drugs, the driver admitted shooting heroin in Detroit 30 minutes earlier.

Officers found syringes in the vehicle and arrested the man for driving while under the influence of drugs, possessing drug paraphernalia and as the subject of an active arrest warrant in Warren.

— Melissa Walsh

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Caught tailgating

Officers arrested a 22-year-old Warren man for no proof of insurance 1:14 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, after pulling him over for tailgating another vehicle on Lakeshore from Woodland Shore to Vernier.

— Melissa Walsh

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Grills on the lam

◆ A resident in the 800 block of Beaconsfield reported a package containing a Weber Grill stolen sometime in May.

◆ A small, red, round, charcoal grill was stolen from a rear yard in the 1300 block of Maryland between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6.

Bike thief arrested

A 58-year-old Detroit man was arrested on

probable cause for stealing a bike Wednesday, Aug. 1, in the 1100 block of Lakepointe. He was taken into custody Tuesday, Aug. 7, in the 2600 block of Algonquin in Detroit.

Getting ready for fall

A package containing a blue North Face jacket was stolen from a porch in the 1100 block of Wayburn between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6.

Didn't roll far

A neighbor is suspected of stealing a green wheeled recycle bin in the 1400 block of Lakepointe between 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6, and 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7.

Concealed handgun

A 38-year-old Woods man was arrested for possessing and concealing a handgun 10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, on Mack at Cadieux. He was pulled over for a traffic violation and found to possess the concealed handgun.

License plate stolen

A license plate was stolen from a vehicle in the 1300 block of Buckingham sometime Sunday, Aug. 12.

Had to go

A 24-year-old Detroit man was arrested for indecent exposure and providing false identification 11:50 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 12, on Maryland at Hampton. The man provided false ID to police when stopped and investigated for urinating in public.

— Anthony Viola

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

OSIUS:

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forth and developed by residents who participate with the improvement foundation as volunteers.

The gatehouse project and tennis courts are part of a master plan for Osius Park presented by James McNelis from Stucky Vitale Architects during the June 19 city council meeting.

"This is a work in progress," McNelis reminded council, adding it is the "consolidation of all the previous master plans and all the projects that have been under consideration in previous iterations of this document."

According to the plan, residents can expect a new pavilion at the north end of the park, community center at the east end, pickleball court and pedestrian walkways, as well as other improvements including a new splash guard along the seawall and cap on the existing seawall by the marina.

Once the planning commission approves the master plan,

Councilman Matt Seely said, city council will invite residents to a public hearing for information and feedback.

Wollenweber said he expects the city will present the master plan to residential committees and commissions involved with the park in September and to all Shores residents for input after that.

"A lot of good ideas," Mayor Ted Kedzierski said of the park plan during the June 19 meeting, "I know some of this is like a wish list. We've been soliciting public comment, but we really haven't had public hearings. We're going to have a lot to digest this year, certainly a lot of upheaval

at the park in terms of disruption with parking, tennis courts, the new roadway. What I'm going to propose is that during the time of the public hearings that we

have a moratorium with respect to any additional park improvements, so we can make sure we get it right and it serves the needs of Grosse Pointe Shores well."

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OUR VIEW

Press call to action

The Boston Globe has asked news outlets to participate Aug. 16 in a “Call for Action to Protect Free Press.” The paper urged newspapers around the country to publish editorials about the dangers of attacks on the press.

According to the Michigan Press Association, the slander of “fake news” has become an incitement against the First Amendment, labeling journalists the “enemy of the American people” and “dangerous and sick.”

“This war on the free press must end,” the MPA said in an email urging its members to participate in The Boston Globe’s call to action. “Publications, whatever their politics, could make a powerful statement by standing together in the common defense of their profession and the vital role it plays in government for and by the people.

“The impact of this assault on journalism looks different in Escanaba than it does in Detroit. Words will differ. But at least we can agree that such attacks are alarming.”

The Grosse Pointe News agreed to participate, because we fear readers do not truly realize how dangerous it is to be labeling responsible media “enemy of the people” and accusing the press and news broadcasters of fabricating “fake news.”

Most media consumers realize the anti-press rhetoric is meant to “muddy the waters” over negative reporting of government affairs, but we fear some less thoughtful readers and viewers might see the name-calling as a “call to action” of a more dangerous kind.

The war against the press is not limited to name-calling. Media outlets have been selectively banned from open events. Last spring, the Department of Homeland Security announced it was compiling a database of journalists and “media influencers.”

Such tactics have sounded an alarm among the nation’s journalists and news outlets. In an effort to unite the media and raise national awareness about the war against it, The Boston Globe issued its “call for action to protect free press.”

The Globe hopes members of the press will stand in “common defense of their profession and the vital role it plays in government for and by the people” and consider how attacks on journalism impact the public nationwide.

In 1974, influential 20th-century political theorist Hannah Arendt said in an interview: “A people that no longer can believe anything cannot make up its mind. It is deprived not only of its capacity to act, but also of its capacity to think and to judge. And with such a people, you can then do what you please.”

Arendt’s statement speaks to a new generation. Losing trust in a free press, people turn to less objective, verifiable sources of news, social media and actual “fake news” outlets, many, we are learning, originating from a hostile foreign power.

An ill-informed, frightened public is precisely the audience an authoritarian government — foreign or domestic — hopes to cultivate.



Pure Grosse Pointe

Five-year-old Stella Junger beat the heat the old-fashioned way at her house in the 300 block of McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

OUR VIEW

Primary results slow to arrive

We apologize to readers for not having the primary election results in last Thursday’s paper. We waited until 11 p.m. to go to press. As of that time, the only results we had were the Shores — which could have been hand-counted if necessary.

Despite modern advances in computing speeds and transmission, it takes us longer to get results than it did 25 years ago!

Grosse Pointe Woods had trouble with its new absentee ballot tabulator. Apparently, the high humidity recently caused the ballot to swell and jam up in the machine. Unless it’s a lot less humid, don’t look for improvement in November since the machine is sealed and shrink-wrapped until the General Election.

But the Woods AV ballots are one precinct. Why were the other precincts not reporting? As of 11 p.m. Tuesday night, none of the Pointes’ election results were showing up on the Wayne County Clerk’s elections results website, electionresults.com/wayne, powered by Miller Consultation & Elections LLC.

Of course, the website crashed later that night, so perhaps the fault lies with the website, not our city clerks.

As of this week, the website was still reporting the Woods Headlee Override ballot issue had passed by a good margin when in fact it failed by 11 votes. Unless a good citizen demands a recount, the results will stand.

The website cannot even be trusted with voter turnout. For the City of Grosse Pointe, it reports 30 percent voter turnout with 10,993 out of 36,960 voters casting ballots. Problem is there are only some 5,200 people in all, including children, living in the City. The actual turnout was 39.97 percent with 1,915 of 4,791 registered voters casting ballots.

Clearly, if our municipalities are going to rely on electionresults.com in November, it needs to be fixed. Or we can do it the old way — by fax or by hanging around city hall on election night.

That would be fine with us so long as we get results!

LETTERS

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

Charter North alumna on Sumbera

To the Editor:

I agree with Mr. Chapel’s July 25 letter to editor regarding the Grosse Pointe school administration’s deplorable treatment toward Mr. Sumbera. I also concur the naming of the baseball and football fields the Frank Sumbera Sports Complex is a dignified way to honor Mr. Sumbera.

Now allow me to share a bit of Grosse Pointe North’s sports history.

While I was a student at North there was a classmate, Tom Clem, who was an outstanding baseball player. Many scouts were keeping an eye on him. Then a tragic mishap occurred and Tom passed away. In honor of Tom, the boy’s baseball field was named Tom Clem Memorial Field. Years later I learned the boy’s diamond was renamed from Tom Clem Memorial Field to Memorial Field. I asked a North staff member, why? The original name of the field meant a lot to us. I was told because the new students do not know

who Tom was.

A memorial is a way to be respectful to a person’s accomplishments and is a way to pass on his/her legacy to the next generation. When I learned of the name change, I felt as though the school administration’s behavior was that of throwing our respect, our condolence toward Tom, into the trash; I was deeply saddened.

What I am trying to share is the school administration’s disrespectful treatment toward Mr. Sumbera is not the first time they acted in such a callous, disrespectful manner, first toward the students, now toward a staff member.

My 50th class reunion is coming up in a couple of years. I ask that Mr. Sumbera be invited.

MARGARET POTTER
Charter class 1970
Grosse Pointe Woods

Not a prank

To the Editor:

I read your news article on Aug. 2 regarding the class of 1968 and feel that it wasn’t a prank at all, just a miscommunication amongst the ranks.

I, for one, am happy it

turned out that way!

Thanks to the school board for allowing our class to remain together until graduation day. Being an alumni from the class of 1969, I am proud that we WERE the last graduating class from GPHS.

As our class looks forward to our 50th GPHS reunion next year on Aug. 3, 2019, we are all excited to meet each other at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club for many celebrations during that weekend.

By the way, how did 50 years go by so fast?!

If you are searching for a prank, well our school had two of them that I can remember:

1) The class of 1967 released 50,000 grasshoppers into every building and then chained the doors closed, so we couldn’t exit the buildings!

2) Some group planted a washer, dryer and a VW on top of the library. Don’t remember what year that was.

So, it’s up to you to find out the culprit! Happy hunting!

SUZANNE C. MALEY
Vancouver, WA
GPHS Class of 1969

Time to set record straight

To the Editor:

The recent controversy surrounding the question of who graduated from which Grosse Pointe High School when has created significant concerns and heated arguments in our community and beyond.

The time has come to correct this travesty. The only apparent way to do

that and set the record straight, once and for all, is by immediate action of the current school board.

Since all previous Grosse Pointe school boards, including the one in charge when Grosse Pointe North was originally scheduled to open, were either oblivious to this situation, never seriously considered all the ramifications or simply didn’t care.

An accurate history of which high school an individual graduated from is critically important, in all sorts of circumstances, including family trees, employment applications, obituaries and many other vital records.

It’s time for the current board to do the right thing and set the record straight, once and for all!

HARRY KURTZ
Class of ‘68
Grosse Pointe (?)
High School

Ashamed of GPW voters

To the Editor:

I am ashamed of Grosse Pointe Woods citizens for failing to support the millage Aug. 7. This millage — for police and roads — was not asking for much, yet it failed by 11 votes.

The other Grosse Pointes support their millage requests, so why can’t Grosse Pointe Woods do the same? Are we too poor? Are the people too selfish? I don’t know.

What I do know is that if you voted no, you must not care if our city declines.

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I SAY By Melissa Walsh

The boat ride



Traveling port to port in my family’s powerboat filled my childhood summers. And still today, in my 50s, I prefer being on water than on land in summer. So I have a powerboat and also sail with friends. I find the most joy in sailing, a passion I

share with my boyfriend. Over dinner Saturday, my dad, curious about our love for sailing, shared an observation from his 50-plus years of power boating around the Great Lakes. “We would see a group of sailboats leave port early in the morning,” he recalled. “Then after spending the day in port, we’d take off for the next port about 4 (p.m.). And sometimes we’d see the same group of sailboats coming into port late that night! I never understood why they’d want to give up the whole day just get-

ting there.” “Because it’s about the boat ride,” my boyfriend said. “They love the boat ride.” I thought of a piece of art my oldest son made when he was 4 years old at Grosse Pointe Nursery School. It’s an 8 1/2-by-11-inch sheet of paper with pasted pieces of construction paper on it depicting a sailboat in rough water. A teacher wrote my son’s name — Shane — at the top with this Bible verse: “I will be with you always ...” Matthew 28:20b.

Shane made this little masterpiece in fall 2001. I framed it and have kept it next to my bed all these years. It ministered to me while raising my four sons through rough and still waters, fierce and favorable winds, with me alone at the helm. Reading this small piece of scripture through my American lenses, for a long time I perceived it to mean God will be with ME — Melissa, struggling single mom — always. However, the translation, using plural “you,” means God will be with me IN COMMUNITY always. Few sail single-handed. Most sail in community. Though powering

through the current and chop of Lake St. Clair from point A to point B can be fun, it does not render the same working-together community required for the “good sail.” The powerboat captain looks straight ahead, his passengers behind him holding on to something when the boat hits white-capped waves. The engine runs too loudly to have a conversation. Open beers get spilled. Yet the forces of Mother Nature are overpowered by the fiberglass hull pushed by ample horsepower. With sailing, a community of skipper and crew works together beating close to the wind to reach

their destination. Crew members feed the skipper information about puffs coming and boats about to cross while he or she steers from the helm calling tack. The power of the lake is respected and the skipper is minded while crew members cooperate to find that awesome groove sailors love. Then confidently set on course cruising to port with the sails trimmed and sheets cleated, the sailors can relax, enjoying the boat ride. They chat. They have a meal. They sit in awe of God’s beautiful world all around them. And sailors like me feel that promise: God is with us.

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1943
75 years ago this week

GROSSE POINTE FAIR OPENS MONDAY: During the last week before the opening of the Grosse Pointe Township Fair of Wise Saving for War Needs, many additional requests for space for exhibits have come in and the committee has extended the deadline for entries until noon Friday. **THIEVES RAVAGING VICTORY GARDENS:** Victory Garden thieves, both human and otherwise, are going to town these days in the Pointes. The police dockets are cluttered with complaints of vegetables stolen or destroyed by rabbits, pheasants or whatnot.

1968
50 years ago this week

MORE BASEMENT FLOODING DISCUSSIONS: Flooded basements were once again the main topic of discussion at the City of Grosse Pointe council meeting. City engineers presented a report on the Fox Creek sewer overload situation that has residents of Lakeland, Lincoln, Washington and Rivard mopping sewage from their basements. **BITING SQUIRREL KILLED BY POLICE:** A biting squirrel was shot by Woods police after it bit a boy on the index finger. The incident took

place on Hampton at the child’s residence. He and his mother pointed out the squirrel to the police who attempted to catch it, but were unable to do so. They then shot him out of the tree and sent his remains to Herman Kiefer Hospital for a rabies test. Obituaries: Adelia Clamage, Arthur C. Gerow, Anne Russel McMillan, Paul Nixon Mobley, Paul C. Munkholm, Olga Theros, Edna N. Toncray

1993
25 years ago this week

SCHOOL SMOKING BAN TAKES EFFECT SEPT. 1: Tobacco, in its various forms of indulgence, will no longer be a welcome visitor in Grosse Pointe Public School System buildings. Effective Sept. 1, smoking will be banned from all Michigan public schools following the passage of Public Act 140, signed by Gov. John Engler Aug. 3. **389 SUPPORTERS ASK BOARD FOR VOTE:** Members of Concerned Citizens of Grosse Pointe submitted petitions containing 5,477 signatures to the Grosse Pointe school board meeting. Speaking on behalf of the citizens group seeking to bar the school district from selling the historic administrative offices at 389 St. Clair was a Grosse Pointe Park attorney.

Obituaries: Marian W. Bockstanz, Carl F. Cordier, Lucille Currutt, Charlotte S. Dey, William Harold Lightbody, Muriel A. O’Connor Maiullo, Jeremiah Paul McCarthy, Jean H. Schrader, Frederick J. Solomon

2008
10 years ago this week

CONSTRUCTION ON TARGET: It has been a great summer weather-wise. Translation: It’s been even better for the Mack Avenue road construction. Rain delays have been almost non-existent and road crews have been working most days meaning the repaving from Vernier to Moross is on schedule if not ahead of it. **VOTERS ZOO-IT IN A BIG WAY:** On election day, Aug. 5, the lions’ share of voters from Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties showed their stripes by backing a 10-year operating millage. Money will close the zoo’s funding gap, which opened two years ago when the zoo was spun off from the financially troubled city of Detroit. Obituaries: Sophie Bill, John F. Dodge Jr., Elizabeth Lawrie Kimbrough, Dorothy J. King, Maggie Merry, Earl Raynal Sr., Donald B. Shumaker, D.D.S., Frank Tamburo, Art Weinle, Michael O. Wheeler, Robert Bruce Young, Paul Leonard Youngblood — Karen Fontanive

LETTERS:

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If you didn’t vote at all and are, gee, surprised and puzzled about why a nice place like Grosse Pointe Woods would not support a millage to help its police or roads, here’s a news flash: The millage lost because you did not vote. Next time there’s a millage request (I hope soon) or a desperately needed bond for our schools (Nov. 6), don’t assume others will vote yes. Go to the polls and vote yes. This is not a theoretical issue. This is not about national politics or social media. This is about supporting the treasured community we live in. ELLEN CREAGER Grosse Pointe Woods

Good exists in Grosse Pointe

To the Editor: In these days when civility, courtesy and “doing the right thing” seem to be rare, I must share what happened recently in Grosse Pointe Woods. While stopped at the light at Marter on Vernier adjacent to Lochmoor Country Club, I was startled when an errant golf ball hit my car shattering my driver’s side mirror. I proceeded to head home but then decided to circle back and inquire at Lochmoor where I spoke to General Manager Jody Clor. Jody expressed his and the club’s concern and took my contact information indicating he would let me know if a club member came forward. Jody’s

responsiveness exceeded my expectations — and my expectations were exceeded again when I was contacted the next day by the golfer, a local business leader known to many, who generously offered to pay for my new mirror. In today’s world, when we seem to focus on the negative, let’s celebrate the good that exists in so many ways right here in Grosse Pointe. BOBBURY Grosse Pointe

Why are there no bookstores here?

To the Editor: For those inclined to gripe, as I am, it’s surprising that no one has brought up the fact we have no new bookstore here. There are many churches, banks, coffee shops, bistros and even pet stores, but no bookstores. As I first came to this wonderful Pointe area there were two. Now there are none. We hear talk about a hotel, but about a bookstore, not much. Where are the bourgeoisie clamoring for at least a modest little store? Yes, the internet as a book source is a factor here, but a case can be made against it. In a store

one can see, smell and touch the material, even hear it. It’s a social place where we can pick up a newspaper, magazine or on occasion see up close a celebrity writer autographing their latest work, if not our friends. A bookstore in the area is important as a sign of civilization assurance. It should be part of any upscale urban area like this. Good fiction alone is what “dreams are made of.” And so considering our public schools/universities and their problematic teaching of history and civics, the history of these present quite turbulent times will someday be responsibly written in volumes of good books. They will/should be there where we can discover the truth of our faulty or righteous prejudice there in the bookstore. The public library is always there, you say. Yes, but with the common good sentiment which very much includes protection of our major industries, one of those industries is book publishing. Their main business is not only to supply public libraries. This factor and the joy of book ownership is why we need bookstores. HENRY ELDEN St. Clair Shores



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OPENS AUGUST 17

EIGHTH GRADE

Thirteen-year-old Kayla endures the tidal wave of contemporary suburban adolescence as she makes her way through the last week of middle school—the end of her thus far disastrous eighth grade year before she begins high school.



OPENS AUGUST 24

DON'T WORRY, HE WON'T GET FAR ON FOOT

After nearly dying in a car accident, the last thing John Callahan intends to do is give up alcohol. Callahan reluctantly enters a treatment program and discovers that he has a knack for drawing edgy and irreverent cartoons.

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LEAVE NO TRACE

A father and daughter live a perfect but mysterious existence in Forest Park, a beautiful nature reserve, rarely making contact with the world. But when a small mistake tips them off to authorities, they are sent on an increasingly erratic journey in search of a place to call their own.



OPENS SEPTEMBER 14

THE WIFE

Joan and Joe remain complements after nearly 40 years of marriage. As Joe, an American novelist, is about to be awarded the Nobel Prize for his acclaimed and prolific body of work, Joan starts to think about the shared compromises, secrets and betrayals. into the private role of a great man's wife.



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Musician gets early start in Grosse Pointe schools

Violist performs at Carnegie Hall, tours Asia

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

At 18, Amelia Abouljoud is one step closer to her dream job — playing with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra — after performing at Carnegie Hall in New York City and touring as a member of a national youth orchestra through Asia.

Each summer, Carnegie Hall’s Weill Music Institute brings together musicians from across the country to form the National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America. Following a comprehensive audition process and three-week training residency with leading professional orchestra musicians beginning July 1, the teenagers embarked on a 17-day tour, serving as music ambassadors.

Abouljoud, a resident of Grosse Pointe Park, was the only musician from Michigan selected. Last summer she was chosen for the National Youth Orchestra 2 for ages 14 to 17. This summer she was among a group of 109 musicians ages 16 to 19 from across the U.S. to tour Taiwan, China and South Korea with conductor Michael Tilson



Amelia Abouljoud, far right, with the viola section of the National Youth Orchestra USA in Carnegie Hall.

Thomas and pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet, performing “Brass Tacks,” by Ted Hearne, specially commissioned by Carnegie Hall for NYO-USA, alongside works by Sibelius and Gershwin.

The tour kicked off with the orchestra’s annual concert at Carnegie Hall July 19, continuing with stops in Taipei, Shanghai, Beijing, Seoul and Daejeon.

Abouljoud credits her early introduction to music to the Grosse Pointe Public School System. She began play-

ing the violin at age 10 at Defer Elementary School with music teacher Paul Smith. She switched to viola in middle school and worked with Pierce Middle School music teacher James Gross.

“James Gross really got me started with viola playing,” Abouljoud said. “He was always very supportive of everything. He was a great teacher.”

After he suggested she switch to viola, Gross said she “took to the new instrument immediately” and went on to excel as

an MSBOA All-State Orchestra member.

“Once I switched instruments from violin to viola, that’s when I got really into it,” she said. “My teachers would always beg me to practice. ... I would put schoolwork aside and just go practice and that’s when I knew, I think this is for me.”

The next step was to work with a private teacher, Colette Mataj, in Grosse Pointe Woods, and teachers from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Abouljoud’s mother, Annette Abouljoud,



Abouljoud, right, with Symphony Koss, a violinist from Washington State.

praises Grosse Pointe schools for providing the opportunity for students to study music. Without this opportunity, “our daughter would have not been able to develop into the accomplished young musician she is,” she said, adding the teachers who had the biggest impact on her were Miller at Defer, Gross at Pierce and Grosse Pointe South High School and Christopher Takis at South, with whom she studied bassoon.

After three years at Grosse Pointe South High School, it became difficult for Amelia Abouljoud to maintain her practice regimen of four to six hours a day while keeping up with schoolwork.

“I wasn’t sleeping much,” she said.

Her senior year she received a scholarship to attend Interlochen Center for the Arts. While it was difficult to leave her family for her final year of high school — “I had never been away from home before,” she said — she knew it was the right choice.

“It was what I needed for what I wanted to do,” she said.

Abouljoud returned from Asia Aug. 6, for a brief visit home before she is off Sunday, Aug. 19, to the Cleveland Institute of Music at Case Western University to pursue a Bachelor in Music degree in music performance — the next step in her journey to her dream career.

TEACHERS IN THE SUMMERTIME

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

Making a list and checking it once — maybe

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Each summer Brownell Middle School teacher Bob Abel has a wish list of things he hopes to accomplish in preparation for the following school year. While he confesses “my eyes often are bigger than my stomach,” as of mid-August he checked a number of items off the list.

Abel’s list is as varied as the subjects he teaches — French, Spanish, industrial education, journalism and broadcast journalism. He also provides academic assistance to students.

First on his list was a trip to France June 18 to July 9. He and his daughter, Elizabeth, a 2018 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, spent three weeks visiting friends in Lyons, Chamonix, Chambéry, Aix-en-Provence and Paris while Abel brushed up on his language skills and his daughter put to use four years of French instruction.

Abel also attended 10 hours of professional development in Schoology, the district’s new learning



Bob Abel poses with his daughter, Elizabeth, in Chamonix, France. Mont Blanc — the highest mountain in the Alps — is in the background.

management system, and he and a colleague fully dismantled his classroom of 23 years and cleaned up a storage closet.

Works in progress are talking with Principal Roger Hunwick about green screen walls for filming, organizing and purchasing equipment for his woods and metals and video production classes and preparing

lessons for a new class he will be teaching at Grosse Pointe South in the fall on small engine repair.

Likely deferred for another summer is an online course in filmmaking, as Abel needs to make time for “the home side of things.”

“My little garden is demanding lots of attention and I need to hit the gym,” he said.

Poupard teacher prepares for fall with online learning

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Summer is winding down and so far Danielle Miller has completed four of five online classes she enrolled in to get the school year off to a good start.

The second-grade teacher was looking for something new this summer to keep her busy and “help better my teaching in the fall going forward.”

Through Teach ’n Kids Learn, an online education services company, she selected five self-paced classes: parent engagement to support student learning; learning about ADHD in the class; classroom management; teaching a blended classroom; and teaching with rigor.

Miller said she was particularly interested in the parent engagement class as this is an area Poupard is targeting for improvement. She said she learned new ideas to “bring parents into school to be really excited about student learning.”

The key is “to make them feel comfortable and welcome,” she said. Ideas include providing after-school activities for parents, offering evening events for working parents as well as accommodating those who work at night, and including childcare and offering dinner. It’s important, too, to provide

handouts in case both parents weren’t able to participate, Miller said.

“I’ve talked with Principal Ali with some fresh ideas,” she said. These include activities for back-to-school night as well as “things I want to do in class to get parents excited and hopefully give them a fresh outlook for a new school year and being excited about learning with the students.”

She also learned new approaches for teaching students with attention disorder and hyperactivity disorder.

“All of us in the building have students with ADHD,” Miller said. “Learning new ways to engage them and allow them a better learning experience excited me.”

In addition to a review of techniques she and her colleagues already use, she hopes to bring new ideas to Poupard, including “lots of brain breaks (and) individual plans to make (students) feel that they can be successful within their learning.”

“A brain break is something we would do as a class to get the wiggles out, get some movement happening between lessons and get everyone — especially the younger students — time to move around to get their brains back to the task at hand and what we’re trying to get them to do,” she said.

“Students with ADHD may need more of those or more individual brain breaks or intervention to help their brains kick in.”

“Students in general ... need that extra fun silly time to get out and be kids,” she added.

Emphasized in the class was the importance of allowing students with ADHD to have a fresh start at the beginning of the school year as opposed to talking with a past teacher about the student’s behavior.

Because children “grow tremendously” over the summer, ignoring “what you’ve heard in the past (allows) you and the student to have a fresh start together,” she said.

Each class took 50 hours to complete.

“It took a lot of time, but I really saw the need and the importance of it going forward,” she said. “If I had some extra time this summer, why not put it in my class? They say teachers have a lot of time off, but we put in a lot of time and effort to perfect our teaching and keep giving back to students even throughout the summer, through tutoring, through day camps, through summer school or making ourselves better through classes ourselves.”

As for putting the new ideas to use in a few weeks, “I can’t wait,” she said. “I’m really excited.”

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

The following area students graduated May 2018 from Miami University: **Lewis Fox** of the City of Grosse Pointe; **Kara Couvreur**, **Alexandra Martin** and **Paul VanWalleghem**, all of Grosse Pointe Farms; **Prescott Beckett**, **Sarah**

Edmonds and **Benjamin Schneider**, all of Grosse Pointe Park and **Jennifer Vermet** of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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The following area students were named to the spring 2018 semester Dean’s List at Washington

University in St. Louis: **Sam Brusilow**, City of Grosse Pointe; **Ben Rappolee**, Grosse Pointe Farms; and **Elise Grever** and **Zach White**, both of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Janey Degnan graduated spring 2018 from

Lawrence University with a bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude in neuroscience. She also was elected to Lawrence’s chapter of Phi Beta Kappa honorary society. She is the daughter of Bernard

and Francoise Degnan of Grosse Pointe Park.

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Emily Shea was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2017, winter 2018 and spring/summer 2018 semesters at Wayne State

University. The 2015 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School is the daughter of John and Sarah Shea of Grosse Pointe Farms and granddaughter of Karen A. Shea of Grosse Pointe Shores.

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Always on duty
Border collie goes above and beyond at Ford House

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

July 20 marked the one-year work anniversary of Moss, a 3-year-old border collie hired to chase geese from the grounds of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. Geese tend to sit along the shoreline in the morning and migrate to the meadow in the afternoon. “Being on the lake, it’s like a highway for them,” said Karl Koto, director of landscapes at Ford House and Moss’s handler. “We’ll never get rid of them, but if we can control them while visitors are here, that’s our goal.” Moss was trained in Alberta, Canada, to be a sheep dog, but transitioned to geese chasing when the Ford House became interested in him. He spent two years in the Great White North before crossing the border to Michigan — and it was a bit of a shock for the pup. “The first week we got him here ... it was 95 degrees,” Koto said. “He was like, ‘what did you do to me?’”

While Moss became accustomed to the weather, Koto became accustomed to the commands he uses with Moss. Apart from regularly speaking with Moss’s trainer, who sent videos of Moss’s progress, Koto also met with representatives from Goose Works, the company through which the Ford House found Moss. Goose Works visited the site and worked on commands with the new partners. “Some commands they had weren’t relevant to what we do here,” Koto said, “so we did some of our own training. Because I’m his only handler, I see how he reacts and learn from that too.” Moss not only works with Koto, but lives with him as well. “He commutes with me,” Koto joked. “We rideshare together.” “We patrol the grounds first thing in the morning and make sure there are no geese on the property,” he continued. “The thing with geese and dogs is, all we’re doing is training the geese. When



Canadian visitors, from left, Leslie Gavel, Perry Jongsma and Terry Skrypnik visit with Moss and Koto during a recent stop at the Ford House.

they see Moss in the morning, they find other places to go. In the afternoon, they start filtering in again, so we patrol throughout the day and sometimes come back in the evening to throw them off.” The Ford House sits on 87 total acres, though Moss does not patrol the 20-acre field across Lakeshore Road. He also isn’t allowed to go into the water to chase geese, though he does jump in to cool off or take a drink.

Moss is trained not to catch geese — only chase them off — and he’s cautious around injured geese and goslings. “He slows down so they get out of his way,” Koto said. “He’ll stalk them a little more — he slowly creeps up so they have time to walk into the water.” Koto said Ford House staff realize the importance of the job Moss does, especially as there was a year gap between Moss and his predecessor, Ellie. “That spring, the meadow was covered in geese all day and they can be aggressive to walkers,” he said. “That showed us having a dog on the property is really important.”

Koto said Moss has been a great addition to his family as well. “The kids love him. The cat is his pet. If we call the cat, he jumps up and looks around for her,” Koto said. “It’s been nice having a companion coming to work. He’s fit in very well at home and in the department.” Moss is off-leash at all times, but stays close to Koto. “Even when I’m at my desk, he sleeps in my office,” Koto said. “But he always knows where I am or what’s going on.” Staff at the Ford House call Moss their therapy dog. “He comes with me to all the meetings I go to and walks around and says hi to everyone,”

Koto said. “He lays on the floor by me and sometimes people will call him over and pet him. If the meeting goes too long, he’ll get up and stretch and inch toward the door to let us know it’s time to move on.” “He’s an ambassador to the estate,” he continued. “Even though he’s a working dog, we encourage people to interact with him, encourage giving him attention. ... He’s our little celebrity in the house.” During cooler months when there are few or no geese on the property, Koto works with Moss on basic commands to strengthen his training. “Every once in a while, he chases a squirrel,” Koto said. “He corrals it; he’ll get between the squirrel and a tree it wants to climb. He’s herding them.” “But in summer, when he’s chasing geese, if a squirrel runs by, he doesn’t notice,” Koto continued. “Or people walking will come up and say hi, but when he’s on the job, he doesn’t even see people. He’ll run right past. He’s very focused on his job.” He loves his job, too, Koto said. “He’s our only employee who gets bummed out when it’s Friday and excited when it’s Monday.”



Moss and Koto take a break on a hot summer day.



Moss prefers running ahead of Koto along the Ford House paths.

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Dean Valente says a few words during the ceremony.

Library Director Jessica Keyser welcomes family and friends to the dedication.



‘ClairQuarium’ donated, dedicated

The Grosse Pointe Public Library on June 28 publicly dedicated a new aquarium at its Woods branch.

The aquarium, dubbed the “ClairQuarium,” was donated to the library by the family of Claire Valente, who died in 2016 at age 19.

The Valentés donated the custom, L-shaped fish tank in memory of Claire, who loved the ocean. The tank, given to Claire by the Make-A-Wish Foundation, was created to surround her and give her the feeling of being near the ocean.

It was donated to the library earlier this year.

The dedication began with a welcome by GPPL



Kiera and Dante Valente cut the ribbon.

Director Jessica Keyser.

More than 20 people attended the event, including Claire’s par-

ents, siblings, grandmother, teachers, classmates and friends. Claire’s father, Dean

Valente, said he decided to donate the almost 300-gallon tank to the library after he and Keyser got to know each other at Grosse Pointe Rotary Club meetings. After Claire passed away, her father said he wanted her friends and the community to enjoy the fish tank.

“I love to come to the library to visit Claire,” he said.

Claire’s sister, Kiera, and brother, Dante, did the honors of cutting the ribbon to officially dedicate the aquarium. Liz Vogel, president of the Grosse Pointe Library Board, thanked the Valente family for their donation.

GPPL board elects officers

New officers were elected to the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees at its July 26 meeting. They include Robert Klaczka, president; Megan Conrad Sczygielski, vice president; Abigail Ward, treasurer and George Lapastora, secretary.

“I’m looking forward to leading the library into the next years of prosperity, giving our citizens confidence in voting for the continuation renewal of the millage and bringing newer and better service to our patrons,” said Klaczka, who’s been a board member 22 years.

“All four positions have four new people in them from last year and the year before,” he continued. “We have new energy, new youth, vim and vigor.” Sczygielski and Ward are the board’s newest members.

A City of Grosse Pointe



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From left, new Grosse Pointe Public Library Board officers Megan Conrad Sczygielski, Abigail Ward, George Lapastora and Robert Klaczka.

resident since 2011, Sczygielski is the Clare Booth Luce assistant professor of mechanical engineering at University of Detroit Mercy. She earned a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering and a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial engineering from Marquette University in Wisconsin. She earned a master’s degree in systems engineering from the University of Philadelphia. A certified public accountant, Ward is the accounting manager for Crain Communications in Detroit and a Grosse Pointe Farms resident since 2014. A graduate of the University of Michigan School of Business, she has a bachelor’s degree in business administration and a master’s degree in accounting.

“Abby and Megan are both very accomplished professionals who will add a new perspective to the board,” said Jessica Keyser, library director. “They have great ideas and I’m looking forward to working with them as we continue to execute our strategic plan and reimagine the library of the future.”

Officers are elected by the board for one-year terms at the July meeting. Trustees are appointed to four-year terms. Each Grosse Pointe municipality and Harper Woods is represented on the board with one additional at-large member. Board members are responsible for hiring and evaluating the library director as well as overseeing the fiscal management and general business of the library.

Grosse Pointe Theatre hosts community open house

In honor of raising the curtain on its season opener, “Camelot,” Grosse Pointe Theatre is opening its doors to the community for a fun-filled morning of activities and entertainment for the entire family. The open house takes

place 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 25, at the theater’s home, 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe. Guests are invited to take tours of the building, see a sneak peek of “Camelot” and help paint a set for the show. Kids also have the chance to

be knighted by the king. Grosse Pointe Theatre members will be on hand to answer questions or discuss volunteer opportunities. This event is free and refreshments are provided. For more information, call (313) 881-4004 or visit gpt.org.

Grosse Pointe Theatre hosts open auditions for ‘Arsenic & Old Lace’

Grosse Pointe Theatre hosts open auditions for the November/December production of “Arsenic & Old Lace” 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, and Sunday, Aug. 19, at its rehearsal studio, 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe.

Written by Joseph Kesselring, this comedy takes place in 1941 Brooklyn in the Victorian home of two charming and guileless sisters who, with the help of their nephew Teddy, who fancies himself to be Teddy Roosevelt, just happen to populate their cellar with the “fresh” remains of unsuspecting would-be boarders.



While visiting their house, Mortimer, their drama critic nephew, makes a startling discovery and further chaos ensues when their malevolent nephew, Jonathan, suddenly appears. This production is directed by Kathy Conlon and presented

through special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service Inc., New York. Several roles are available. Call (313) 881-4004 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday for script availability. Visit gpt.org for more information.

AREA ACTIVITIES

BNI

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

Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor

Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, offers house and grounds tours 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17. Tours of the grounds only are offered 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21, and Tuesday, Aug. 28. Tickets for both events are available online only at fordhouse.org.

NAMI

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

Rotary

Grosse Pointe Rotary

meets 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. April Fidler, executive director of the Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team, speaks. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle

University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men’s Club meets 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31, Pointe Fitness, 19556 Harper, Harper Woods.
◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza. Register at redcrossblood.org.

SOC

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

◆ “A Matter of Balance – Fall Prevention Program,” 1:30 to 3:30

p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 4 to 27. Jackie Thomas and Rosanne Ficarro facilitate.

◆ Conversational French, noon to 3 p.m. Fridays, Sept. 7 to Dec. 7, with instructor Dr. Dib Saab.

◆ “Body Alignment 101,” 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 10 to Oct. 29, with fitness instructor Gwendolyn J. Scales.

◆ “Drawing and More,” 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Sept. 11 to Dec. 4.

◆ Ballroom Dancing, 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 11 to Oct. 23, and Nov. 6 to Dec. 4.

◆ The movie “The Darkest Hour” is shown 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12. Cost is \$2.

◆ Sign Language — Beginners, 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays, Sept. 13 to Oct. 25, and Nov. 8 to Dec. 6, with instructor April Stotts.

◆ Parkinson’s Action Group, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 13 and 27, and Oct. 11 and 25, with facilitator Deb Miller. Registration is required for all of these classes. Call (313) 882-9600.



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Henry Ford selected to recruit research partners

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Young and old. Ill and healthy. No matter a person's ethnicity, culture, gender or even diet, everyone is invited to participate in the research project, All of Us.

Henry Ford Health System was one of a handful of healthcare providers selected to recruit people for the National Institutes of Health study.

"It's a very large, mammoth study," said Christine Cole Johnson Ph.D., MPH, chair of the Department of Public Health Sciences at Henry Ford Health System and co-principal investigator of the All of Us research consortium at Henry Ford. "It's innovative. Like nothing I've done before — or anybody's done before. The purpose is to create a scientific platform to allow innovative medical research to be done more

quickly."

Researchers hope the study will help them find the best ways for people to stay healthy; create better tests to see if people are sick or at risk of getting sick; and make new discoveries that could advance precision medicine.

"It puts a strong emphasis on genetics," Johnson said, who called the test ancestry.com on steroids. "We're also wanting to get all different people from all walks of life in this study. ... We're looking for more women, people of color, people with different occupations, different stressors, diets, cultures — so the results will be applicable to anybody."

Johnson said one of the things that impressed her most about the study is those who volunteer are considered partners, not subjects.

"They get all their data back if they want it," she said. "Anything we collect or measure, they will

get back. That includes genetics. They can say they want their doctor to have it, too. Also, people in the project are invited to suggest things to study. ... They're encouraged to suggest ideas."

For example, she said, if a patient with multiple sclerosis is having a particular issue, they can suggest that issue be examined.

"The plan is to follow people 10 years," Johnson said, adding participants have to fill out three brief surveys and agree to share, "in a secure way," their electronic health records.

"One reason things are taking a while is to make sure everything in the process, every protection possible is being put in place," she said. "Everything is secure, compliant with the law. There are certificates of confidentiality on everything."

Volunteering for the study is simple, Johnson said. Interested partici-

pants go online to read about the study, fill out consent forms and schedule a visit. Locally, All of Us is hosted at Pierson Clinic on The Hill.

"It's 30 minutes," Johnson said. "They'll do a blood draw, get a urine sample and take some physical measurements."

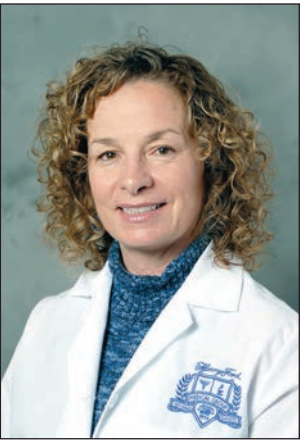
Participants must be 18 or older, though, "at this time next year, we hope to recruit children," Johnson said.

Volunteers who sign up for the study get a \$25 gift certificate for participating. The study hopes one million or more partners will be part of it.

Johnson said because the study is just getting underway, there are several unknowns involved. For example, she said participants could be asked to fill out annual questionnaires during the duration of the study.

"We also anticipate more opportunities for people to come and provide samples as things are found," she said. "We're hoping people will be willing to do things like connect FitBits to the database to better measure blood pressure or heart rate. People can choose what they want to be a part of and what they don't."

"We know where we want to go, but we don't have all the tools yet," she continued. "It's something we need to do or else we'll fall behind in



Christine Cole Johnson
Ph.D.

is monitored by Vanderbilt University, Johnson said, not the government.

"This study has great potential in decades to end up with medical research findings that can really benefit our children, their children and maybe even us," she said. "Cancer, for instance, touches most families. This is trying to come out with brand new ways to conquer this disease. Why not be at the table?"

"It's important to help our country get ahead of the game in medical research," she continued. "And it boils down to making big contributions, being altruistic."

The enrollment site at the Henry Ford Medical Center — Pierson Clinic is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays and 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays in Suite 235.

The Pierson Clinic is located at 131 Kercheval, just south of Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage.

For more information, visit henryford.com/joinallofus, email allofus@hfhs.org or call (844) 983-3908.

"Everyone (at Pierson) is very excited about this," Johnson said. "It's a really exciting opportunity, good for our country, good for the whole state. It's going to be wonderful."

Pictured from left are Rotarians George McMullen, Bob Lucas, John Mozena, Diane Strickler and Chef Dave Colton.



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Summer service

Grosse Pointe Rotarians purchased, prepared and served lunch to 120 children and parents at Crossroads of Michigan in Detroit Tuesday, Aug. 7. Children served by the nonprofit agency are eligible for the National School Lunch Program during the school year; Crossroads tries to provide

lunches during the summer. Founded in 1971, Crossroads exists to support the community at large by providing emergency assistance, advocacy and counseling to anyone in need. Rotary's next lunch date at Crossroads is Tuesday, Aug. 28. Those who'd like to join should visit grossepointerotary.org.

GreekFest is Aug. 16-19

Assumption Cultural Center hosts its annual four-day GreekFest Thursday, Aug. 16, to Sunday, Aug. 19.

The event features live entertainment, Greek dancing, shopping, church tours, a kids' tent and rides, Greek pastries, a Taverna, surprise guests and more.

The grand opening ceremony takes place 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16.

Authentic Greek cuisine is available, as is a drive-thru carryout express station. Menu options may be found online at assumptionfestival.com. Call in orders at (586) 596-6326 or (586) 779-8071.

A grand raffle takes place 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, featuring cash prizes.

Free parking and shuttle service are available.

Hours are 4 to 11 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16; 3 to 11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18; and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19.

Admission is \$2; children younger than 12 are admitted free.

Assumption is located at 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. Call (586) 779-6111 or visit assumptionfestival.com.



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From left, Vaso Morakeas, Effie Tsopelas and Kalliopy Callas prepare diples for GreekFest.

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OBITUARIES

Obituary notices are purchased and often prewritten by family or friends. While we try to run obituaries as submitted, we nevertheless reserve the right to edit for accuracy, style and length.

Ernest Joseph DuMouchelle

Ernest Joseph DuMouchelle, lifelong sailor and partner in Detroit’s historic fine art and auction gallery, DuMouchelle Galleries, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018, with his loving wife, Janice, by his side. He was 76.

Known as Ernest, Ernie, Ern and Uncle E, in addition to his wife, he is survived by his siblings, Lawrence DuMouchelle, Joan D. Walker and Norman DuMouchelle; children, Tiffany DuMouchelle Solook (Steve), Justin DuMouchelle (Kara), Adam DuMouchelle (Jacqueline), Allison Larson (Kevin), Sarah Dewitt (Ryan) and Matthew DuMouchelle (Heather) and grandchildren, Henry, Yardley, Hudson, Chatham, Sebastian and Oliver.

He was predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Charlotte (nee LePain) DuMouchelle and sister, Rosemary DuMouchelle.

Ernest grew up in Detroit and spent his early years in the family home in Grosse Pointe, the cottage in Puce, Ontario, Canada or the family farm in Windsor, Canada. He was proud of his French lineage and the gallery founded by his parents in 1927.

A renowned fine art appraiser and auctioneer, he was a people person. He volunteered his time and talents as an auctioneer for thousands of Detroit events — raising countless millions for venerable institutions, churches and schools. His radio and television appearances were numerous and included serving as an appraiser on the television series, “Antiques Roadshow.”

Like his siblings, Ernest worked in the family business from a young age. He was known to walk to the gallery after school and pitch in with the task at hand.

It was as a student at the University of Detroit his passion for sailing flourished. He was a member of the U of D sailing club and competed in the National Collegiate Sailing Championships. He was an active member of Detroit’s Bayview Yacht Club, where he achieved status as both a Grand Ram (54 Bayview Mackinac races) and a Double Old Goat (25 Chicago Mackinac races and 25 Bayview Mackinac races). A partner in the racing yacht Titan, his proudest moment came when Titan took first place in the 2006 Bayview Mackinac Race.

It was in friendship Ernest became Ernie — and Ernie took friendship seriously. His friends cherish memories of the open water, looking down on challenging slopes and swimming in Lake St. Clair.

His family said Ernie will be remembered for his sincere smile, quick wit and uncanny ability to appear by a loved one’s side when life’s skies were darkest and its seas most turbulent.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton Street, Grosse Pointe Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bayview Yacht Club Junior Sailing Program, 100 Clairpointe, Detroit, MI 48215.

Frieda Peslar Johnston

Frieda Johnston, 104, passed away Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018, in her Grosse Pointe Farms home, surrounded by family.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 17, at St. Ambrose Church, 15020 Hampton Street, Grosse Pointe Park.

Mrs. Johnston was born Jan. 5, 1914, in Hamtramck. She spent many years working with the Hudson Motor Co. purchasing steel.

Outside of work, she enjoyed playing tennis and skiing with friends and her longtime love and husband, Hugh Johnston. She was an avid season ticket holder of both the symphony and the opera.

She will be missed dearly by her family and friends.

Mrs. Johnston is survived by her nephews, Drew Peslar (Karen) and Doran Peslar; niece, Judy Taylor (Burt); longtime caregiver and friend, Hope Hoffman; grandnieces, Samantha Durakovic (Jacob), Sarah Peslar, Susan Peslar, Melissa Koos (Greg) and Kristin Cowper (John); and great-grandnieces, Ruth and Frieda Wilson, Ruby, Pearl, Evelyn and Georgiana Durakovic, Emory and Eugenie Taylor, Isabelle, Louise and Maxine Koos and Cate Cowper.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton Street, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

Ferdinand F. Ruggiero

Ferdinand “Fred” F. Ruggiero, 89, of Bradenton, Fla., died Sunday, Aug. 5, 2018.

He was born in New York City and was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Predeceased by his parents and his daughter, Fred is survived by his wife, three sons, two daughters, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Rosary recitation is at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at Ss. Peter and Paul the Apostles Catholic Church, 2850 75th Street West, Bradenton. Mass begins 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Our Daily Bread at odb.org or Bishop Animal Shelter at bishopspsca.org.

Brown & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Bradenton, handled arrangements.

Share a memory at brownandsonsfuneral.com.

Regina G. Schwartz

Regina “Jean” G. Schwartz, 89, passed away peacefully Sunday, Aug. 5, 2018, surrounded by her loving family. She was a beloved, caring and fun-loving mother, grandmother, wife, aunt, great-aunt, sister, daughter, cousin and friend.

Regina was born and raised in Washington, D.C., the youngest of four children. She married her husband, Allen, and moved to Grosse Pointe Woods, where they had two children, Mary and Allen. When her Allen retired, they moved to Sarasota, Fla., to enjoy the warm weather, beautiful ocean and cultural institutions. After Allen passed, Regina moved to Chicago to be closer to her family. She loved to shop, decorate, read, knit and spoil her granddaughters.

Regina was predeceased by her husband, Allen; parents, Regina



Ernest J. DuMouchelle



Frieda Peslar Johnston



Regina G. Schwartz

and Aloysius Geissenhainer and siblings, Elizabeth, Howard and Robert. She is survived by her daughter, Mary (Larry Bussean); son, Allen (Lisa) and granddaughters, Nya and Remi.

Her family and friends will miss her amazing sense of humor, thoughtfulness, sense of style and compassion.

Services were held. Donations may be made to CARPLS at crpls.org or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital at stjude.org.

Cremation Society of Illinois handled arrangements.

Share a memory at cremation-society.com.

Marjorie Edith Walsh

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Marjorie Edith Walsh, nee Convery, 92, of St. Clair Shores, passed away Sunday, July 15, 2018.

She was the beloved wife of 60 years of John J. Walsh, who predeceased her Sept. 3, 2010. She was the loving mother of Elaine Upshur (Steve), Terrence Walsh (Lorrie), Jane Stephenson (Randy), Mary Beth Victor (Matt) and Donald Walsh and also is survived by 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her seven siblings.

Marge was a devoted servant of her Lord, Jesus Christ, raising her family and caring for her husband during an extended illness, and serving at Our Lady Star of the Sea and St. Ambrose Catholic churches. Previously, she worked at Michigan Bell as a switchboard operator and in the toy department at Jacobson’s.

A celebration of



Marjorie Edith Walsh



Robert Denaple Welchli

Marge’s life will be 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. Mass begins at noon.

In lieu of flowers, donation may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association at alz.org or the Capuchin Monastery at thecapuchins.org.

Robert Denaple Welchli

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Robert Denaple Welchli, 86, died Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2018.

He was born Aug. 21, 1931, in Bay City, to Russell K. and Dorothy S. Welchli. They moved to Detroit in 1935 and then to Grosse Pointe Farms in 1943.

Robert attended Detroit University School (now University Liggett School) in Grosse Pointe Woods before attending Taft School in Watertown, Conn., from which he graduated in 1949. Robert graduated from Williams College in Williamstown, Mass. in 1953 with honors in Greek and Roman history. He earned a master’s degree in history from the University of Michigan in 1954 and received a law degree in 1958 also from U of M. He worked in Detroit as

an estate and trust attorney more than 40 years.

Robert was a longtime swimmer and part of the Williams College championship swim teams of 1952 and 1953. He also was an avid reader and scholar of the American Civil War as well as British and American history. His personal history library is among one of the largest and best in Michigan. He walked many of the Civil War battlefields throughout America, as well as the battlefield of Waterloo.

Robert was a longstanding member on the board of the Detroit Institute of Arts and frequented the opera as well. He also was a great supporter of the Detroit Zoo.

Robert was predeceased by his parents, Russell and Dorothy, as well as his brother, John, who passed away earlier this year. He is survived by his nephews, Russell (Dee) and John (Victoria) and grandnephew, Grant.

The family is especially grateful to Robert’s caregivers the last five years, especially Helen Head and Maghan Hand.

A funeral service was held Aug. 15 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to The Detroit Institute of Arts at dia.org or Taft School at taftschool.org.

Alumnus hosts Facebook group honoring fallen GPN classmates

Search alumni pages online and you’re sure to find countless pages dedicated to one graduating class after another. Many feature throwback photos along with pictures of what classmates are up to now.

A public Facebook group dedicated to Grosse Pointe North High School alumni called “Gone But Not Forgotten” is different from most others. The classmates featured on this page have all died; the page is a way to honor and remember them.

Mike Nowak, a North alumnus who graduated in 1978, started the group as a salute to classmates from his graduating class. Jeff Rinke is one of Nowak’s class of ’78 mates and offered to help manage the page. It grew from there and now includes alumni from every graduating year, including GPN’s first in 1970. The most recent graduated in 2015. There are about 650

‘Keeping the memories of our classmates alive helps keep us all connected and keeps our memories of North alive as well.’

JEFF RINKE
Class of ’78

graduates and faculty honored on the page.

“There are already lots of pages on Facebook dedicated to the living and, for graduates of GPN, there is a page for almost every year. Our page brings all those people together under one group,” Rinke said. “We all have brothers, sisters and cousins that attended GPN at one time and this page allows us to share memories at North.”

The group is user-generated, meaning the 2,955 members of the public group submit photos and information about the featured classmates. Rinke and other page administrators — Mike and Beth Gurnett, Dennis Preston and Mark Sellars, who all graduated from North in the 1970s — rarely know how a classmate died. They rely on members to let them know an alum has passed and Rinke said they rarely comment on details about the person’s death. Page administrators keep tabs on posts and remove sensitive information if necessary.

The page features several posts that include the names and yearbook photos of North graduates and staff who have died. There are links to or photos of obituaries for some graduates. Some users comment under the posts, offering stories about how the deceased classmate touched

their lives.

“There are lots of wonderful stories that people share about their friends at North,” Rinke said.

Also featured on the page are video memory albums for some graduating years. These albums include the names and photos of fallen classmates, which fade in and out during the videos.

Page administrators constantly update the site and video albums with new information as it comes in. The job is both rewarding and heartbreaking for Rinke and the others who manage the page.

“This site spans generations and connects all of us,” Rinke said. “Keeping the memories of our classmates alive helps keep us all connected and keeps our memories of North alive as well.”

The “Gone But Not Forgotten” page may be accessed by searching the group’s name on Facebook.

PASTOR’S CORNER By the Rev. Jim Rizer

The problem of the past

Last month, James Gunn was fired by Disney and removed as director of the movie “Guardians of the Galaxy 3,” due to troubling tweets from several years ago. “The offensive attitudes and statements discovered on James’ Twitter feed are indefensible and inconsistent with our studio’s values, and we have severed our business relationship with him,” said Alan Horn, chairman of The Walt Disney Studios.

This incident, along with several others, highlights the problem of the past. In our current cultural climate, it seems the prevailing way we deal with past indiscretions is divide the world into good and bad people. We surmise good people don’t and would never say or do anything like this, while bad people do. Once something is discovered, the person is relegated to the naughty list. In Gunn’s case, years-old comments surfaced and shifted him from one of the most sought-after directors in Hollywood to the do-not-call list.

There are several problems with this worldview. First, there is an underlying assumption people cannot and do not change. One is forever defined by one’s past statements and actions regardless of how long ago they were made or how one has grown from and through past indiscretions.

Second, the tendency to categorize

people into good and bad quickly becomes problematic since we all have a past that includes things our current employer would find inconsistent with their values. This reality causes us to either live in fear of our past ever being discovered or attempt to revise and misrepresent our past in order to be counted as one of the good folk.

The Bible points to a much different worldview where people are seen as a broken mix of good and bad. The Bible speaks of forgiveness and a process of reconciliation where we are equipped to work through the problems of the past, whether years ago or yesterday. The Bible speaks of transformation where people truly change. Consider how Saul, the previous persecutor of Christians, becomes Paul, the one to pen much of the New Testament. The Bible speaks of growing and maturing through our mistakes.

The problem of the past impacts us all. We all have said and done things we are not proud of, but the good news of the Gospel is you don’t need to be relegated to the naughty list. We don’t need to live in fear of, or be forever defined by, the past. Jesus offers forgiveness, redemption and a fresh start.

Rizer is the pastor of Living Hope Church, City of Grosse Pointe. Visit livinghopeec.org.

CHURCH EVENTS

First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts Rally Day ’18 at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 16. The casual youth-led worship event features a bounce house. Call (313) 884-5040.

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St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375

Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of Bible and book studies. Newcomers are welcome.

◆ The Rev. Justin Dittrich leads Bible study at 9:30 a.m. each Tuesday in the Harms Fireside Room.

◆ Prayer Vigils for Peace takes place 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month, starting with a short video followed by

discussion.

◆ The Naomi Circle Women’s Group meets in the Bethany Room for Bible study and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month.

◆ The Men’s Breakfast and Bible Study Group meets the first Thursday of each month in the Bethany Room.

Call (313) 881-6670 for more information.



Standing from left, Jeff Petersen, Matthew Boddy, Matt Sahustske, John Leverenz, Ken Kish, Amy Kish, Bob Lucas, Diane Strickler, Beth Walsh-Sahustske, Ghada Abdallah, Beline Obeid, Cathy Leverenz, Mary Petersen, Gaby Boddy, Sheila Young-Tomkowiak, Lynne Merrill Aldrich, Christina Pitts, Rania Routsis, Richard Milford, Ron Strickler, Bill Flom. Front row: Suzanne Antonelli, George McMullen, Sean Hogan-Downey, Milissa Pierce and Pamela Flom.

Family Center kicks off HOLLYFEST plans, transitions leadership

The 2018-19 Family Center Board of Directors was elected during a recent gathering at the Grosse Pointe Farms home of Pamela and Bill Flom. The volunteer board also announced the date and details of its annual fundraiser HOLLYFEST, scheduled Thursday, Nov. 29, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Outgoing board president Pamela Flom said, “Our summer social gathering is the perfect setting for thanking our outgoing leadership and members and handing off the gavel to the new board president, executive committee and members.”

Beth Walsh-Sahustske

has begun her two-year term as board president and is joined by Sean Cleland as vice president, Suzanne Antonelli as treasurer and Mary Petersen as secretary.

HOLLYFEST co-chairwomen, Gaby Boddy and Rania Routsis, announced plans for The Family Center’s signature fundraising event, including naming Jeff and Debra Jay of Love First Inc., as honorary co-chairs for the evening. The Jays are personal and professional supporters of The Family Center, active members of the Ambassadors Circle and regular Ask the Experts presenters for programming specifically tailored to families

dealing with substance and alcohol abuse issues.

Longtime Family Center presenter, past board member, advisory council member and individual therapist, Sean Hogan-Downey, also will be honored at the event with the first-ever Family Center Service Achievement Award. Hogan-Downey has been committed to improving the community and supportive of The Family Center the last 18 years.

For more information about HOLLYFEST, to purchase tickets or consider a sponsorship, visit hollyfest.familycenterweb.org, call (313) 447-1374 or email amy.kish@familycenterweb.org.



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From left, Suzanne Antonelli, Beth Walsh-Sahustske, Ghada Abdallah, Cathy Leverenz, Pamela Flom, Mary Petersen, Gaby Boddy, Milissa Pierce and Rania Routsis. Not pictured are Sean Cleland and Peter Henry.

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Children supporting children

More than 30 children gathered at Windmill Pointe Park in Grosse Pointe Park Sunday, July 15, to make blankets for children at SandCastles, a Henry Ford Hospice grief support program for children and families. Park residents Vikas and Wendy Relan, who serve on the SandCastles advisory board, wanted to get the word out about the organization with help from a team of teens and elementary school children.

“We had 33 children making blankets, with another 20 parents there to only observe, which was strictly enforced, as this was to be a kids-only event,” Vikas Relan said. “We approached Audrey Whitaker, Sylvia Hodges



PHOTO COURTESY OF VIKAS RELAN

From left, Ruby Lenhard, Verona Relan and Sophie Wolfe, all age 10, work on a blanket.

and Olivia Mylnarek — all seniors at Grosse Pointe South this fall — to gather some of their friends, along with ... elementary kids to team up and make these blankets for the Camp Erin camp-

ers. Each child receives a blanket upon check-in for the camp. The teens were tasked with running the operation for the day and getting each kid involved. All the blankets were made by

teams of children, not individuals.”

Camp Erin-Detroit is an annual weekend-long camp for children and teens who have experienced the death of someone close to them, according to aboutsandcastles.org. The camp is offered free of charge and facilitated by professional staff specializing in grief as well as trained volunteers from the SandCastles Grief Support Program. The camp includes 125 campers between ages 6 and 18. This year’s dates are Friday, Aug. 17, to Sunday, Aug. 19. For more information, call SandCastles at (313) 874-6881.

“The event was a huge success as we completed



More than 30 children participated in the event.

42 blankets, engaged over 30 kids and had a wonderful, meaningful day for everyone to remember,” Relan said. “We were even more blessed with a 10-minute downpour of warm rain, which everyone really enjoyed. It was a great way to cool down after a few hours of significant effort for this wonderful cause. Everyone left with a smile on their face and asked to be a part of any other event we do like

this in the future.

“It makes my wife and I smile that we have such a generous community to jump up and offer their time, on a beautiful summer Sunday, to make blankets,” he continued. “They could have been anywhere they wanted, but their hearts told them to be with SandCastles and this amazingly important cause. We made the world a better place (that day) and did it following our hearts.”

Cullens gift \$4 million to Detroit RiverFront Conservancy

Grosse Pointe Woods residents Karen and Matthew Cullen recently gifted \$4 million to the Detroit RiverFront Conservancy to support the revitalization and redevelopment of 5 1/2 miles of riverfront in Detroit.

The Cullens were honored during the conservancy’s Shimmer on the River celebration in June with the 2018 Shimmer Award. Also during the celebration, Rivard Plaza officially was renamed Cullen Plaza in recognition of the couple’s long-time support of the conservancy and community.

Since 2003, Matt Cullen has been a driving force behind the transformation of Detroit’s riverfront, bringing together fellow corporate leaders, civic leaders and philanthropists to reimagine the

riverfront as a beautiful public space that would spur economic development and showcase one of Detroit’s greatest assets, the Detroit River.

Cullen was the conservancy’s founding chairman and continues in that role. He was a General Motors executive at that time and led the charge that the riverfront needed to be accessible to all. Today, he is the CEO of JACK Entertainment, a principal of Rock Ventures and involved in numerous community organizations.

“Matt and Karen Cullen have had a profound impact on our entire community,” said Mark Wallace, president and CEO of the Detroit RiverFront Conservancy. “Because of their tremendous vision and their self-

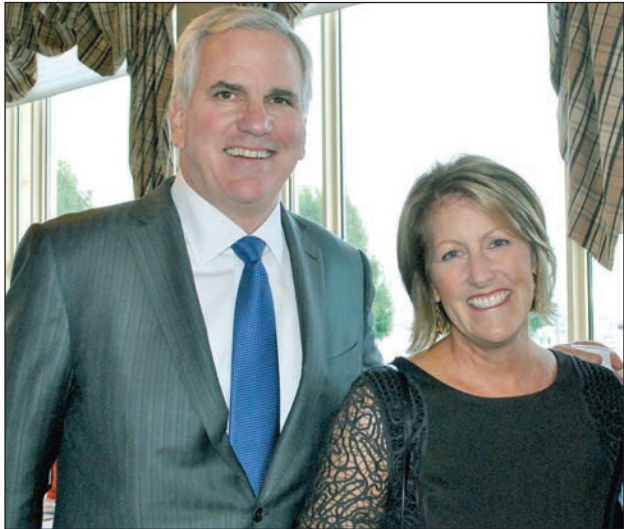


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Matthew and Karen Cullen.

less efforts, we now have a beautiful riverfront that welcomes more than three million people from across our community every year and that is a catalyst for billions of dollars of economic development. The con-

servancy is fundamentally changing the city of Detroit and we are thrilled to recognize Matt’s ongoing leadership and their tremendous work together in support of our mission by presenting them with the

Shimmer Award.”

“Rivard Plaza has held a special place in our hearts since the RiverWalk opened more than a decade ago,” Matt Cullen said. “It really was the initial gathering spot when the RiverWalk opened and a tangible symbol of what could be a very different future for our riverfront and our city if we worked together. Karen and I and our family have enjoyed many memorable moments there and we look forward to many more. We are proud to be able to provide this support to the Detroit RiverFront Conservancy and we hope that our investment will help continue the momentum of redevelopment from bridge to bridge so that generations to come will be able to enjoy its

beauty.”

“Matt and I are honored to receive this year’s Shimmer Award,” Karen Cullen said. “It’s very humbling to be recognized for doing something that you feel so passionately about and that brings so much good to our community. I’ve always said that the RiverWalk really is our fourth child.”

The Shimmer Award is presented annually during Shimmer on the River to an individual who has been critical to the success of the conservancy and demonstrates extraordinary commitment to the revitalization of the riverfront. Past awardees include David K. Page, Faye Alexander Nelson, John and Marlene Boll, Peter Karmanos and Sen. Carl Levin.

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Baseball

LITTLE LEAGUE

Woods-Shores back to Williamsport

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

This time, there was no dramatic come-from-behind rally in the final inning — just a shutout. The Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League team is heading back to the World Series in Williamsport, Pa., after crushing New Albany, Ind., 13-0 in the Great Lakes regional championship game last weekend. Previously Woods-Shores needed a miracle four-run rally in the final inning of a 5-4 eight-inning victory over Bay City in a state semifinal, and they rallied from a 7-2 deficit against Rockford in the state title game.

Leading the charge in the regional championship Saturday was Brennan Hill, who was stellar on the mound and at the plate. He was the winning pitcher, giving up only one hit and walking one, while striking out nine in the four-inning game halted via the mercy rule. At the dish, he drove in a run in the first inning with a double, and cracked a two-run homer in the second inning to



PHOTO BY GREG MENGELT

Members of the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League team dump a bucket of water on winning pitcher Brennan Hill after the final out was made of a 13-0 regional championship victory over Indiana.

finish 2-for-3 with the two extra-base hits, one run scored and three RBIs. Hill also made it a perfect 3-for-3 for the family when it comes to siblings making the Little League World Series. His two older brothers, Tyler and Drew, represented Grosse Pointe Woods-

Shores in Williamsport in 2013 and 2017. Woods-Shores set the tone early, scoring three runs in the top of the first inning, and Hill set down New Albany in order on two strikeouts and a ground ball back to him. In the first inning, Oliver Service drove in the first run with a single,

Hill drove in a run with the double and Cameron Schafer drove in the third run with a single. In the second inning, Woods-Shores made it 7-0 after Jarren Purify and Hill belted two-run homers. They added four more runs in the third inning without a hit. Three

walks, a hit by pitch and an error allowed Woods-Shores to increase the lead to 11-0. In the fourth inning, a wild pitch scored J.J. Schoeck, and Jake Martin singled home Ryan Henderson with the final run. Hill was one out away

from a perfect game, but Jack Beyl doubled with two outs in the bottom of the fourth. Hill walked Landon Gum, but struck out Cody Jackson to end the game and send Woods-Shores to Williamsport for a second straight summer. The first five hitters for Woods-Shores finished 5-12 with five walks, nine runs scored, seven RBIs, two home runs and a double. The top five in the batting order were Reggie Sharpe, Purify, Ryan Knaebel, Service and Hill. Others with hits were Schafer, Henderson and Martin. Marwynn Matthews, Elliot Nederhood, Chase Mazey and Preston Barr also chipped in to help the team beat New Albany. Woods-Shores began the regional with a 7-2 win over Illinois, and followed that with victories over Wisconsin, 12-2, and Indiana, 14-2. Kurt Barr is the manager, and the assistant coaches are Reggie Sharpe and Melissa Henderson. Woods-Shores faces Idaho at 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17, on ESPN.

Hydroplanes

GOLD CUP

Randses named chairs

Bill and Happy Rands of Grosse Pointe, two of the most critical individuals in keeping the century-long tradition of unlimited hydroplane racing alive in Detroit, have been named Honorary Race Chairpersons for the 2018 Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers Hydrofest Gold Cup weekend, Aug. 24-26. “Bill and Happy have been an integral part of the Detroit boat racing culture,” said Mark Weber, event director and president of Detroit Riverfront Events Inc. “This year marks the 102nd anniversary of this race, and the entire sport needs to know what this family has contributed, and they have never asked for recognition or even a thank you. They deserve to be honored and thanked for everything they have done to keep the sport alive in the city of Detroit.” Boat racing has been a love affair for the Rands family, going back five

generations when Bill’s grandfather, William, hung out with the legendary Gar Wood in the 1920s. For Rand himself, the trip into the hierarchy of Detroit’s hydroplane leaders started when he and Happy attended the boat races as fans, sitting in the grandstands and sneaking into the pits to see the boats up close. Then, Bill and Happy partnered with Jerry Hopp and his son, Greg, with the UL-15 Happy Go Lucky Racing Team. In 1981, Jerry got his first Unlimited ride in a low-budget Seattle boat, the U-52 Design 360. In 1986, he partnered with veteran Unlimited crew chief, Al Thoreson, and formed the popular U-7 Thor Racing Team. Thoreson and Hopp toured the circuit every year through 1992, running on a meager budget, and relying on friends to keep the finances flush. The Rands were there to help at every turn, each and every year.



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Bill Rands, left, with Hydrofest Grand Marshal Matthew Greiner.

During this time, their son, William, and daughter, Barbara, worked with the boat teams supported by the Rands family. The couple became even more involved in the races by aiding Fred Leland and his top-notch unlimited teams in the 1990s. The Rands have helped the hydroplane world with their support and have been rewarded with the U-100 team’s APBA Gold Cup wins in 1996 and 1999. From 2004-2006, the Grand Prix boat driven by the Hopps rewarded the Rands with a three-peat; in 2004, the Mike’s Hard Lemonade/Happy Go Lucky burned a hot yellow path down the Detroit River as Jerry won the Silver Cup in a roaring sweepstakes race. Greg followed suit in 2005 as the UL-I swept the sweepstakes again, while Greg made it three in a row in 2006. Jerry is

still collecting victories with the same boat, now GP-10, winning the Grand Prix West National Championship in 2013. In 2005 and 2006, Fred Leland’s U-100 team, formerly Miss Pico, came to Detroit without a name. The Rands sponsored the boat with the names, “Miss Rebecca” and “Little Will,” two of their grandchildren. The following year the boat carried a decal showing all the grandchildren: Rebecca, Will, Jumpin’ J.J., and Charlie. The 2018 Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers HydroFest Gold Cup takes place Friday through Sunday, Aug. 24-26, in Detroit. Single day and weekend tickets are on sale now. To purchase tickets or for sponsorship opportunities, call Detroit Riverfront Events Inc. at (313) 329-8047 or visit detroitboatraces.com.

Fencing

GROSSE POINTES

Pointers earn medals

Grosse Pointers Jaidus Deseranno, Liam Reeves and Miranda Freedman recently earned a medal in the USA Fencing Summer National Championships held in St. Louis, June 28 to July 7. The three are members of the Renaissance Fencing Club, located in Troy. Deseranno took the silver medal in the Y10 men’s foil event and finished the season ranked second in the country in the age group. Reeves placed 15th in the same event out of 152 participants. This is the first year of competition for the duo, and Deseranno heads into the current season ranked No. 1 in his age group. The 2018-19 season begins Aug. 29. Several invitationals are on the schedule. In addition, Deseranno placed ninth out of 239 in the Y12 men’s foil and enters the new season ranked No. 4 in the United States in this

older age category. He placed second at the Y10 March Youth North American Cup in Baltimore, and earned three gold, three silver and four bronze medals in Super Youth Circuits during the season in three age categories, Y10, Y12 and Y14. Freedman was fifth out of 230 fencers in the Y14 Women’s Foil, and was in the top eight at the Y14 national event in March in Baltimore. She finished the season ranked in the top 20 in the country. The fencers are coached by Anatolie Senic, and the assistant coaches are Tony Kosla and Leonid Shapiro. The competitors practice four to six times per week. “These youth fencers are hard workers, supportive of each other, and killing it at the national level,” said three-time Olympian Ann Marsh. “It’s even more exciting to think what they can do in the next season.”

Baseball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Naporano happy to attend MSU

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

When it came to crunch time, Grosse Pointe South’s Joey Naporano was clutch.

The recent high school graduate had ice in his veins when baseball games were on the line. The 18-year-old played a major role in helping Grosse Pointe South capture a Division 1 boys baseball state championship with their resounding 8-1 win over Brownstown Woodhaven in the title game at Michigan State University.

“I’ve never seen such great chemistry than the one we had on this baseball team,” Naporano said. “I love my teammates. We had a lot of confidence once we got out of districts.”

Once Naporano and the Blue Devils eased by rival University Liggett School in the district title game, they went on to beat Livonia Churchill and U-D Jesuit in the regionals, Macomb Dakota in the quarterfinals and Midland in the semifinals.

During his senior season, Naporano hit .397, with 14 doubles, three triples, 34 runs scored, 26 walks, 14 RBIs, a .526 on-base percentage, .562 slugging percentage and an on-base plus slugging percentage of 1.088.

On the mound, he was

4-1 with a 2.31 earned run average. He struck out 31 in 39 1/3 innings, plus had a .966 fielding percentage, making only five errors in 147 chances. He also was in on 11 double plays while playing second base. He also played catcher for two games, giving Davis Graham a breather.

Naporano earned All-State First Team, All-Region, All-District and All-Conference in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division. He earned the team Most Valuable Player award his junior year.

“Joey was our catalyst as a lead-off hitter,” South varsity baseball head coach Dan Griesbaum said. “He got us going. He was one of the most confident players I have ever had at South. He believed he could beat anybody and his confidence spilled over to the rest of the team. His enthusiasm for the game was unparalleled and he made players around him better.”

“When the group of us were freshman, we said we were going to win a state title,” Naporano said. “We had a great season as freshmen, and we knew we had the talent to win it all. Winning a state title was a great way to end my high school career.”

He played on the varsity team for two seasons, the varsity “B” team

his sophomore year and was on the freshman squad as a ninth grader.

“I had opportunities to play college baseball at smaller schools, but I didn’t want to play for a school I really didn’t want to go to just to play baseball,” Naporano said. “I wanted to go to a big school and enjoy being a college student.”

With that said, Naporano made the decision to attend Michigan State University. He had orientation, received his class schedule and plans to major in business, focusing on a degree in business, finance or supply chain management.

“I can’t wait to get to State and meet new friends,” Naporano said. “I’m looking forward to college.”

“Watching Joe and his beloved G.P. South teammates win the state championship was an incredible experience as we lived on edge pitch to pitch and game to game facing our opponent’s best,” Naporano’s father, Joe Naporano, said. “On most days I relive those games in my mind as I recover from playoff baseball withdrawal. This was a very talented team that I will miss, knowing these guys will never play together competitively again. As Joe heads off to MSU, I hope he uses this experience to teach young players the fundamentals of this



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Joey Naporano, center, capped his high school experience with a boys baseball state championship.

wonderful game. And since he can attest, it is not the size of the player, but the size of his heart of the player that matters in this game.”

He has his class schedule, consisting of liberal arts courses, writing, history and an ROTC freshman class, and moves into his dorm room Aug. 26.

Naporano will be heading to State with friend and baseball teammate, Nate Budziak.

“We are going to enjoy college, and do the most we can during our time at State,” Naporano said. “I

can’t wait to study hard and get good grades, plus meet so many new friends.”

“Watching my son and many of his lifelong friends win the state championship goes down as one of the best days. I knew over a year ago, that was a goal of his and to watch him succeed was amazing,” Liz Naporano said. “I have known for awhile that he made the decision to not continue his baseball career at the collegiate level. At first it made me very sad. I thought ‘what a waste of talent to not

move on.’ But after winning the state championship and earning a spot on both Division 1 First Team All-State and USA Today’s All-USA Second Team I felt better about it. It just does not get any better than that. Joey has wanted to be a Spartan since he was a little boy. It’s where he should be.”

While Naporano heads to college, his younger sister, Emma, heads into her junior year at South. His father, Joe, and mother, Liz, will still have the opportunity to watch her compete in athletics as a Blue Devil.



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King Crossword

Solution for last week's puzzle 8/9/18

ACROSS
1 Hurry
5 Pinch
8 Goose egg
12 Curved molding
13 Expert
14 Sandwich cookie
15 Sheltered, at sea
16 1991 Sally Field/Kevin Kline movie
18 Sink accessory
20 Fuzzy collections
21 Be unwell
22 Lamb's cry
23 Offspring
26 Flapjack
30 "— Impossible"
31 Bliss
32 Martini ingredient
33 Dessert maker's shortcut
36 Minion of Satan
38 Society newcomer
39 Crib

DOWN
1 Street
2 Wrinkly fruit
3 Witnesses
4 Donkey's call
5 Twangy
6 Picture on a PC
7 "The Princess and the —"
8 Horoscope houses
9 Ms. Brockovich
10 Take five

40 Last Greek letter
43 Personal song compilation
47 Vintage player
49 Visa alternative, for short
50 Layer
51 Fib
52 New Zealand bird
53 Rhyming tributes
54 Evergreen type
55 Formerly, formerly

11 Ahs' mates
17 Blueprint
19 Brooch
22 Chesapeake, for one
23 So, in Latin
24 Sch. grp.
25 Request
26 Plague
27 Life time?
28 Family
29 Conclude
31 Triangular sail
34 Lawn-trimming tools
35 Anthropologist Margaret
36 Repair
37 Amount swallowed
39 Harley enthusiast
40 "Beetle Bailey" dog
41 Hotel staffer
42 Fencing prop
43 DLI doubled
44 Eastern bigwig (Var.)
45 Church seating
46 Way out
48 Sprite

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Solution Time: 21 minutes

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3				8		6	
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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